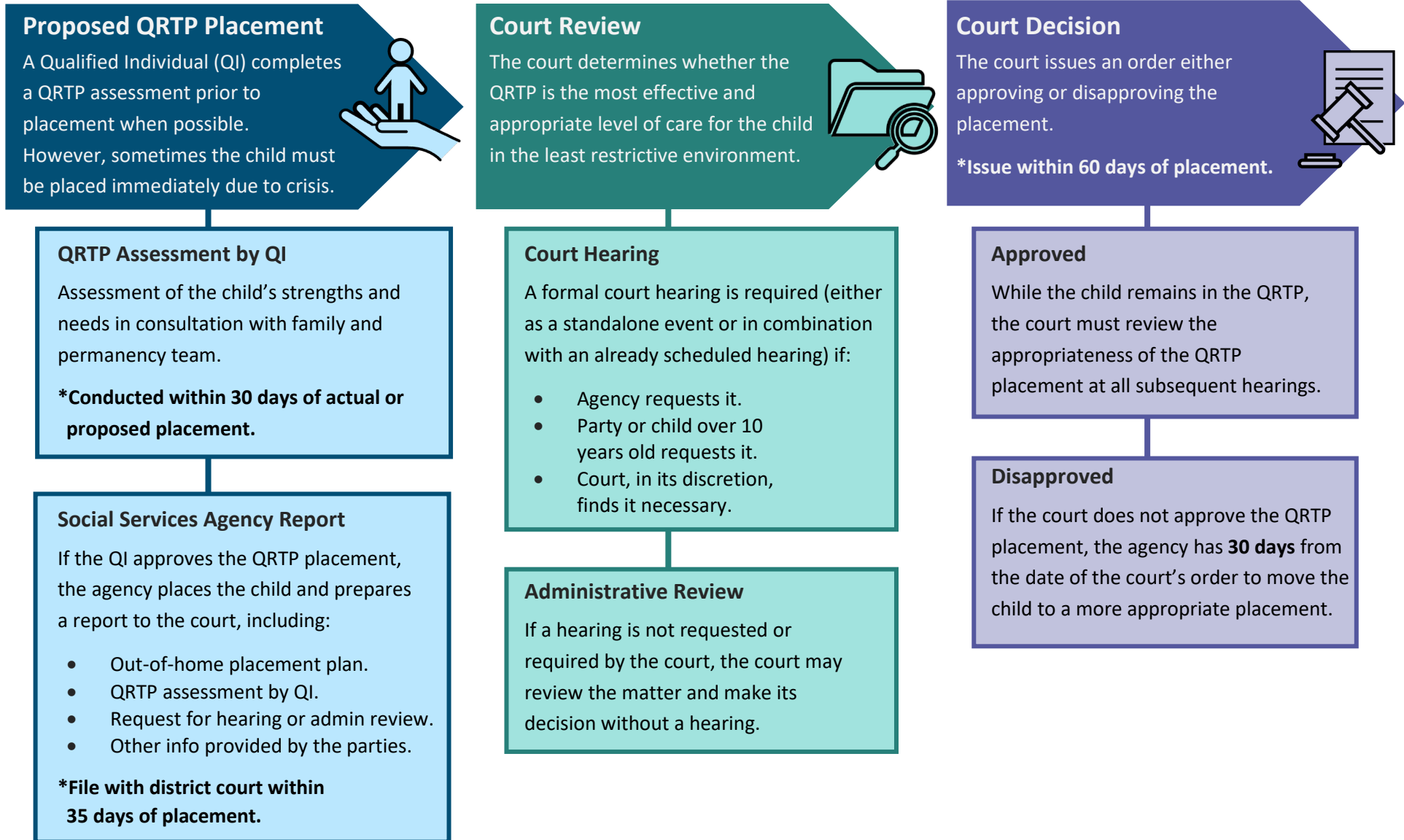


HANDOUT- Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Placement Timeline

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This chart illustrates the process and timeline to follow when a child is placed in a QRTP to ensure child well-being and federal funding to support the placement. For more in-depth information, please refer to the [FFPSA - Guide to Qualified Residential Treatment Programs](#) located on the court's website on the Help Topic for [Family First Prevention Services Act \(FFPSA\)](#).



What about 260D Voluntary Foster Care for Treatment Cases?

For cases involving QRTP placement, court involvement begins sooner. The court receives notification, then reviews, and issues an order approving or not a QRTP placement **within 60 days** of the placement.

- Notification to the court should include the date of the QRTP placement, whether a formal hearing is requested, and a citation to Minn. Stat. §260D as the legal authority.
- Unless a request is made for a formal hearing or the court feels it's necessary, the court review can be done administratively, and an order can issue without a formal hearing.
- Once approved, it's subject to all the regular review requirements of a 260D case with the first continuing review occurring when the initial review would have occurred at **175** days of placement (or within **10** days of receiving the report required to be filed within **165** days of placement).
- At each regularly scheduled review in the case, the court needs to find that the QRTP placement continues to be the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment. This is to ensure that the child's best interests are being met and IV-E reimbursement continues to support the placement.

For more information about the court's role and expectations around placement of children in QRTPs, please refer to the [Court Review of Qualified Residential Treatment Program \(QRTP\) Placements Handout](#).