Using Formal Customary Care: Step by Step

Child in Need of Place of Safety Begin identification of alternative caregivers Confirm First Nation (FN) affiliation (if no - use usual procedures) Notify representative of the FN (Band Rep): Child's FN and CAS in the same jurisdiction Notification within 24 hours Consultation within 5 days CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY Children's FN and CAS in different (CAS) jurisdiction Notification within 5 days Consultation within 30 days Secure interim placement Establish children's interim legal status Temporary Care Agreement (TCA) immediately or File protection application within 5 days Proposed placement requires Place of Safety Assessment **INTERIM PLACEMENT** Place of safety is exempt from licensing standards if duration is expected to be less than 60 days CAS, FN and parent share case details Identify extended family composition (on/off reserve) Identify potential caregivers Confirm FN capacity for Formal Customary Care (FCC) **CAS & FIRST NATION (FN)** Confirm next steps: **CONSULTATION** Approval of alternative caregiver (safety assessment) Establish child's legal status pending Band Council Resolution (BCR) and FCC Agreement: Terminate TCA, or Withdraw protection application Approved by FN and CAS If child is moved from interim placement: CAS or FN Family Support Worker **FORMAL CUSTOMARY** conducts Place of Safety Assessment CARE PLACEMENT Place of safety is exempt from licensing standards if duration is expected to be less than 60 days **ONGOING CASE** Pursuant to terms and conditions set out in FCC **MANAGEMENT** Agreement REQUIREMENTS

Note: The flow chart does not replace Ontario child protection standards and steps in the child protection investigation process. The flow chart assumes that a child protection investigation has occurred or will occur and the child requires placement in a place of safety.