

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

Fourth Meeting  
January 9, 2013  
9:00AM-5:00PM  
Bryan East, 1600 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Plaza Conference Room C  
Lincoln, NE

### **Call to Order**

Ellen Brokofsky called the meeting to order at 9:15am 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, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker.

Acting as resources to the committee: Tony Green, Dan Scarborough and Amy Williams.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Rachel Daugherty

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, Dr. Liz Neeley, Terri Nutzman, and Hank Robinson.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of November 28, 2012, Minutes**

A motion was made by Kim Hawekotte to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2012, meeting, seconded by Jana Peterson. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Pastor Tony Sanders and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

## **Update on Nebraska Children's Commission Strategic Plan**

Marty Klein and Ellen Brokofsky provided members with an update on the final information included in the Nebraska Children's Commission Phase I Strategic Plan. The recommendations included the commitment to have juvenile justice continuum of care recommendations by July 1, 2013. Ellen noted that the plan that was provided to the legislature included juvenile justice in all aspects of the plan.

## **LR196 Review Committee Report Out**

The committee reviewed and had general discussions on Recommendation 5 through Recommendation 23. The group also briefly reviewed recommendation 3 due to additional information that was provided by Nick Juliano.

On Recommendation 5, Ellen indicated that Terri had provided a note that she was still in the process of trying to get the SIG grant/LB542 and LB603 reports. Tony Green was asked to follow up on this for the committee due to Terri's resignation.

The committee had lengthy discussions on YRTC staffing and the focus of the YRTCs. Information was provided during the meeting that the focus of the YRTCs has changed over time with the various directors. The committee also reviewed the revised OJS reporting structure since Terri Nutzman resigned.

## **DHHS Update**

Thomas Pristow and Kerry Winterer joined the meeting to provide a DHHS update. Thomas reported that the OJS administrator position is open. He noted that he is working with Vicki Maca to work with communities to develop options. He noted that the IV-E waiver was being looked at to provide additional money to use in this community development process. Kerry noted that DHHS is trying to work with the various committees to get input.

## **Legislative Update**

Stacey Conroy from Senator Ashford's office provided an update on legislation that Senator Ashford was planning to propose related to juvenile justice. Stacey responded to various questions from the group that were based on an *Omaha World Herald* article that appeared the morning of January 9 related to Senator Ashford's juvenile justice plans. Stacey indicated that the legislation would be introduced as soon as the final version was written.

