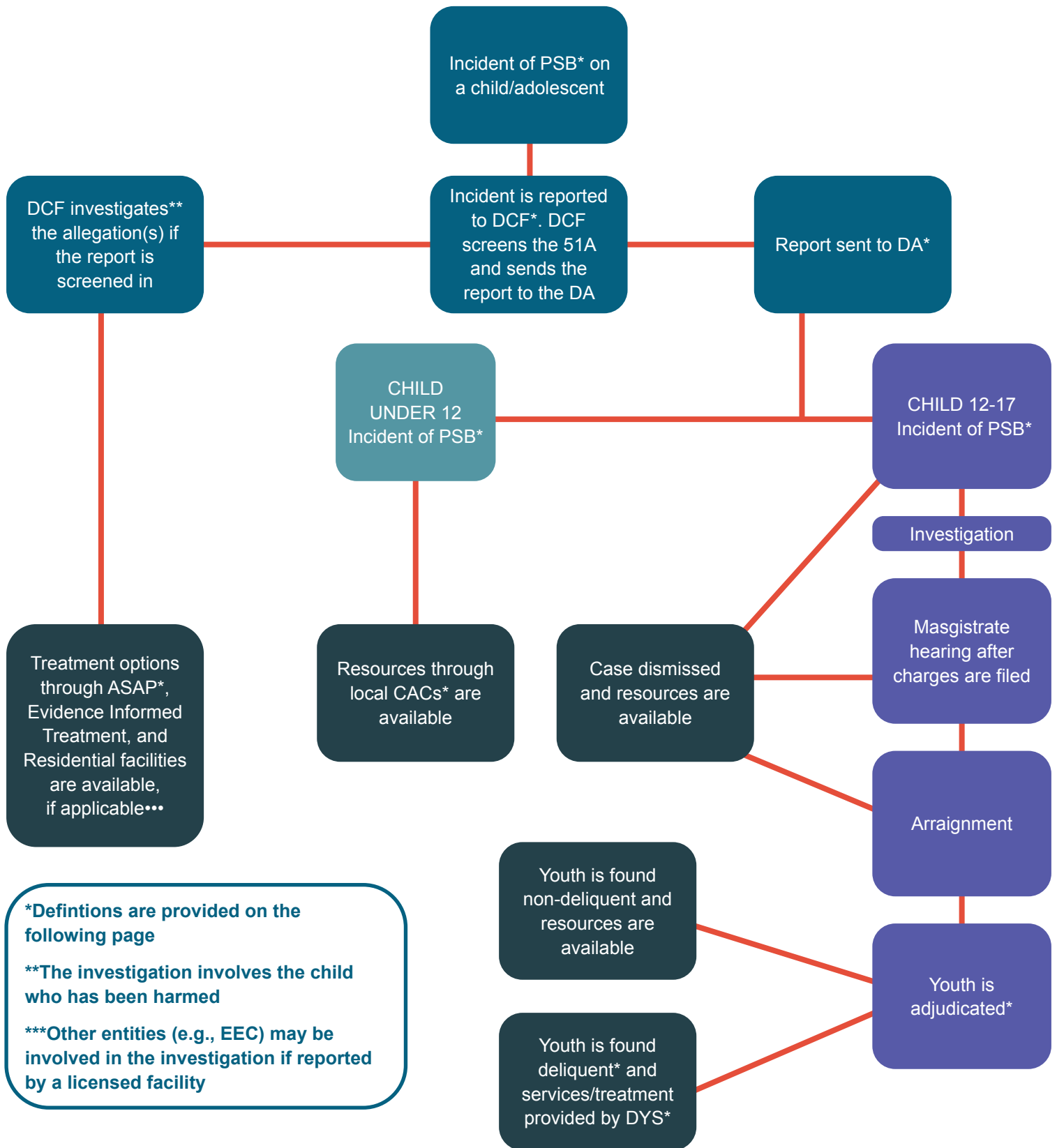


Supports for Families with Youth Engaging in Problematic Sexual Behaviors

Never be afraid to ask for help



*Definitions are provided on the following page

**The investigation involves the child who has been harmed

***Other entities (e.g., EEC) may be involved in the investigation if reported by a licensed facility

Acronyms & Definitions

Adjudicated: Court/judge has decided that the youth has committed the accused act

ASAP: Assessment for Safe and Appropriate Placement

CAC: Child Advocacy Centers

DA: District Attorney

DCF: Department of Children & Families

Delinquent: A youth who has been found by a judge in juvenile court to have committed a violation of the criminal law, that is, a delinquent act

DYS: Department of Youth Services

EEC: Department of Early Education and Care

MASOC: Massachusetts Society for a World Free of Sexual Harm by youth

MST-PSB: Multi-Systemic Therapy - Problematic Sexual Behavior

PSB: Problematic Sexual Behavior

PSB-CBT: Problematic Sexual Behavior - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

This infographic was developed by the Problematic Sexual Behavior (PSB) Working Group of the Massachusetts Legislative Task Force on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse. It provides families and professionals working with children a visual of the process when a child or teen engaging in problematic sexual behavior is reported to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The Task Force will develop a comprehensive listing of resources in Massachusetts for anyone seeking help. For further information about child sexual abuse prevention, visit [Safe Kids Thrive](#).

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