

Nebraska Children's Commission – Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee

Third Meeting
November 28, 2012
1:00-5:00PM

Call to Order

Martin Klein called the meeting to order at 1:05pm and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker.

Acting as resources to the committee: Jerall Moreland, Dr. Liz Neeley, Terri Nutzman, and Dan Scarborough.

Subcommittee Members absent: Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, and Pastor Tony Sanders.

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Doug Koebernick, Hank Robinson, and Amy Williams.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ron Johns to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Anne Hobbs. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, Nick Juliano, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of November 8, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Kim Culp to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012, meeting, seconded by Corey Steel. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, Nick Juliano, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

Update on Nebraska Children's Commission Strategic Plan

Marty Klein and Ellen Brokofsky provided members the one page recommendations document that was drafted to be included in the Nebraska Children's Commission Strategic Plan. The recommendations included the commitment to have juvenile justice continuum of care recommendations by July 1, 2013 and requested that juvenile justice be included in all aspects of future reform efforts.

LR196 Review Committee Report Out

The committee reviewed and had general discussions on Recommendation 3 through Recommendation 15.

On Recommendation 3, the committee discussed the need to revisit the topic of assessments and the evaluation process and enforcement procedures.

On Recommendation 4, the group discussed the need to look at PRTF standards. It was also noted that the reference to the 2013 DHHS budget and the Hastings facility needs updated to clarify the term of art related to the budget process.

On Recommendation 5, Terri noted that she was still in the process of trying to get the SIG grant/LB542 report.

On various recommendations the committee noted the need to continue to look at staffing, including staff training and clarification of roles.

Reminder of Upcoming Events

The committee members were reminded of the December 5 hearings at the State Capitol on the juvenile justice system and the December 6 Nebraska Juvenile Justice Summit hosted by Voices for Children in Nebraska.

Next Meeting Date

A motion was made by Jana Peterson, and seconded by Corey Steel, to have a full day meeting on January 9 to review the remainder of LR196 and continue work on the recommendations that will be made on July 1, 2013.

Marty Klein moved to amend the original motion by adding that the meeting should be in Lincoln. The motion was seconded by Monica Miles Steffens. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

The committee then voted on the main motion. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Monica Miles Steffens to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Culp. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

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Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee Recommendations

The Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee has been working on the LB 821 charge to examine and review:

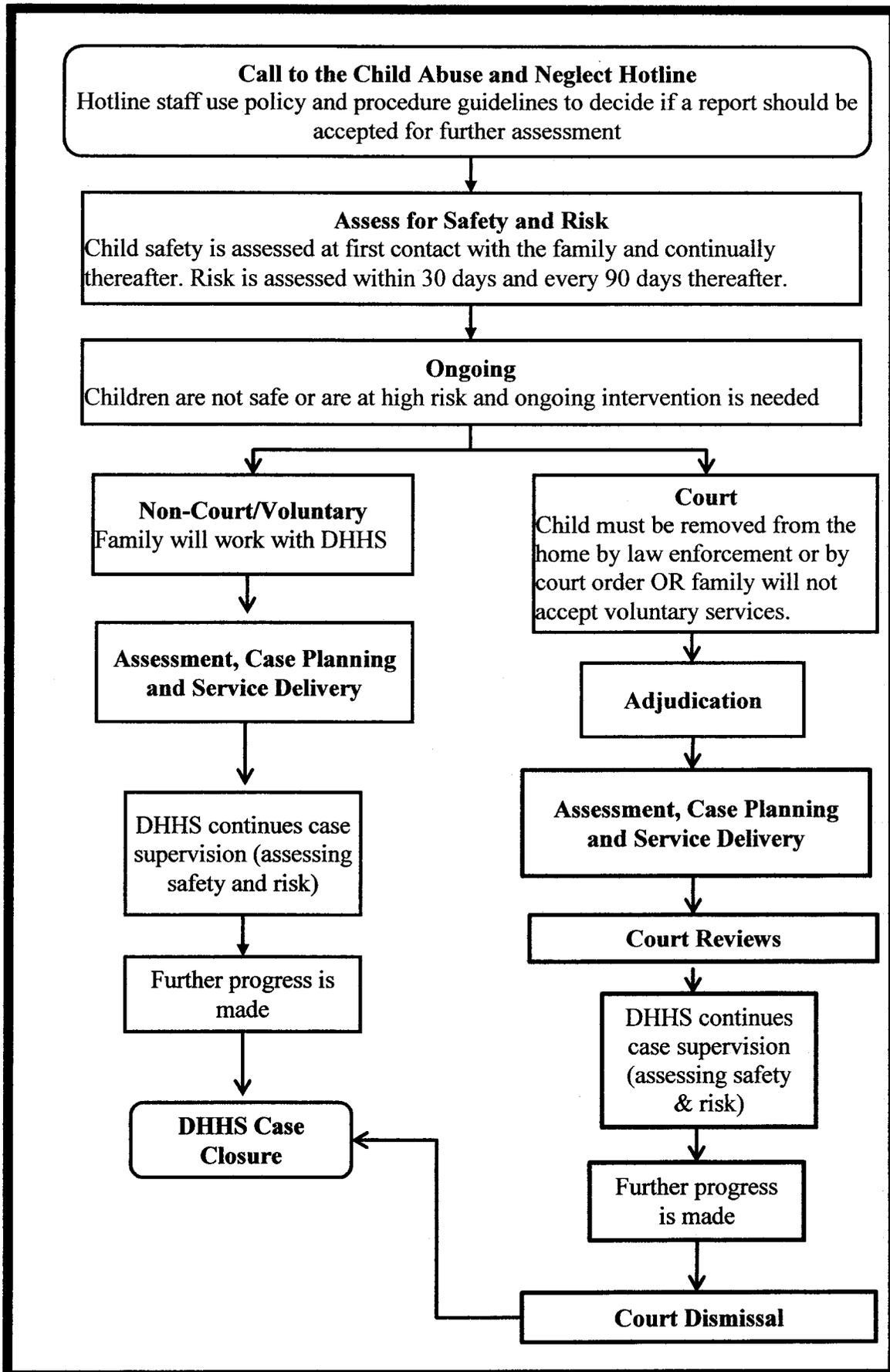
- the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services;
- the role and effectiveness of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers; and
- the responsibilities of the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services, including oversight of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers and juvenile parole.

