**§4050. Purpose**

Recognizing that instability and impermanency are contrary to the welfare of children, it is the intent of the Legislature that this subchapter:

**1. Termination of parental rights.**  Allow for the termination of parental rights at the earliest possible time after rehabilitation and reunification efforts have been discontinued and termination is in the best interest of the child;

[PL 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW).]

**2. Return to family.**  Eliminate the need for children to wait unreasonable periods of time for their parents to correct the conditions which prevent their return to the family;

[PL 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW).]

**3. Adoption.**  Promote the adoption of children into stable families rather than allowing children to remain in the impermanency of foster care; and

[PL 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW).]

**4. Protect interests of child.**  Be liberally construed to serve and protect the best interests of the child.

[PL 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1983, c. 772, §7 (NEW).

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