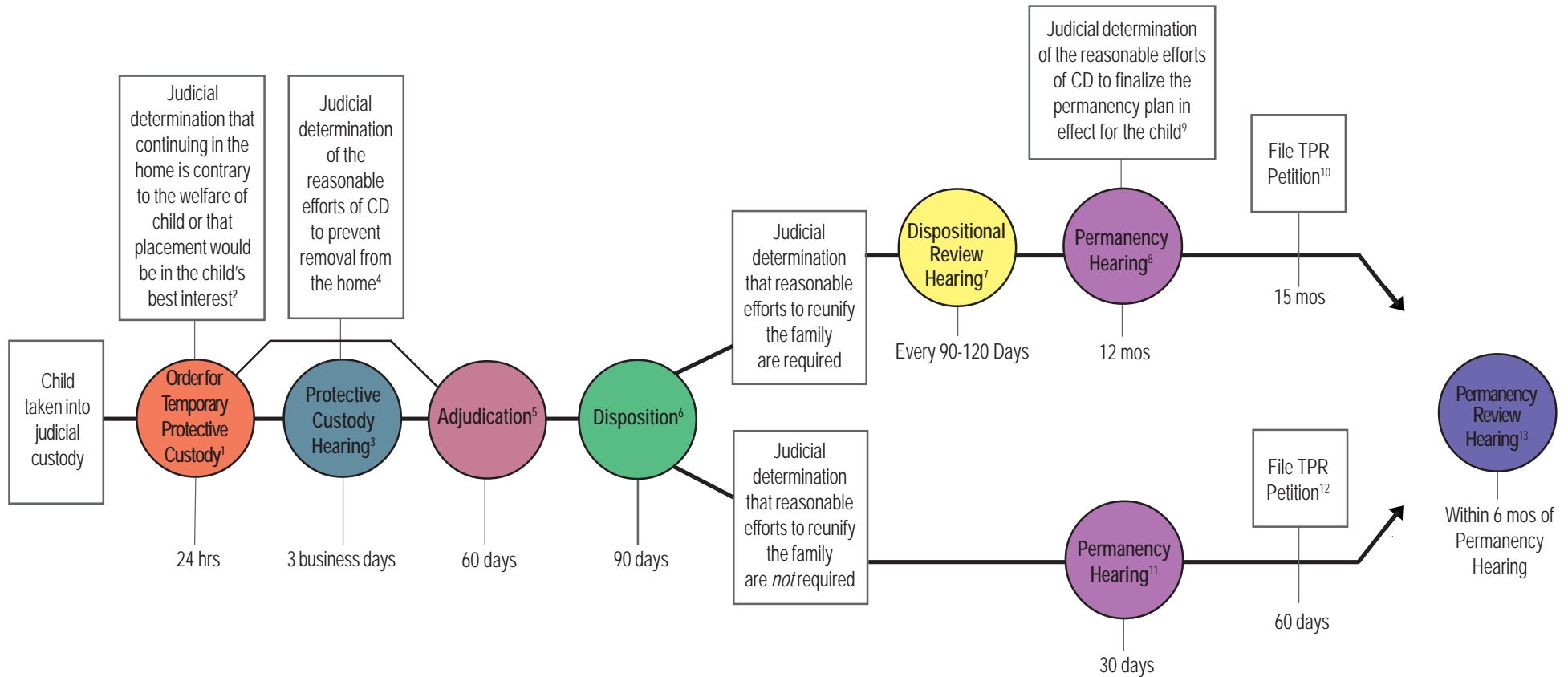


Hearings in Child Abuse/Neglect Cases

Pursuant to Section 211.031.1(1), RSMo and Rules 123.05, 124.01



1. May be entered before the child is taken into judicial custody.
2. Required in the first court order where child was taken into judicial custody.
3. Required within 3 business days from the date the child is placed in temporary protective custody.
4. Required no later than 60 days from the date the child is taken into judicial custody.
5. Required within 60 days of the child being taken into judicial custody.
6. Required within 90 days of the child being taken into judicial custody; may immediately follow adjudication.
7. Required every 90-120 days after disposition during the first 12 months.
8. Required within 12 months of the date of judicial custody and at least annually thereafter.
9. Required within 12 months of the date of judicial custody and at least annually thereafter.

10. Mandatory filing unless an exception exists.
11. Required within 30 days of determination that reasonable efforts to reunify the family are not required and at least annually thereafter.
12. Mandatory filing if the child is an abandoned infant or if reasonable efforts to reunify the family are not required.
13. Required within 6 months of permanency hearing; may be held as often as necessary.

Source: This timeline was originally prepared by Mimi Laver and updated and amended by Cecilia Fiermonte and Jennifer L. Renne, as found in *Making it Permanent*, ABA, © 2002. It has been revised to reflect Missouri law.