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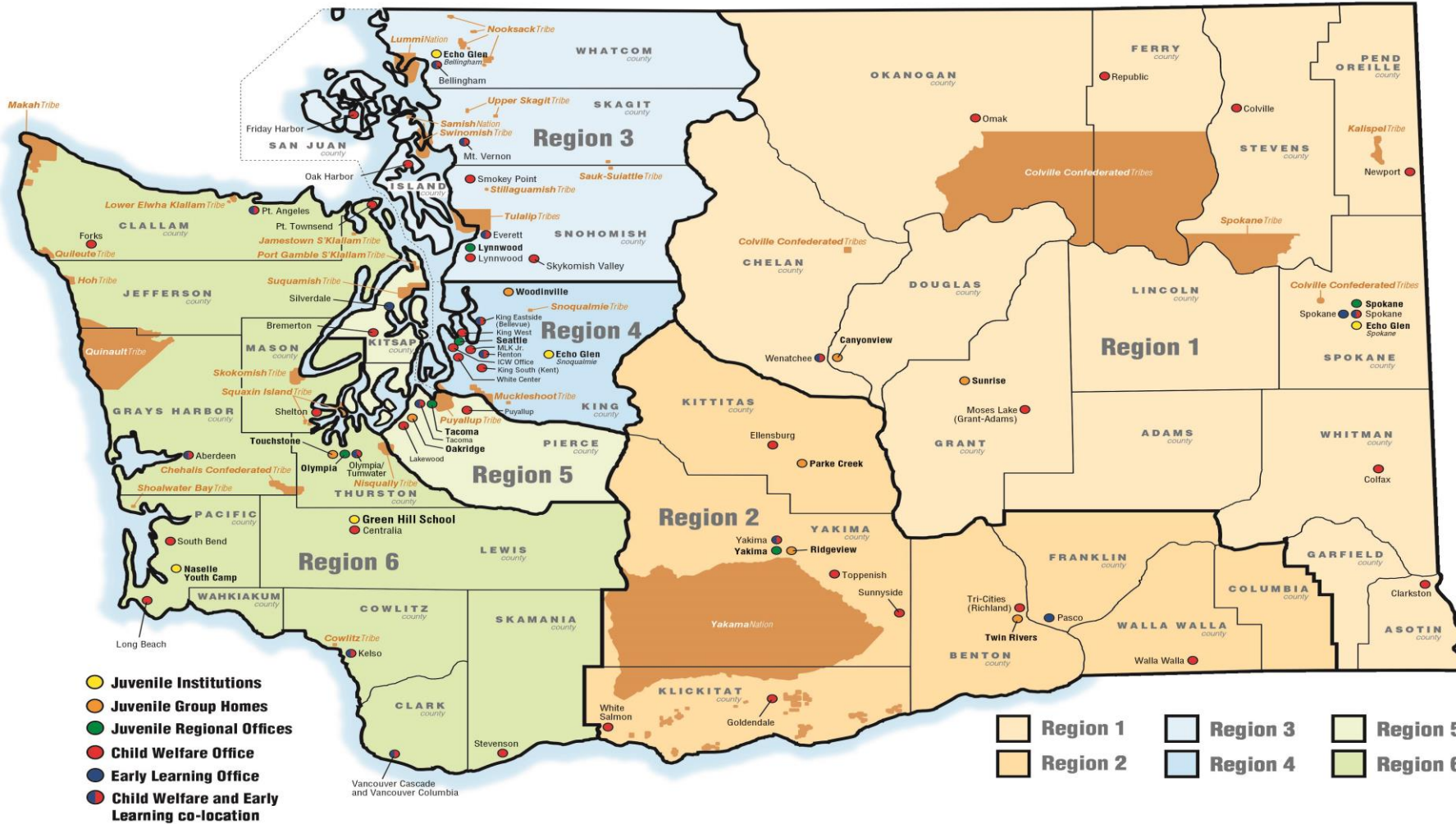


