

Presentation to the
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CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE PROCESS

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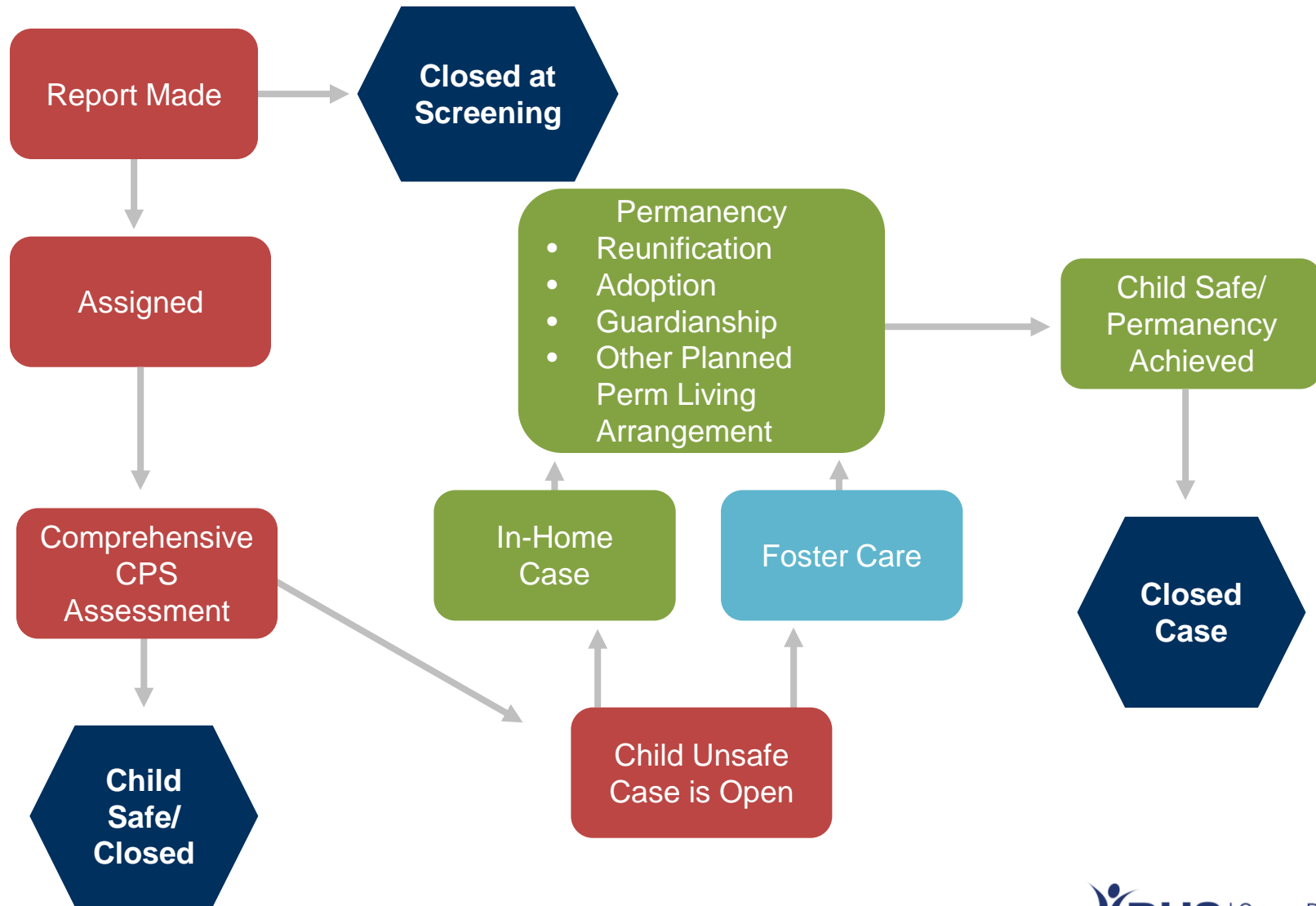


Areas of Emphasis

- Comprehensive assessments
- Parent engagement
- Moderate to High Needs
- Safety Threats
- In home/Out of home safety planning
- Conditions for Return
- Expected Outcomes



Case Flow



Comprehensive Safety Assessment

- Extent of maltreatment
- Circumstances surrounding maltreatment
- Child Functioning
- Adult Functioning
- Parenting Practices
- Disciplinary Practices



Assessment Outcomes

- When a child is safe – assessment is closed
- When a child is safe & family has moderate to high needs – community service referrals occur
- When a child is unsafe– case opens
 - Ongoing safety plan is developed
 - Family transitions to a permanency worker for ongoing services.
 - Change-based case plans move us away from compliance or incident based decision making.

Safety Model Overview

- Every decision made revolves around child safety throughout the life of the case
- Family engagement is paramount to understanding child safety
- Casework practice focuses on overall family functioning and is not incident based
- Differentiates between services
 - Safety Services: Provides safety for children to remain in-home with an in-home safety plan.
 - Change Services: Provides a road map for parents to make sustainable changes and safely parent without CW intervention.

Questions?



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