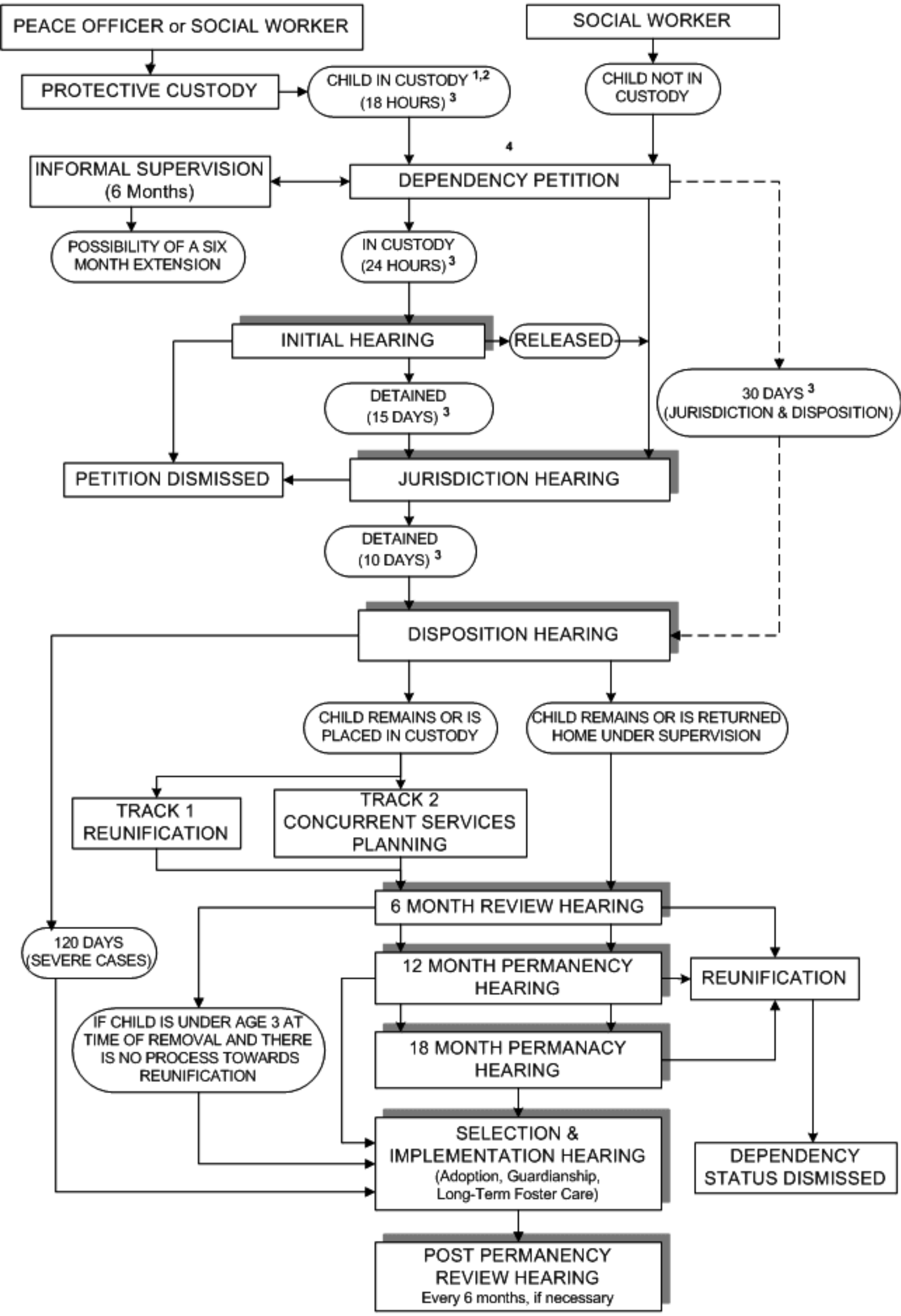
# Juvenile Dependency Proceedings

(Welfare & Institutions Code Section 300 et seq.)




[1] If a child is under the age of three at the time of removal, court ordered services shall not exceed six months. (See W & I Code section 361.5(a)(2) for exceptions.) When calculating the 6-month period, the time shall begin either 60 days after the child was placed in protective custody or from the date of the jurisdiction hearing, whichever is earlier.

[2] If a child is three years of age or older at the time of removal, court ordered services shall not exceed 12 months. (See W & I Code section 361.5(a)(2) for exceptions.) The twelve month time period is calculated the same as in footnote #1.

[3] Judicial Days/Hours

[4] When a minor is a dependent child of the court and remains in the home and there is a reasonable cause to believe that the minor is a person described in subdivision (a), (d) or (e) of section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, court proceedings shall commence and the minor shall be committed to the care, custody and control of the probation officer.