

# Juvenile Dependency Flow Chart

SOCIAL SERVICES RESPONDS TO REFERRAL OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR REMOVAL BY PEACE OFFICER OR PROBATION OFFICER

CHILD NOT IN CUSTODY

CHILD IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

NO PETITION FILED-DISMISS WITH INFORMAL SUPERVISION/DISMISS

DEPENDENCY PETITION FILED UNDER W&I §§300, 325

Jurisdiction hearing within 30 days calendar of petition for child not removed; 15 days of detention if removed. §334

DETENTION/ INITIAL HEARING §319 (if child is in custody, occurs within 24 hours of filing of petition)

PETITION DISMISSED (court may dismiss/set aside petition anytime before dependent turns 21) §390

JURISDICTIONAL HEARING §355

DISMISS WITH INFORMAL SUPERVISION/DISMISS

DISPOSITIONAL HEARING §358

LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP ESTABLISHED §360; DECLARE DEPENDENCY OR DISMISS

DEPENDENCY NOT ESTABLISHED

CHILD DECLARED A DEPENDENT

CHILD IS NOT REMOVED FROM THE HOME

CHILD REMOVED FROM THE HOME

PLACED ON FAMILY MAINTENANCE §364 Review every 6 months; terminate jurisdiction unless conditions exist justifying initial assumption of jurisdiction (Removal under §387 petition, repeat from beginning)

FAMILY REUNIFICATION REVIEW HEARING Every six months. Return unless substantial risk of detriment. §§ 366.21(e), (f), 366.22, 366.25

BYPASS REUNIFICATION SERVICES §361.5(b)

LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP; Court may dismiss or retain dependency jurisdiction. §366.3(a)-(c), 366.4

PERMANENCY PLANNING/ W&I 366.26 HEARINGS  
**PERMANENT PLAN OPTIONS:**

- ADOPTION (PARENTAL RIGHTS TERMINATED)
- TRIBAL CUSTOMARY ADOPTION
- LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP
- PLACEMENT WITH FIT AND WILLING RELATIVE
- PLACEMENT IN FOSTER CARE WITH A PERMANENT PLAN OF adoption/legal guardianship/placement with fit and willing relative/tribal customary adoption
- ANOTHER PLANNER PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGMENT IF AGE 16 ≤

No .26 required if clear and convincing evidence of a compelling reason that a .26 hearing is not in the child's best interest and child not a proper subject for adoption or guardianship.

ADOPTION FINALIZED

TRIBAL CUSTOMARY ADOPTION, afforded full faith and credit §366.3.(a)

PERMANENT PLAN REVIEW HEARING 366.3; Court must identify a permanent plan Review every six months; Consider new .26

DEPENDENCY STATUS DISMISSED

BECOMES NONMINOR DEPENDENT AT 18 (SEE NMD FLOW CHART)