### **Next Meeting Date**

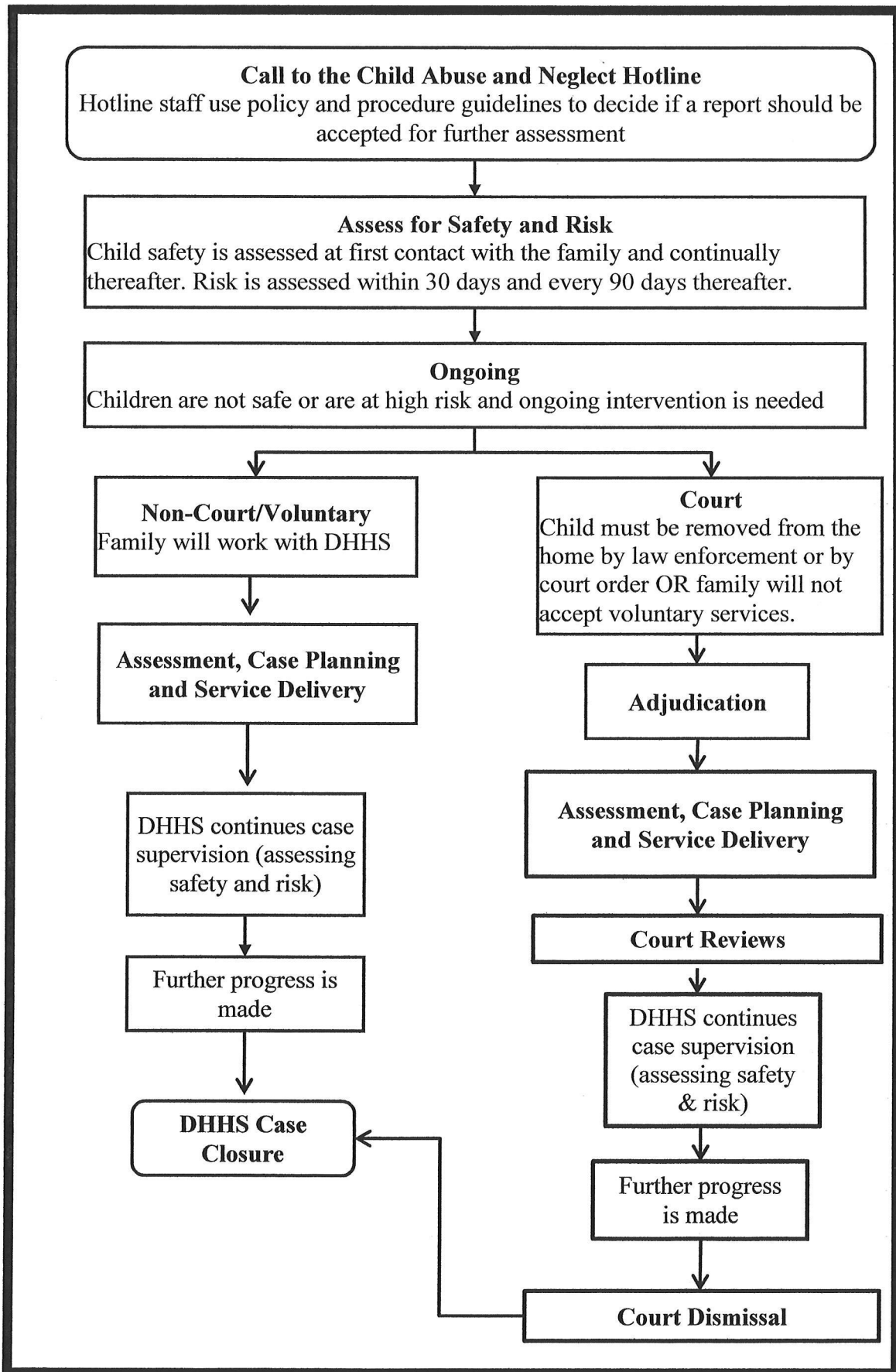
The group discussed looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month for meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. The place will be determined as soon as possible.

