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Basic Approach:

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New to this edition:

- A new chapter titled ***Professional Responsibilities: Ethics and Advocacy*** (Ch. 12), covers a variety of professional issues in child welfare from legal and practice perspectives
- Expanded coverage of **child welfare practice**, including a new chapter devoted to the fundamentals of practice (Ch. 4)
- Applies and explains legal skills that all child welfare practice professionals need for the field (Ch.6)
- Contains a new model combining **family continuity** and **concurrent planning** (Ch.9)
- New charts, tables, and cases in the text act as handy references to students - for everything from federal legislation and juvenile justice, to child outcome accountability and advocacy techniques
- New case examples examine current issues in child welfare such as **legal liability, burn out, and advocacy for policy change**
- Up-to-date, accurate and clear discussion of federal programs and policies that affect families and children, with honest assessments of the effectiveness of these policies, including an in depth discussion of welfare reform and its effects on families and children

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