MCLEAN COUNTY JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDING CHART

HOTLINE CALL

Request for Open Court Case

Protective Custody

State's Attorney files **Petition for Adjudication of Wardship**

1st Appearance Hearing

Shelter Care Hearing
(must occur w/in **48 hours** of protective custody)

Court takes jurisdiction over parties- - - Attorneys are appointed

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PRETRIAL HEARING(S)

— Has discovery been accomplished?
— Paternity established?
— Admission or denial?

Statute Mandates Adjudication to occur w/in 90 days unless waived by all

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ADJUDICATORY HEARING→ (Admission or Trial)
*CASA may be assigned at any point following adjudication

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DISPOSITIONAL HEARING
(Fitness/Unfitness of Parent)

Possible Goals Established:
— Remain Home
— Return Home within 5 months
— Return Home within 12 months
— Return Home Pending Status
--- Long Term Foster Care
--- Cannot be Provided for in Home
— Substitute Care Pending Independence
--- Guardianship
--- Substitute Care Pending Court Determination on Petition to Terminate Rights
--- Adoption

Statute mandates Dispositional Hearing to occur w/in 30 days unless waived

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REVIEW OF SERVICES HEARING
(occasionally)

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1ST PERMANENCY HEARING → Must occur w/in 12 months from Protective Custody

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SUBSEQUENT PERMANENCY HEARING(S) → Statute mandates Permanency Hearings to occur at least every 6 months until case closure
(by successful return home or adoption is accomplished)

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AND STATUS HEARINGS

STATE'S ATTORNEY FILES PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

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PRETRIAL(S) ON PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

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TRIAL ON PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS
Adjudication on Issue of Unfitness

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Best Interest Proceeding

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SUBSEQUENT PERMANENCY HEARINGS/ADOPTION STATUS HEARINGS
(Until Adoption/Independence is accomplished)