FAMILY SERVICES PATHWAY TO PROTECTING CHILDREN

INTAKE CALL: SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT

FAMILY SERVICES SCREENS THE CALL AND MAY MAKE A **REPORT FOR A SAFETY ASSESSMENT.**

REPORTS MAY BE SCREENED OUT BECAUSE THEY **DO NOT MEET CRITERIA.**

SAFETY ASSESSMENT

IF SAFETY CONCERNS ARE LOW, A CASE MAY BE ASSESSED, BUT NOT OPENED. VOLUNTARY SERVICES MAY BE RECOMMENDED TO THE FAMILY. **THIS IS REFERRED TO AS UNSUBSTANTIATED.**

IF SAFETY CONCERNS ARE MODERATE TO SIGNIFICANT, FAMILY SERVICES IMPLEMENTS A SAFETY PLAN AND OPENS A CASE. **THIS IS REFERRED TO AS SUBSTANTIATED.**

PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

CHILD MAY BE PLACED WITH A RELATIVE, FICTIVE KIN, IN A LICENSED FOSTER HOME, OR IN A SPECIALIZED UNIT. **CHILDREN RECEIVE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES WHILE IN CARE.**

COURT MAY SEND CHILD HOME WITH SUPERVISION OR SUPPORT SERVICES.

COURT HEARINGS

WHILE THE CHLD IS IN CUSTODY, THE BIRTH FAMILY RECEIVES A REUNIFICATION PLAN. **THE COURT MONITORS THE PARENTS' PROGRESS.**

THE COURT REVIEWS PROGRESS EVERY 6 MONTHS, AND HOLDS A PERMANENCY HEARING AFTER 12 MONTHS. **IF NO PROGRESS IS MADE, THE COURT MAY TERMINATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

CHILD EXITS CARE

IF THE BIRTH FAMILY COMPLETES THEIR REUNIFICATION PLAN, THE CHILD IS RETURNED HOME.

IF PARENTAL RIGHTS ARE TERMINATED, THE CHILD MAY REMAIN IN FOSTER CARE UNTIL THE AGE OF 18, AND RECEIVE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES UNTIL THEY HAVE AGED-OUT. PREFERRABLY, THE CHILD MAY BE PLACED IN A PERMANENT HOME, SUCH AS THROUGH ADOPTION, GUARDIANSHIP, OR WITH A RELATIVE. **THE GOAL IS ALWAYS PERMANENCY.**

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