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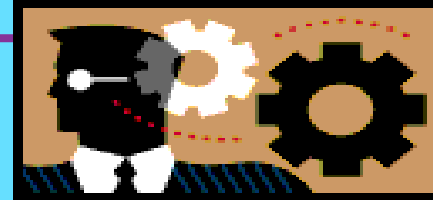




CRITICAL THINKING

Disciplined thinking that is clear, rational, open-minded,
and informed by evidence

ELIMINATE DISPROPORTIONALITY



Qualities of a Critical Thinker:

- Curious
- Problem-solver
- Uses data, objective information to guide decision-making
- Asks for help
- Identifies gaps in information, what doesn't make sense
- Has some comfort with uncertainty, can say "I don't know"

Influences on Critical Thinking:

- Workload
- Group Think
- Culture and Life Experience
- Unilateral Decision Making
- Considering self an "expert"
- Confirmatory Bias



Intake and Child Safety

Safety for the child is:

- The primary focus
- Informs and guides ALL decisions
- Relies on good information gathering, assessment, and analysis
- **Intake is the first point of contact in child safety, permanency and well-being**



Sufficiency Screen

Intakes screen in if:

- Allegations meet the sufficiency screen:
 - ✓ Is the victim under 18 years of age?
 - ✓ Does the allegation minimally meet the WAC definition of CA/N?
 - ✓ Does the alleged subject have the role of a parent, acting in loco parentis or unknown?
 - ✓ Is the caregiver providing care in a facility subject to licensing by DCYF, EL, or is state-regulated care?



What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

WAC 110-30-0030

- **Physical abuse** means the non-accidental infliction of physical injury on or physical mistreatment of a child.
- **Sexual abuse** means either committing or allowing any sexual offense against a child as defined in criminal code.
- **Sexual exploitation** means allowing or causing a child to engage in sexually explicit activities or sex acts for anything of value.
- **Neglect or Maltreatment** means an act or failure to act or cumulative effects of a pattern of conduct, behavior, or inaction that shows a serious disregard of consequences and constitutes a clear and present danger to a child's health, welfare, or safety.
- **Abandonment** means the lack of parental intention to return to the parenting role.



What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

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- **Sexual exploitation** *includes, but is not limited to, sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation as those terms are defined by law and includes such actions as allowing, compelling, encouraging, aiding, or otherwise causing a child to participate in one or more of the following:*
 - (a) *Any sex act when anything of value is given to or received by any person for the sex act;*
 - (b) *Sexually explicit, obscene, or pornographic activity to be photographed, filmed, or electronically reproduced or transmitted;*
 - (c) *Sexually explicit, obscene, or pornographic activity as part of a live performance or for the benefit or sexual gratification of another person*



Intake Decisions

Intake makes decisions regarding whether a case is opened, response times and to which program according to RCW's, WAC's and a decision making tool. Options are:

Screened Out
-No case opened
-Can be sent to LE for criminal
Third party Referral

CPS Risk Only
No allegations but Child may be unsafe

CPS Investigation
Response time 24 or 72 hours
Moderately High or High Risk Allegations

CPS Family Assessment Response (FAR)
Response time 72 hours
Low and Moderate Allegations

Family Reconciliation Services (FRS)
Request for Services due to Conflict in the Home
Ages 12-17

Other
Request for Services assigned to CFWS or FVS (small population)
Ages 0-12

DCYF & Law Enforcement

From Intake and throughout our work with a family we are required to notify LE within 24 hours when allegations of suspected or confirmed CSEC are received.



CSEC Intake Policy

Complete the CSEC screening question for all intakes involving suspected or confirmed allegations of commercial sexual exploitation of a child.