### **Adjourn**

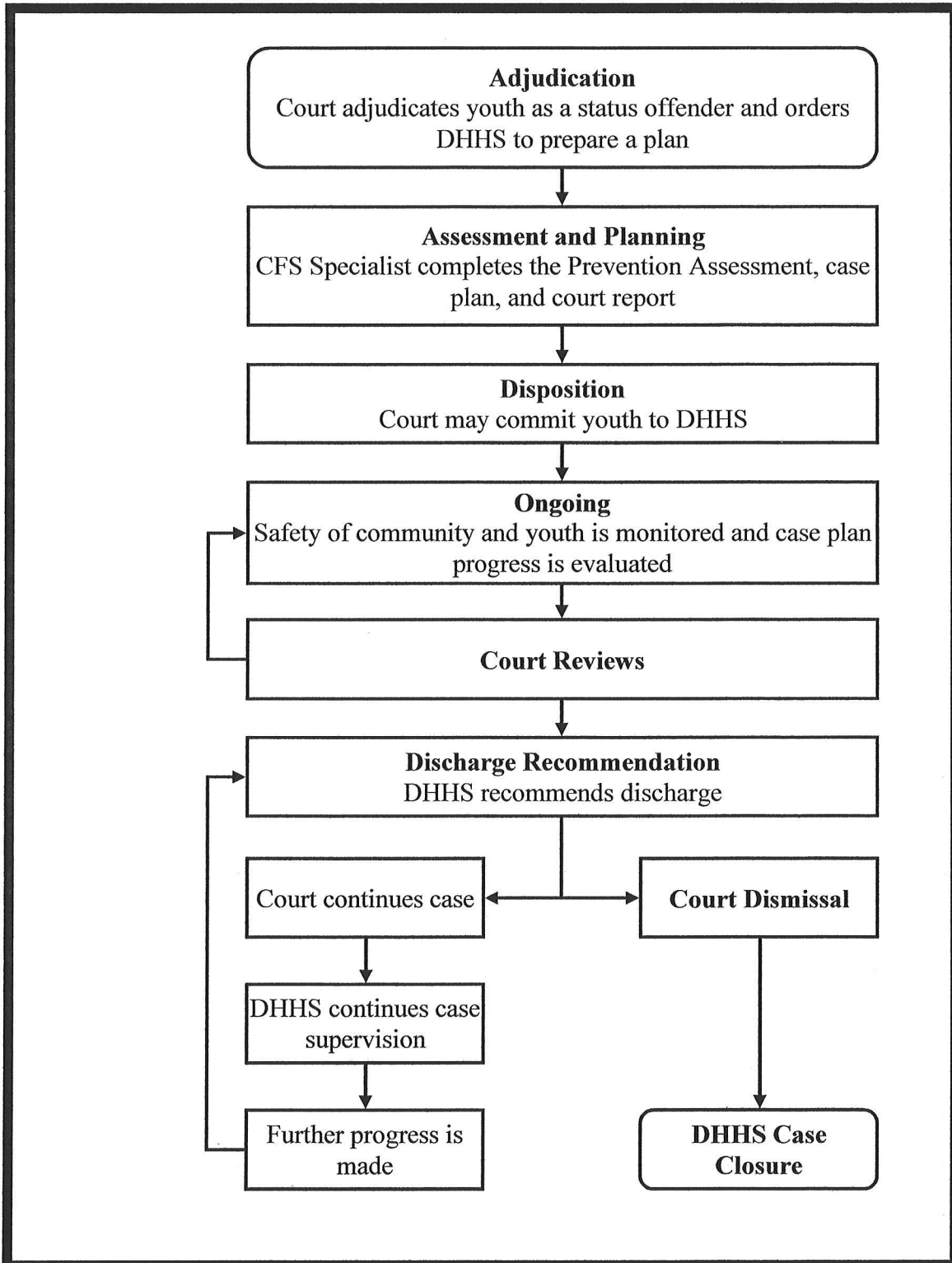
A motion was made by Sarah Forrest to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jana Peterson. The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

