

# California Child Welfare System Redesign

## The Decision Points Grid: Decision Points Where Issues of Fairness & Equity Can Be Addressed & Evaluated

	<u>Point in Case Flow</u>	<u>Decision Options</u>	<u>Decision Maker</u>	<u>F &amp; E Issues</u>	<u>Strategies</u>
A.	Community Awareness	Report to CPS or not Refer to Community Agencies	Mandated Reporter self-referral (child or parent)	fewer calls from wealthy areas awareness of prevention services	Child Abuse prevention outreach campaign
1.	Call to Reporting Center	accept/reject referral for ER	Social Worker		
2.	Emergency Response	child safe or not safe left home or place with kin or protective custody at shelter	Social Worker may include police may include supervisor	SW judgement of kin location of kin	expand kinship to extended family & non-blood relations
3.	Dependency (Intake) Investigation	child safe: close case Informal supervision with parent Informal supervision with kin File petition with court	Social Worker may include supervisor may include MDT	single parent bias perception of parents	services offered Teaching HomeMaker
4.	Initial Hearing	Detention Hearing In home or out of home	Juvenile Court Judge	who else can respond in addition to family?	use Indian CWAct model child's community: a resource neighborhood foster care money must follow child
5.	Jurisdictional Hearing	Petition dismissed Petition sustained	Judge driven by SW's report review by SW supervisor County Counsel, parent attorney(s)	judgement " good & bad" families family resources vary	equal opportunity for services services availability culturally competent services create network of services retrain for reunification
6.	Dispositional Hearing	Child home or returned home  Child removed or kept in custody Reunification plan or bypass plan?	Judge  with attorneys, county counsel driven by SW's report review by SW supervisor	by -pass bias	Inter Cultural Communication training for all "players" in system, inc. judges & attorneys
7.	Six Month Review Hearing	Remain home Returned home Remain in FC w/reunification plan Remain in FC w/out reunification plan	Judge Driven by SW's report with attorneys, county counsel review by SW supervisor	standard for reunification much higher than for removal	recognize value of home, friends, community & school for the child
8.	Twelve -Month Hearing	Remain home Returned home Remain in FC w/reunification plan Remain in FC w/out reunification plan	Judge Driven by SW report review by SW supervisor Expert Witnesses (CASA, Psychologists, etc.)	who are the experts?  nature of assessment	cultural competent experts  linkage to faith communities
9.	Fifteen Month Hearing	Remain home Return home Remain in FC w/out reunification	Judge driven by SW report review by SW supervisor		

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10. 366.26 Hearing Termination of Parental Rights	Termination of Reunification Services Adoption of Permanency Plan	Judge driven by SW report review by SW supervisor	increase in termination due to legislation, implementation, practice	legislation
11. Post Permanency Planning Hearing	Long term foster care Guardianship Adoption Independent Living Program of teens who will age-out of Foster Care	Judge review by SW supervisor		
<b>Special Note:</b>				
241.1 Delinquency Hearing if child commits a crime could occur at any time	Child become a 600 instead of a 300	Judge, Attorney(s)	Youth of Color are also disproportionately over-represented	Juvenile Justice System Redesign

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