- Do you suspect that the child(ren) is a victim of commercial sexual exploitation(CSEC)?
 - If yes, explain (Narrative Box)

Assign all intakes with suspected or confirmed allegations of CSEC to:

- CPS Investigation when there are allegations of CA/N and the alleged subject is a parent, guardian, or acting in loco parentis
 - **Ex.** Allegations of Neglect by mother and there is an indication that the child is CSEC and the CSEC perpetrator is a 3rd Party



CSEC & Voluntary Services

Requests can be made for services for a family through the following pathways when there are no allegations of CA/N or imminent risk of serious harm by a parent or caregiver. Services can be requested for the commercially sexually exploited children/youth when the request is made by the youth, parent or other community member:

- Family Reconciliation Services (FRS) for youth age 12 and older
- Family Voluntary Services (FVS) for youth under age 12



CSEC Screen

A child/youth will receive a screening to assess whether they are a victim of CSE when:

- He or she is involved in an open case in any program within DCYF in-home with his or her parent or guardian or placed in out-of-home care, and there is suspicion, indication or confirmation that the child or youth may be a victim of CSE.
- The child is age 11 years or older at the time of Child and Family Welfare Services (CFWS) case opening either in-home or out-of-home.
- The child or youth has returned to placement after being missing from care



CSEC Screen =



Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) Screen

YOUTH'S NAME	YOUTH'S ID NUMBER	STAFF COMPLETING SCREEN
REGION	OFFICE	DATE
<p>Complete Part A, B, and C for all youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 11 and older at initial placement or entry into CFWS services. • Who run from out of home care. • Are suspected, indicated, or confirmed of being CSEC. 		
<p>Part A. Indicators of CSEC (if any of the following exist) Check all applicable boxes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Unconfirmed reports of suspected or indicated CSEC from people in the child's life <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting history of being a victim of sexual abuse other than CSEC <input type="checkbox"/> History of more than one run episode in the last six (6) months <input type="checkbox"/> History of travel to other cities / states while on the run <input type="checkbox"/> History of hanging out or living on the streets <input type="checkbox"/> Excess amount of cash or valuable goods in their possession (may be reluctant to explain its source) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth in possession of hotel keys and key cards <input type="checkbox"/> Lying about age / false ID <input type="checkbox"/> Unable or unwilling to give local address or information about romantic partner <input type="checkbox"/> Adult or significantly older romantic partner <input type="checkbox"/> Sexually explicit profiles on social networking site <input type="checkbox"/> Youth affiliated with a gang suspected of sex trafficking <input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained bruising and/or injuries or lying about injuries 		
<p>Part B. Confirmed CSEC (if any of the following exist) Check all applicable boxes.</p> <p>Youth self-reported or there is a documented history:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A documented history of being a victim of sexual exploitation <input type="checkbox"/> Forced or coerced into sexual activity for the monetary benefit of another person (self-report or through investigation) <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary participation in a sexual activity in exchange for anything of value (money, drugs / alcohol, shelter, clothing, cell phone, etc.) (self-report or through investigation) <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged in exotic dancing in a club or at private parties or they've worked for any kind of online or phone sex service (self-report or through investigation) <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest record for prostitution or prostitution related charges <input type="checkbox"/> Sexually explicit back page ad or similar sexually explicit online or print ad /profile, or any print / online pornographic materials been found depicting the youth 		
<p>Part C. Screen Results Check all applicable boxes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No indicators of CSEC (no items Checked in Part A and No items checked in Part B) <input type="checkbox"/> No CSEC confirmed (No boxes checked in Part B) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth indicated but not confirmed of being CSEC (Items checked in Part A and no items checked in Part B) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth confirmed CSEC prior to CA care (Items checked in Part B happened to youth prior to CA care) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth confirmed CSEC while in CA care (Items checked in Part B happened to youth while in CA care) 		



Practice Work Flow



Community Supports

- Identify families' natural supports
- Job or skills training
- Job search
- Parent support groups
- Adult education classes (college)
- Cooking and cleaning help
- Educational support
- Medical and dental

