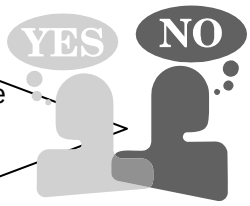
CHILD WELFARE CASE FLOW

Report to State Central Registry

Division of Child Protection (DCP)
ACS Field Office



Investigation – was there maltreatment?
60 days to complete

Unfounded
They did not find abuse or neglect
(stays in sealed record for 10 yrs)

Substantiated
They found abuse or neglect
(stays on file until youngest child in case turns 28)

Preventive Services
(child continues to live with parent)
with or without Court involvement

Removal and Placement
(Foster Care) (child is taken away from parent)
requires a Court Order
- Emergency Children's Services
- Foster Care
- Kinship Care
- Group home

Services to Child and/or Parent
(managed by provider agency contracted by ACS)

Permanency
- Return to parent
- TPR/Surrender (Free for Adoption)
- Ongoing Kinship Care
- Independent Living
- Continuation of Foster Care