



1-844-CO-4-KIDS

Review Evaluate Direct (RED) team



Reports screened in
to determine the potential severity of the case

Referral screened out
Does not meet criteria for abuse/neglect

(Caller may be referred elsewhere)



SIGNIFICANT
Safety concerns exist
Risk is significant

Immediate

MODERATE
Safety concerns and
risk are moderate

3 Days

LOW
No safety concerns
Risk is low

5 Working Days



Meets with everyone
at once



Meets with child victim



Meets with siblings,
parents, collaterals,
and others



**CPS conducts an
assessment**



**Child welfare or
community-based
services may be offered
to address family needs**

No services are required

(Family may be offered prevention services)



Evidence of abuse or neglect:
"Substantiated" or "Founded"

**Insufficient evidence
of abuse or neglect:**
"Unsubstantiated" or "Unfounded"

**Low or no risk of future
abuse/neglect found**



**Child has been harmed and a risk
of future abuse/neglect or ongoing
safety concerns are present**



Open court case
through Dependency & Neglect Petition



**Child is placed in
out-of-home care**
and services are provided to
the child and family



**Child stays
with family**
Services are provided
to the child and family



Assessment closed

**Family may be referred
for non-court-involved
services**

Case closed
Risk minimized

Dependency & Neglect court process



48–72 hours

**Temporary Custody
Hearing—**
must be held within
48–72 hours of the
date of placement



**Dependency and
Neglect Petition filed**
by county department
of human/social services
(usually filed at the
Temporary Custody Hearing)



60–90 days

**Adjudication
Hearing—**
must be held within
60–90 days of the date
of placement depending
on the child/youth's age



45 days

**Dispositional
Hearing—**
must be held within
45 days of Adjudication
(may be held at the
same time as Adjudication)



90 days—every 6 months

**Review
Hearing—**
must be held within 90
days of Disposition and
every 6 months thereafter



12 months

**Permanency
Hearing—**
must be held within
12 months of date
of placement



**Reunification
with family**



**Custody to
a relative**



Termination of parental rights
and adoption or permanent
legal guardianship



Independent living
with permanent family connections



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