Services

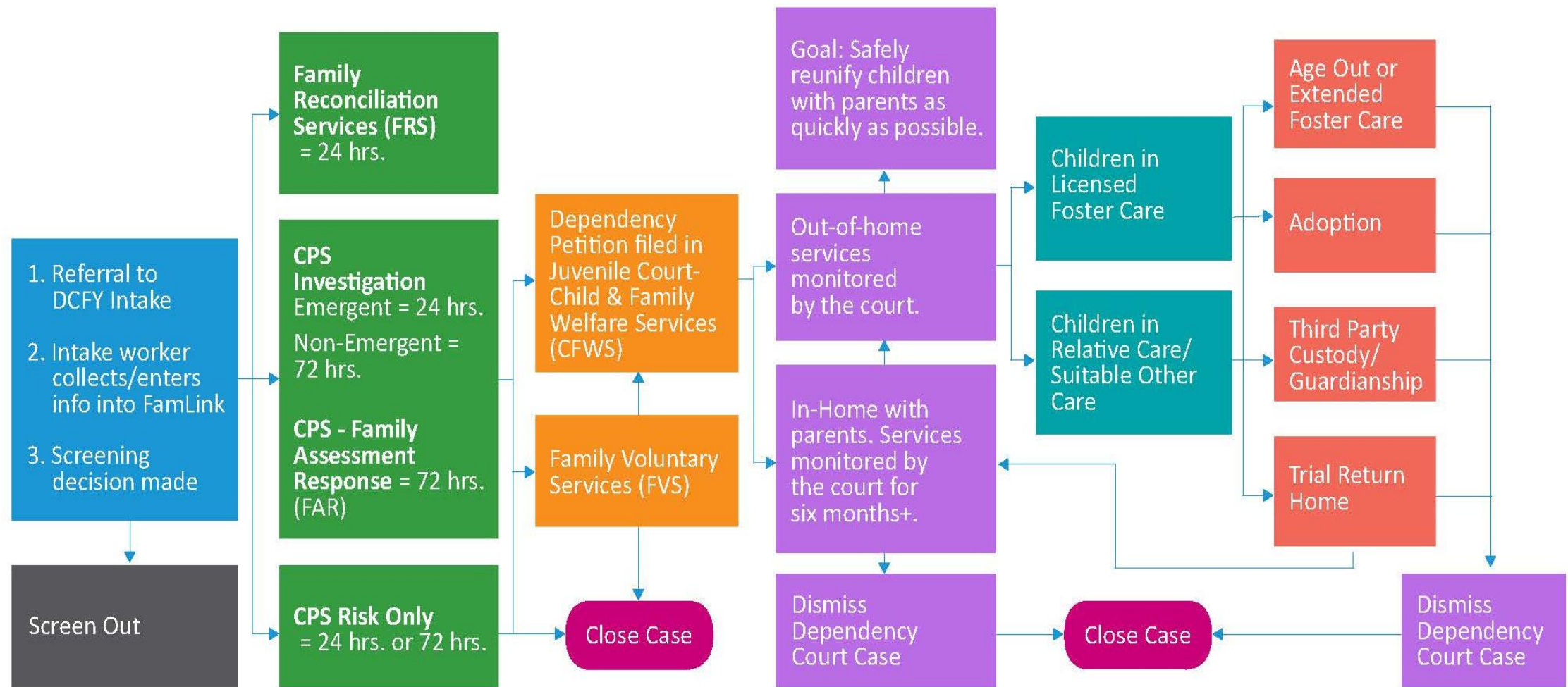
- Counseling
- Parenting classes
- Drug or alcohol treatment
- Child care
- Evidence Based Programs

Concrete Supports

- Appliance/furniture or repair
- Food & clothing
- Utilities
- Rent or housing
- Auto repair or transportation
- Household repair
- Items to improve home safety
- Other supports

Assessing
Risk, Safety
& Needs





Thank you!



Questions?