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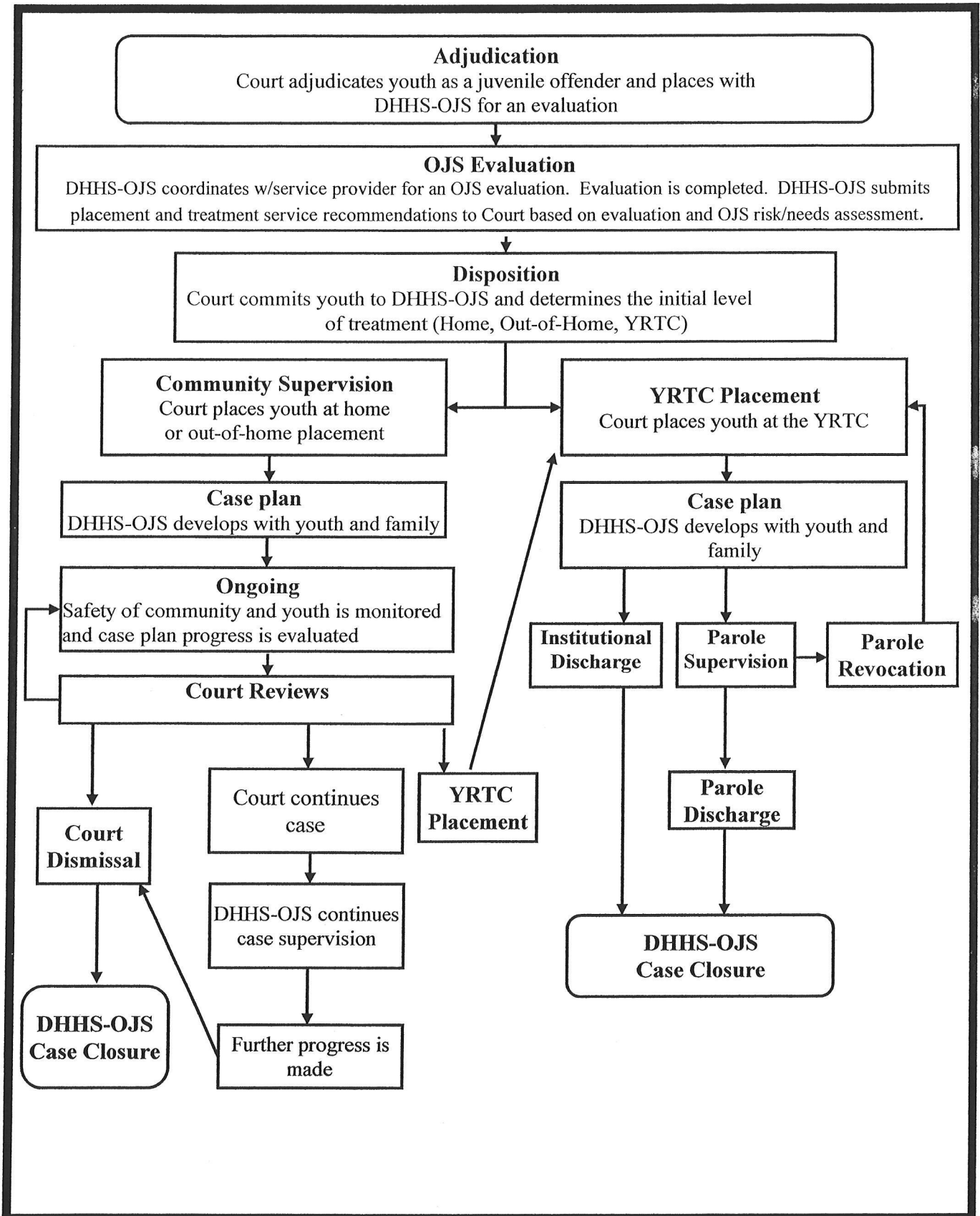
# Child Protective Services Flow Chart



