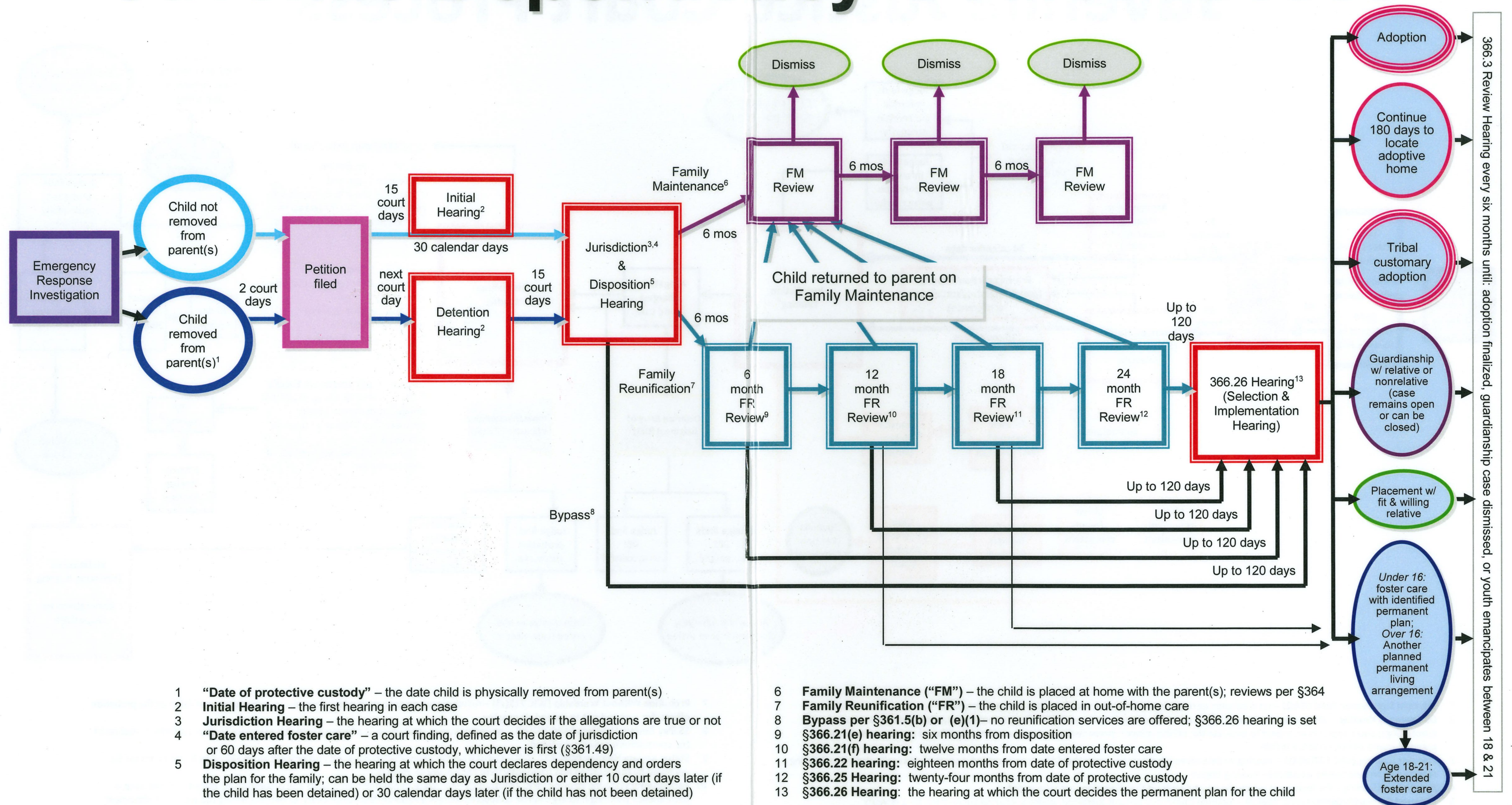


# Juvenile Dependency Court Process



- 1 "Date of protective custody" – the date child is physically removed from parent(s)
- 2 Initial Hearing – the first hearing in each case
- 3 Jurisdiction Hearing – the hearing at which the court decides if the allegations are true or not
- 4 "Date entered foster care" – a court finding, defined as the date of jurisdiction or 60 days after the date of protective custody, whichever is first (§361.49)
- 5 Disposition Hearing – the hearing at which the court declares dependency and orders the plan for the family; can be held the same day as Jurisdiction or either 10 court days later (if the child has been detained) or 30 calendar days later (if the child has not been detained)

- 6 Family Maintenance ("FM") – the child is placed at home with the parent(s); reviews per §364
- 7 Family Reunification ("FR") – the child is placed in out-of-home care
- 8 Bypass per §361.5(b) or (e)(1) – no reunification services are offered; §366.26 hearing is set
- 9 §366.21(e) hearing: six months from disposition
- 10 §366.21(f) hearing: twelve months from date entered foster care
- 11 §366.22 hearing: eighteen months from date of protective custody
- 12 §366.25 Hearing: twenty-four months from date of protective custody
- 13 §366.26 Hearing: the hearing at which the court decides the permanent plan for the child