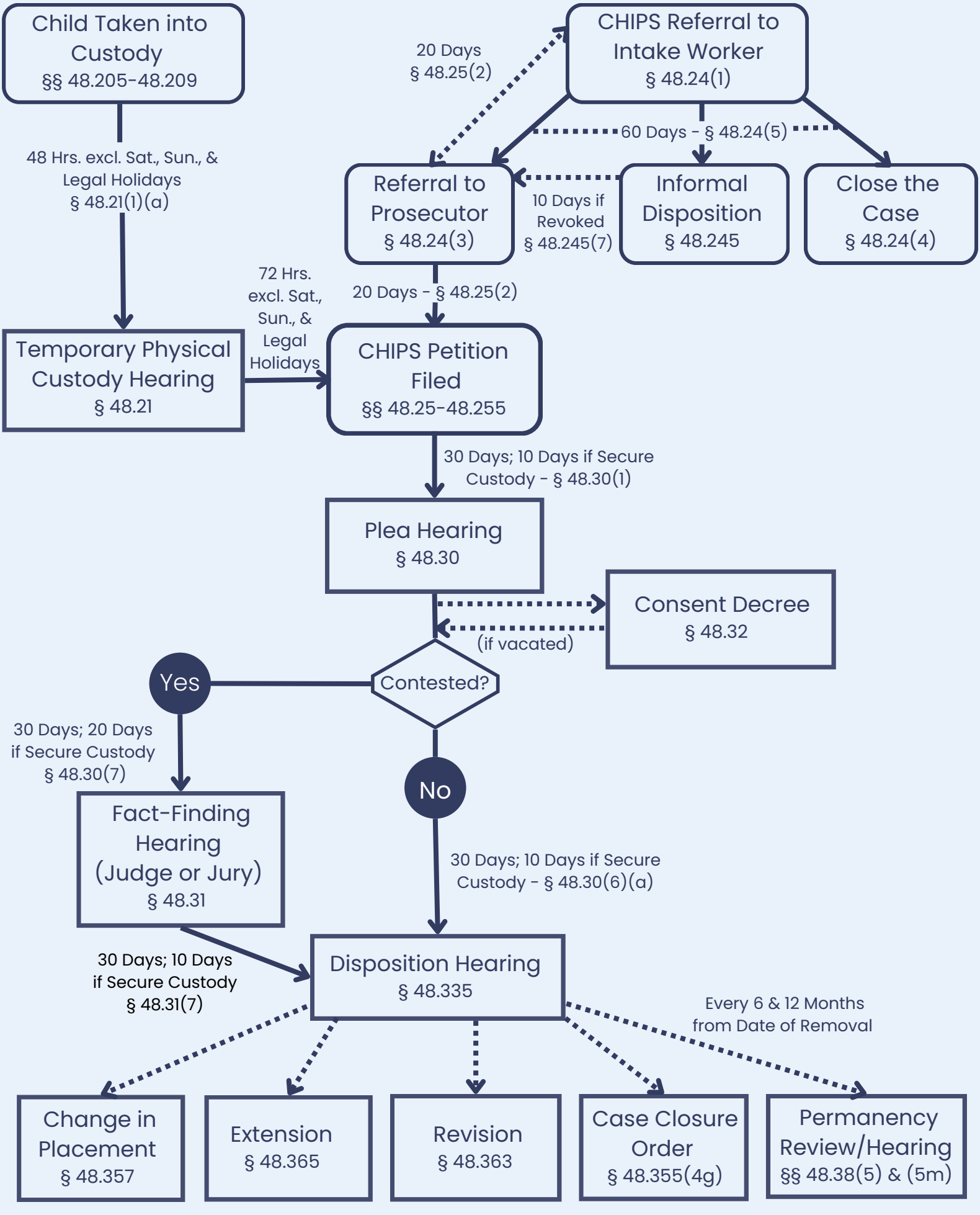
Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) Flowchart



CHIPS Time Constraints

TPC HEARING – 48 HOURS

A hearing must be held for a child held in custody within 48 hours of taking the child in custody, excluding Saturday, Sundays, and legal holidays.

§ 48.21(1)(a)

CHIPS PETITION – 72 HOURS

If a petition has not been filed by the time of the hearing for temporary placement, it must be filed within 72 hours from the time of the hearing.

§ 48.21(1)(b)

PLEA HEARING – 10 or 30 DAYS

A plea hearing must take place within 30 days of the filing of a petition, but within 10 days if child in secure custody.

§§ 48.30(1) & (9)

FACT-FINDING HEARING – 30 DAYS

A fact-finding hearing must take place within 30 days after the plea hearing if the petition IS contested.

§ 48.30(7)

DISPOSTIONAL HEARING – 30 DAYS

If the fact-finding hearing results in a finding that the child is in need of protection or services, a dispositional hearing must take place within 30 days after the fact-finding hearing.

§ 48.31(7)(a)

A dispositional hearing must take place within 30 days after the plea hearing if the petition is NOT contested.

§ 48.30(6)(a)

EMERGENCY CHANGE IN PLACEMENT HEARINGS – 48 HOURS

An emergency in-home to out-of-home change in placement hearing must be held within 48 hours after the child is removed from the home, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

§ 48.357(2)(b)

TRIAL REUNIFICATION – 7 to 150 DAYS

An order for a trial reunification must be for a period of not less than 7 days and not more than 150 days. Initial orders for less than 150 days can be extended but the total trial reunification period cannot exceed 150 total days.

§ 48.358

PERMANENCY PLANNING

The permanency plan must be filed within **60 days** from date the child first removed from home.

§ 48.38(3)

Permanency plan must be reviewed by court or panel within **6 months** after child first removed from home and every 6 months thereafter for as long as child is placed outside home.

§ 48.38(5)(a)

As part of this requirement, the 12-month reviews must be conducted by the court within 12 months after child first removed from home and every **12 months** thereafter for as long as child is placed outside the home.

§ 48.38(5m)