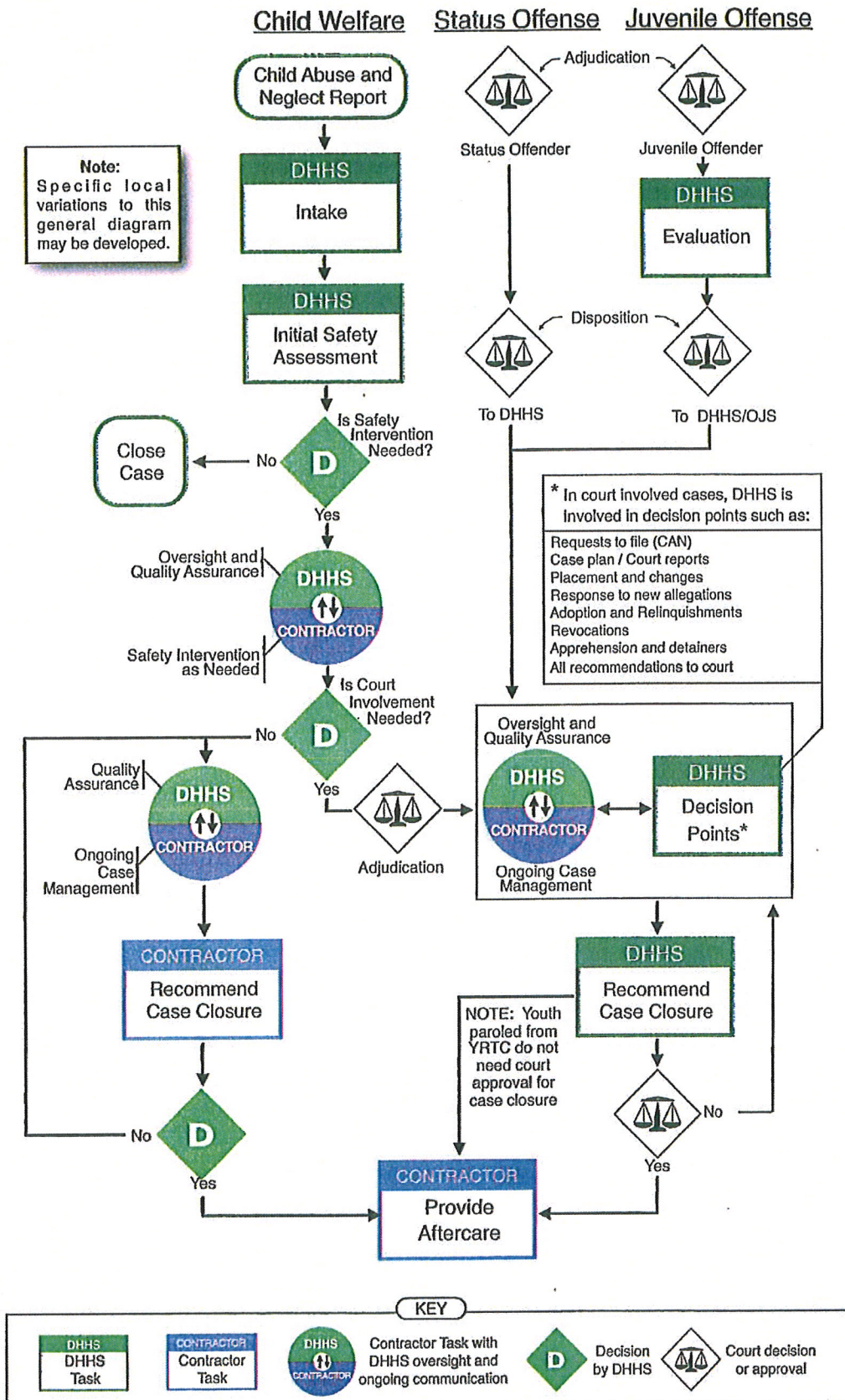
# Status Offender Process

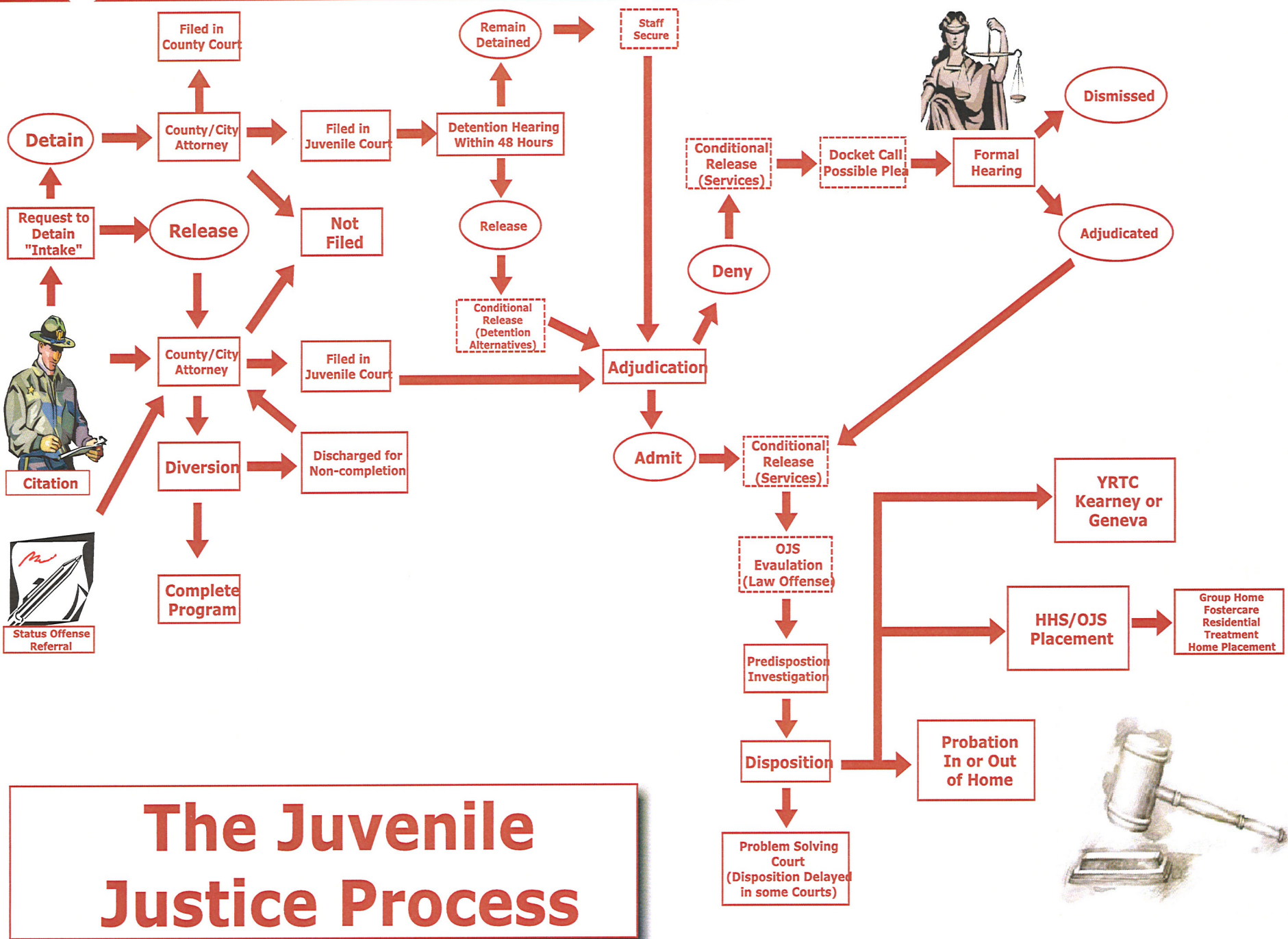


# DHHS Juvenile Offender Process



# Children and Family Services Case Management Workflow





# The Juvenile Justice Process





Proposed Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Continuum of Service

Contact with Law Enforcement (LE)	JDAI Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	Charging Decision	Post Filing/ Predisposition (trial)	Disposition (Decision)	Post Disposition
<p>Objective decisions by law enforcement and schools (assessment)</p> <p>Better information sharing</p> <p>Options for law enforcement (assessment and support services)</p> <p>Trained workforce with support</p> <p>Paradigm shift – assessment before action (e.g. civil citation made)</p> <p>Not unnecessarily involving youth in juvenile justice system</p>	<p>Intake/entry</p>	<p>Access to information (N-Focus move from LE/schools-assessment centers)</p> <p>Access to Diversion – objective criteria</p> <p>All kids have access to counsel (waiver issues by youth &amp; parents)</p> <p>Struggle of defense counsel between acting in best interest of child &amp; pleading (statement info not used in adjudication)</p> <p>Youth start in juvenile court</p> <p>Training – (prosecutors understand juvenile justice, adolescent development)</p> <p>Should there be other referrals options besides decisions – information option</p> <p>Warning letter</p> <p>Cross-over youth</p>	<p>Timeliness to adjudication – judges schedule vacant blocks of time (evaluations &amp; back in front of judge within 10 days of evaluation)</p> <p>Pre-adjudication supervision/alternatives to detention</p> <p>Post filing diversion options</p> <p>Specialty courts</p> <p>Evaluations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What needs to be included?