The committee began its thoughtful examination of these areas and is currently working on the review of previous recommendations to determine what future changes, if any, need to be recommended for the juvenile justice continuum of care. Although the committee's assessment is not complete, the committee has committed to have initial recommendations to present to the Nebraska Children's Commission on the future responsibilities of the OJS administrator and the future role of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers in the juvenile justice continuum of care by July 1, 2013.

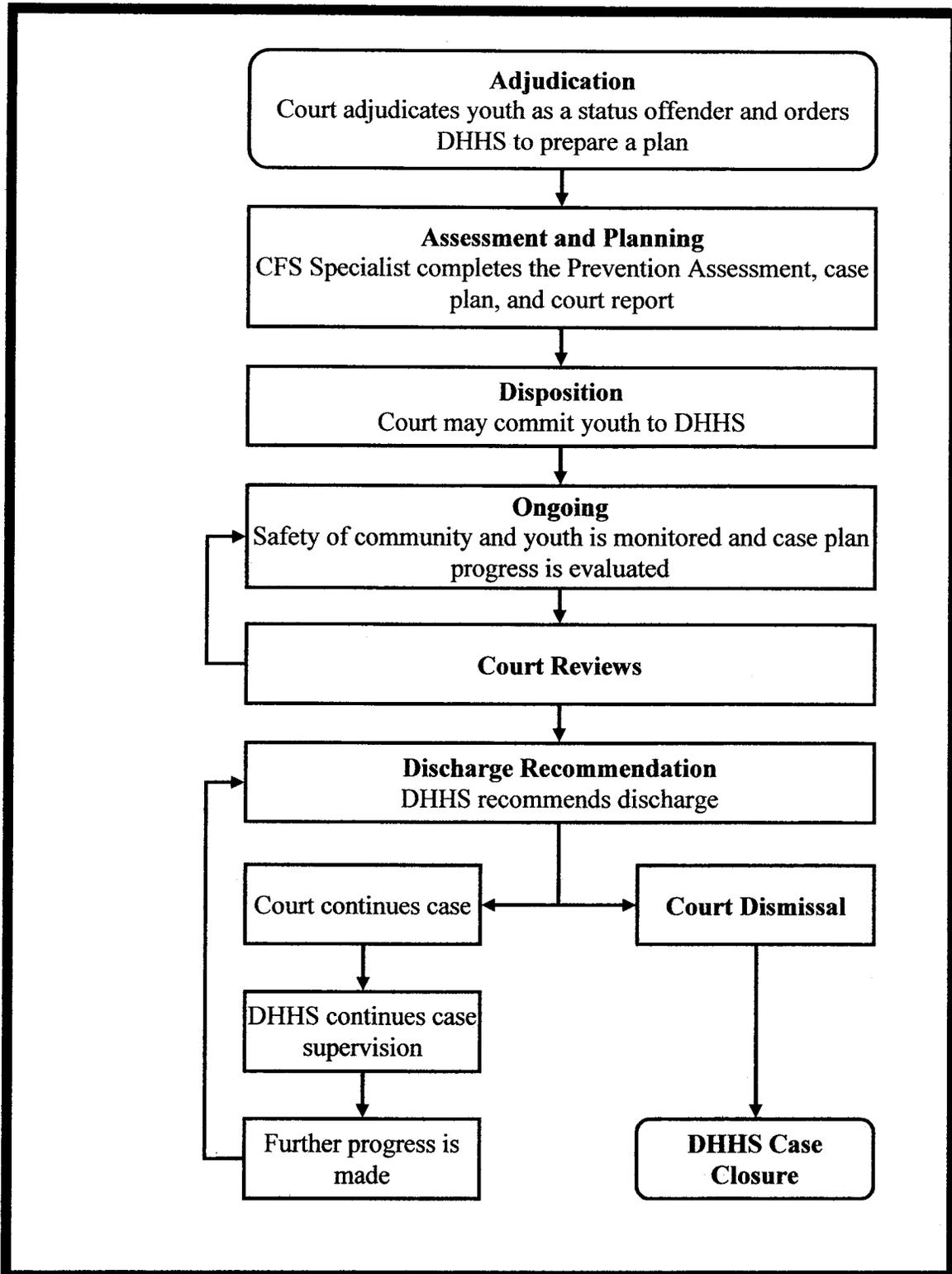
Until the initial recommendations are completed, the Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee would like to voice its support of the Nebraska Children's Commission vision to develop collaborative recommendations that strengthens both child welfare and the juvenile justice systems by:

