

# What is QPI??

- ▶ An effort to transform foster care into a relationship based system.
- ▶ Ensures that foster families and biological families work towards the same goal – child centered safety, connection and opportunity
- ▶ Seeks to ensure that each child develops and maintains strong, positive relationships and has effective parenting while in care.

# What QPI is NOT!

- ▶ QPI is not an overhaul on FASU or a negative response to what FASU does, it is a system shift to ensure children receive relationships and attachments to a parental figure through a collaboration between the foster care support team, the ongoing social work team, the foster parent and the biological family.

## QPI PRINCIPLES

- Consistent, excellent parenting and meaningful relationships
- Policy and practice should foster parenting and relationships
- Trauma impacts are often significant for children in foster care.
- Policy and practice should be research based to provide guidance on how best to support families.
- Individuals most affected by policies and practices are in the best position to design and implement change so that systems ensure excellent parenting and meaningful relationships for children who enter their care.

QPI is an effort to *rebrand* foster care, not simply by changing a logo or an advertisement, but by changing the expectations of and support for foster parents and other caregivers. The key elements of the process are:

- ▶ Defining the expectations of caregivers,
- ▶ Clearly articulating these expectations (the brand statement), and
- ▶ Aligning the system so that those goals can become a reality.