Youth view lifelong connections as:

- Lifelong relationship
- Family
- Friendship
- Unconditional love
- Ongoing support
- Extended family-like relationship
- Knowing that someone cares
- Continuity
- Someone to go home to
- Sharing life’s ups and downs
- Someone to call on in times of crisis
- Someone to call “just because”
- Being there
- Defining family together
- Sharing holidays
- Celebrating special times together
- Someone to check-in with regularly
- Shared history
- Assistance around major decisions
- Growing and changing together
- Being accepted no matter what
- Someone to trust
- Having someone to stand by you
- Knowing someone is proud of your accomplishments
- Knowing that one is not alone
PERMANENCY OPTIONS

Supportive Relationships:
Provides children and youth with permanency. Lifelong connections to a caring adult.

Kinship Guardianships:
Youth specifically placed with their relatives. Provides legal permanency for children and legal guardianship.

Legal Guardianship:
This case-by-case basis. “Core” and adoption should be examined on the child and youth are considered “adopter’s role” the relationship with the adoptive family. Provides legal permanency and in interests.

Adoption:
A way to explore other options for permanency. When reunification is not possible, it is necessary.

PERMANENCY GOALS
Increasing youth permanency into all agencies.

Reduce the number of children in group

Recruit permanent families and lifelong process.

Youth return their permanency plans.

Enhance and strengthen discussions with community-based partners.

Increase permanency awareness among all agencies.

DEFINITION OF PERMANENCY

San Francisco County is challenging this myth.

Option for Young Children.

Permanency was traditionally only considered as an