</li> <li>- Duplication</li> <li>- Detention vs community based</li> <li>- How often are they needed?</li> <li>- Do they need to be a state ward?</li> <li>- Evaluations close to home</li> <li>- Don't do evaluations in detention/confinement</li> <li>- Education about what evaluations are for (judges, defense counsel, prosecutors) and using evaluations for alternate purposes</li> </ul> <p>Cross-over youth</p> <p>Coordinated case processing/management</p>	<p>Specialty courts</p> <p>Equal access to services (continuum of effective care)</p> <p>Consistent assessment tools/classification levels</p> <p>Over use of mental health or substance abuse evaluations</p> <p>Who makes the decisions/consistent application of statute</p> <p>Affordable and best interest of the child</p> <p>Promptness of disposition</p> <p>Objective admissions criteria for YRTC/all levels of care</p> <p>Levels of care (YRTC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What do they look like?</li> <li>- Where are they located?</li> </ul>	<p>Objective criteria for case closure</p> <p>How to evaluate progress?</p> <p>Kids aging out of juvenile justice</p> <p>Re-entry planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who makes those decisions (judge, agency, etc.)?</li> <li>- Family involvement</li> <li>- Independent living skills</li> <li>- Step down processes?</li> <li>- Homeless issues</li> <li>- Aftercare planning</li> </ul> <p>What is our expected outcome?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How do we know the child was better in the end?</li> </ul> <p>Extending jurisdiction?</p> <p>How do we handle parole violations/technical violations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Graduated sanctions/incentives</li> <li>- Risk assessment at this point?</li> <li>- Re-commitments</li> </ul>
<p><b>Overarching Themes:</b></p> <p>Address poverty issues (basic needs met)</p>					