- creating a consistent, stable, skilled workforce that serves children and families;
- creating a family driven, child focused and flexible system of care that includes transparent system collaboration with shared partnerships and ownership that contemplate the needs of the juvenile justice continuum of care;
- developing community ownership of child well being;
- enhancing timely access to services;
- collaborating on the development of technologic solutions that properly enhance information exchange and create measured results across all systems of care.

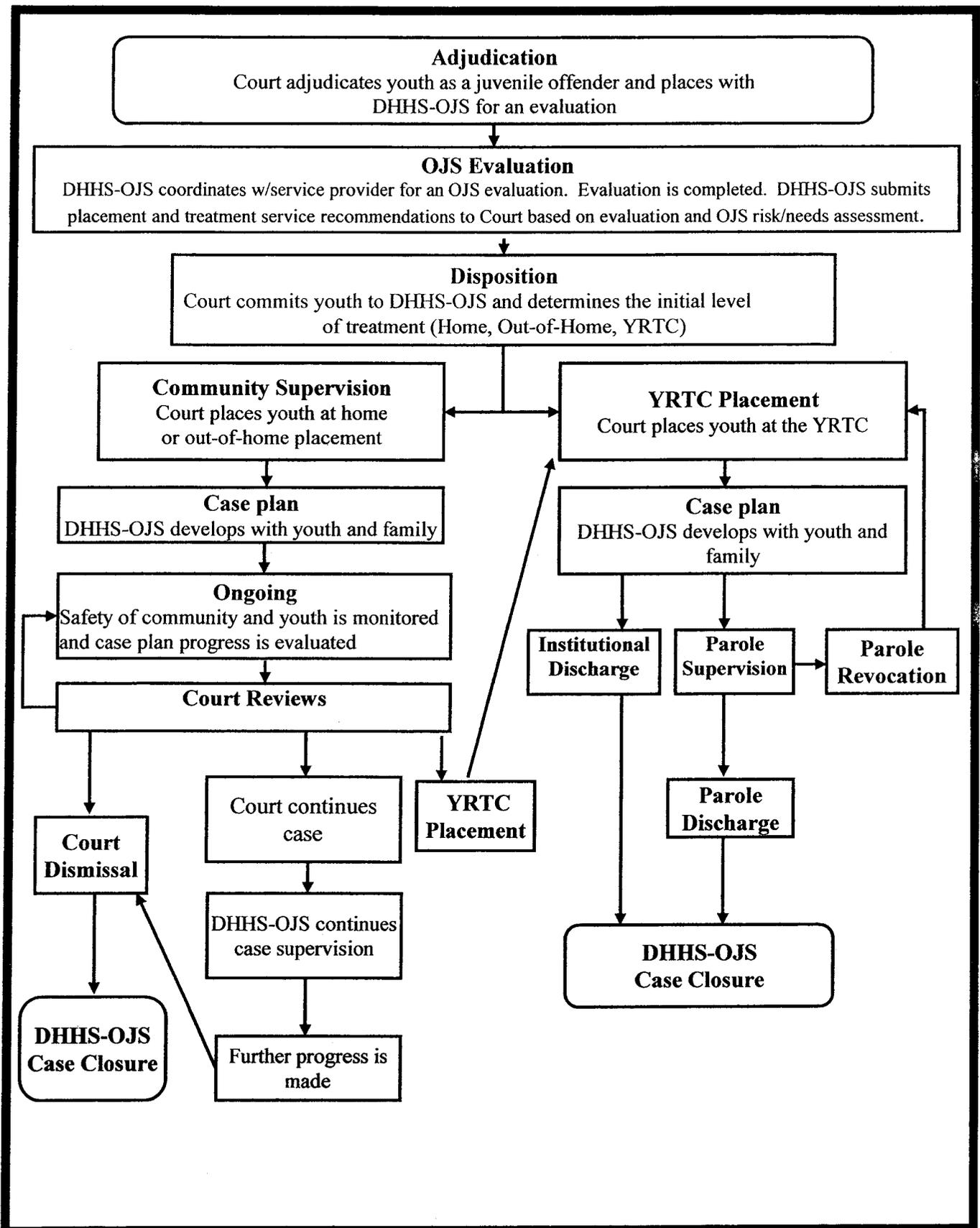
