

CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE OR SUPERVISION (CHINS)

Abuse/Neglect, Truant, or Beyond Control of Parents

Emergency Track

Police/DCF Intervention

Non-Emergency Track

EMERGENCY CARE ORDER

Order based on affidavit
DCF Custody or Conditional Custody to parent

Within 72 Hours

TEMPORARY CARE HEARING

Petition Filed by State's Atty
TEMPORARY CARE ORDER 33 V.S.A. § 5308

Petition Filed by SA

PRELIMINARY HEARING

PRETRIAL HEARING

within 15 days of Temp. Care or Preliminary Hearing

Initial Case Plan filed by DCF within 60 days of child's removal from home

MERITS HEARING (adjudicated within 60 days of DCF custody)

No Finding of CHINS - Case dismissed
Finding of CHINS – disposition Case Plan ordered

Disposition Case Plan Filed by DCF (28 days)

DISPOSITION HEARING (Held within 35 days of Merits)

Custody issue decided: 7 alternative options
Case Plan approved; Permanency Goal established
Parent Child Contact, sibling contact and contact with relative

60 Day Post Disposition Review Hearing

PERMANENCY HEARING

Within 12 months of placement in DCF custody

REUNIFICATION
Custody returned to parent

Termination of Parental Rights

ADOPTION

PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP

APPLA
Long Term Substitute Care