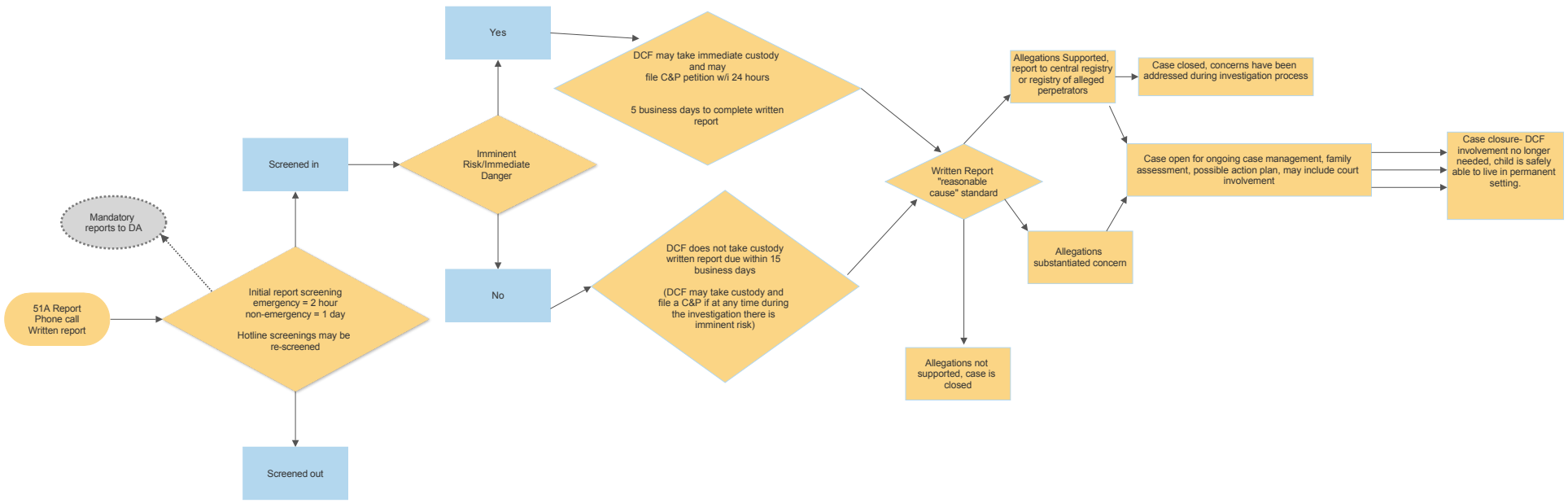
51A Report
Phone call
Written report
Mandatory reports to DA
Initial report screening
emergency = 2 hour
non-emergency = 1 day
Hotline screenings may be re-screened
Screened in
Screened out
Imminent Risk/Immediate Danger
Yes
No
DCF may take immediate custody and may file C&P petition w/i 24 hours
5 business days to complete written report
DCF does not take custody written report due within 15 business days
(DCF may take custody and file a C&P if at any time during the investigation there is imminent risk)
Written Report "reasonable cause" standard
Allegations Supported, report to central registry or registry of alleged perpetrators
Case closed, concerns have been addressed during investigation process
Allegations substantiated concern
Allegations not supported, case is closed
Case open for ongoing case management, family assessment, possible action plan, may include court involvement
Case closure- DCF involvement no longer needed, child is safely able to live in permanent setting.