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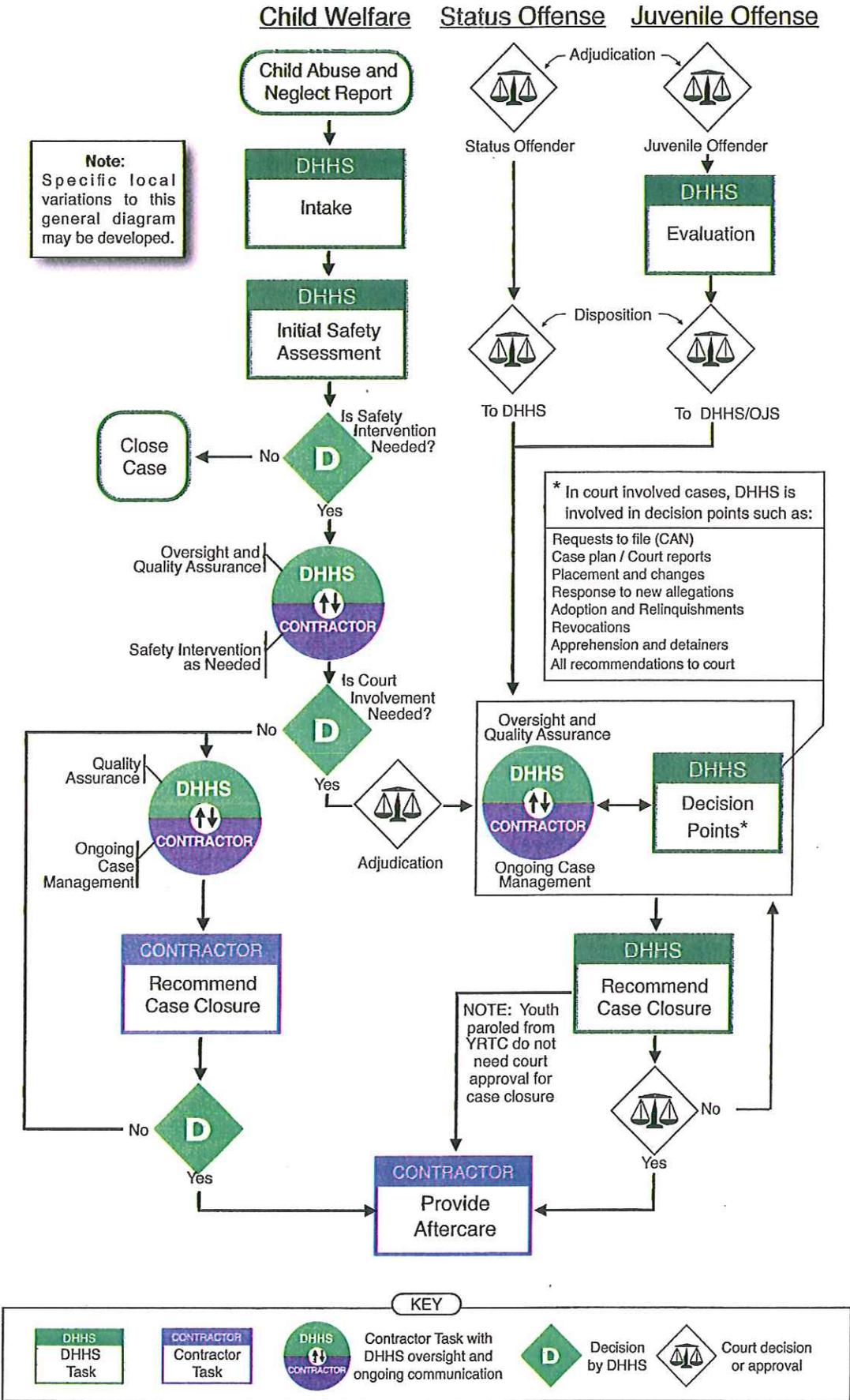
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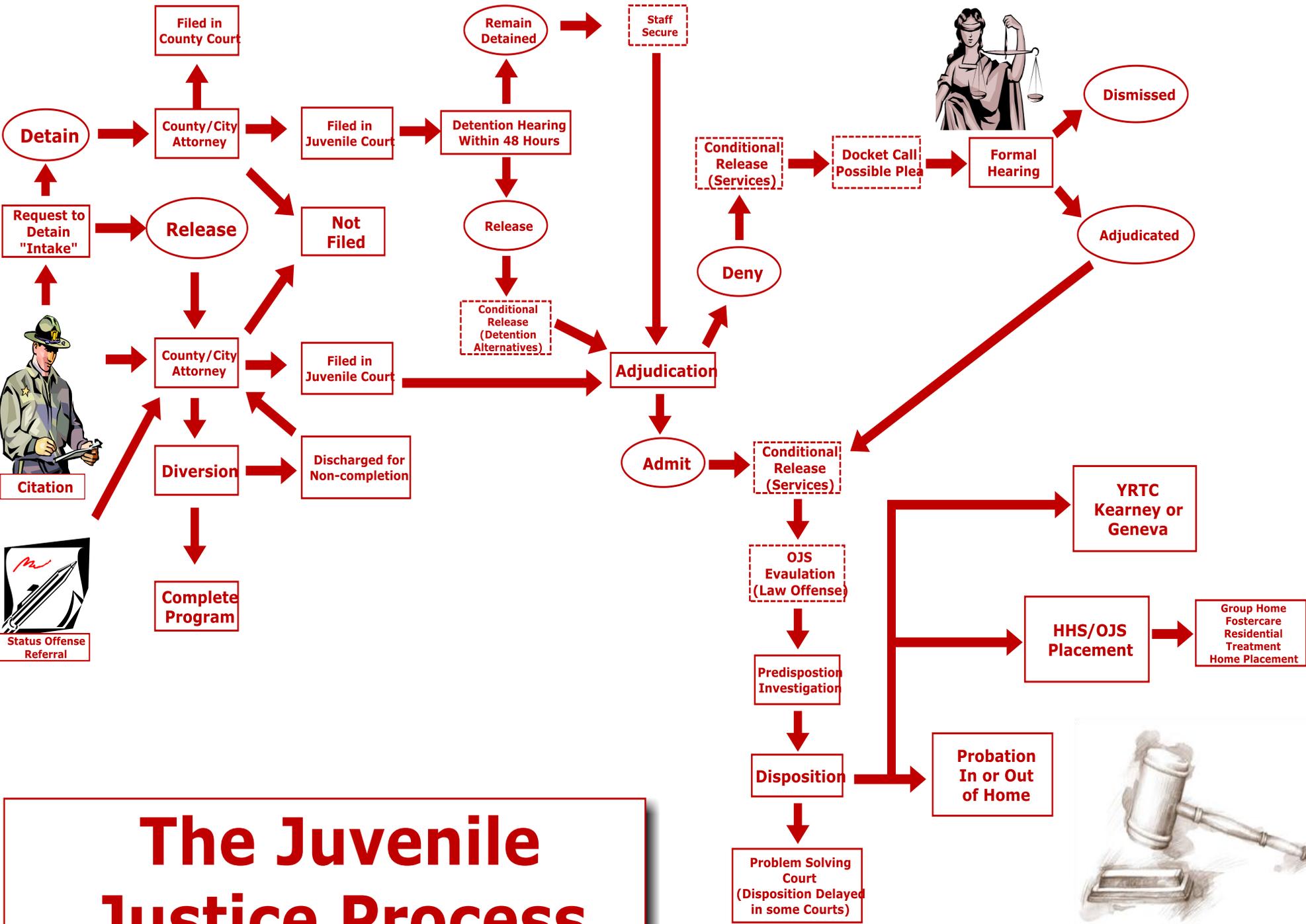


DHHS Juvenile Offender Process



Children and Family Services Case Management Workflow





The Juvenile Justice Process