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Federal Laws

As a DHR child welfare worker it is important for you to understand the judicial statutes governing our practice with children and families. For this activity, you will read a brief background statement on the relationship between federal legislature and state enactment, the major federal laws relating to Child Welfare Services and Adoption.

1. Review the article "**Major Federal Legislation Concerned With Child Protection, Child Welfare, and Adoption**". These major federal laws are presented in the order of their enactment. A visual timeline of these laws is provided to assist you in understanding the historical sequence of enactment. As you read the laws please write down any questions you may have to discuss with your supervisor.

2. When you have finished reading, please answer the following questions.
 - a. Which law(s) do you think will have the most impact on the decisions you make as a child welfare worker to reunify families vs. seek alternate permanent placements for a child? Why?

 - b. Which federal law(s) do you think gives states the most flexibility in the way they choose to provide services to children and families? Why?

 - c. After reading the major federal laws relating to child welfare services and adoptions, do you feel like the current policies cover everything that they should? If you were in charge of enacting a new policy in this area, what would it be and why?

I discussed the following with my supervisor regarding major federal laws: