

Presentation to the House Committee on Early
Childhood and Human Services

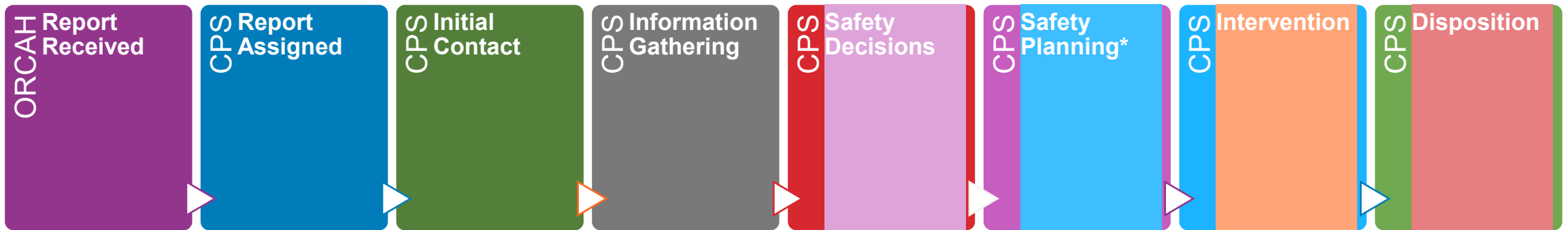
Child Welfare: Screening and Child Protective Services (CPS) Overview

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Child Abuse Assessment Process



Child Abuse Assessment Process:

Report Received and Assigned

ORCAH

Report Received

- Screening Decision**
- Screening Interview
 - Reviewing History
 - Criteria to Assign
 - A child
 - A report of abuse
 - Closed at Screening

CPS

Report Assigned

- Response Timeline**
- Within 24 hours
 - Within 10 business days
 - Within 72 hours

- Cross Report**
- Reports assigned
 - Reports closed at screening

Child Abuse Assessment Process:

Report Assigned

ORCAH
Report
Received

CPS

Report Assigned

Review Report

- Review the information and additional documents
- Re-contact the reporter

Review Records

- Information previously reported and assessed.
- Review criminal history.
- Review historical records.

Determine Response

- Consider the logistics
- Consider community
- When safety allows, schedule initial interviews

Child Abuse Assessment Process:

Initial Contact



American Indian / Alaska Native Ancestry

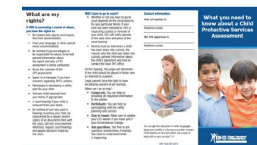
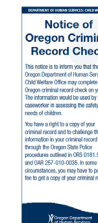
- Complete 1270 with legal parents
- Partner with designated Tribe

Interviews

- Alleged victims, siblings, other children
- Parents, caregivers
- Alleged perpetrators

Observation

- Alleged victim, family
- Home environment
- Karly's Law



Child Abuse Assessment Process: Information Gathering



Collateral Contacts

- Contact additional sources of information about the family and allegation
- Required contacts

Collect and Review Records

- Out of state records
- Medical records
- Law enforcement reports

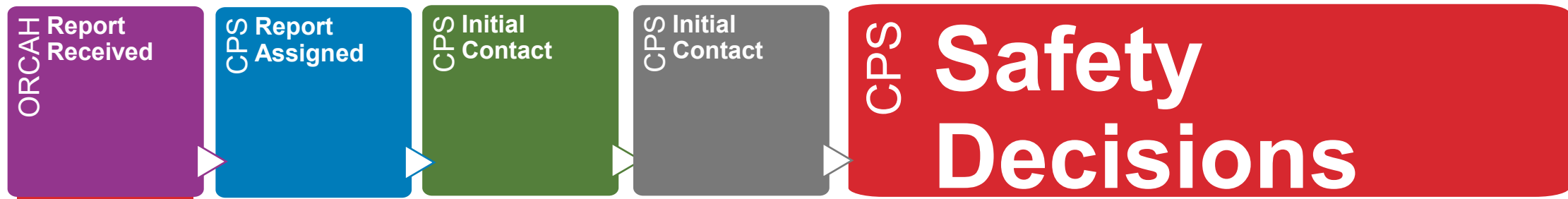
Evaluations & Referrals

- Medical assessments
- Forensic interviews
- A&D screening

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Child Abuse Assessment Process:

Safety Decisions



Identifying Danger

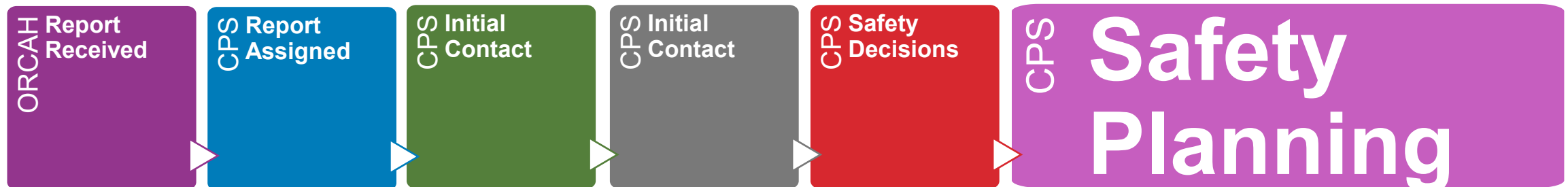
- Present Danger
- Impending Danger

Safety Threshold Criteria

- 16 safety threats
- Five threshold criteria

Child Abuse Assessment Process:

Safety Planning



In-Home Criteria (4)

- Home-like setting
- No barriers to the safety services and providers
- Adequate safety services and providers
- Parent willing to follow the safety plan

Identifying Relatives, Safety services & Providers

- Gather information about friends, family, community who can support the safety plan

Intervention



Service Referral

- Observed areas family may need assistance
- Engage family
- Offer referrals

Legal

- Least restrictive
- Consider legal custody and/or physical custody
- ICWA/ORICWA

Complete CPS Assessment

- Case is transferred to a permanency caseworker

Child Abuse Assessment Process: Intervention – Protective Custody

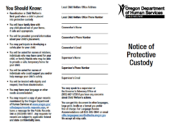


With a Warrant for Protective Custody

- Child is not in immediate danger
- Impending danger is present

Without a Warrant for Protective Custody

- There is present danger
- Imminent physical damage or harm to an Indian child exists



Child Abuse Assessment Process:

Disposition



Determine Disposition

- Founded
- Unfounded
- Unable to Determine

Notification

- Notice of founded disposition provided
- Notice includes how to request a review of the decision

Review Disposition

- Local
- Central
- Judicial Review



Questions?
