JUVENILE COURT HEARINGS

Time Frame | **DCFS Responsibilities**

Hotline Call

Indicated Case – low risk (Child left at home)

48 hours — **Protective Custody**

Shelter Care Hearing
(Court decides if removal was necessary
if not, child goes home and case closed)
GAL appointed

DCFS completes investigation

Caseworker assigned

30 days — **Pre-Trial Hearing** — **Case Plan completed**

Deny Petition — ***Stipulate to charges***

90 days — **Adjudication Trial** (Court decides if abuse/neglect occurred)

Dismiss Petition

30 days from Adjudication — **Dispositional Hearing** (child ward of the court) — **Case Plan Signed** — **Services Planned**

Various times — Review — **Report on services**

Review — **Report on compliance**

6 months after Adjudication — Review — **DCFS Administrative Case Review**

9 months after Adjudication — **CASA attends**

Parents must make reasonable progress — (Case may be dismissed)

12 months after Protective/ Temporary Custody — **Permanency Review Hearing** (Court determines goal) — **Legal screening**

Subsequent PPR at 6 mo. intervals — **Find Adoptive Homes**

Return Home — **Termination of Parental Rights Hearing**

Review

Adoption

Guardianship