



Referrals from Public Children's Services Agencies

**Service
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Objectives



Contacting the parent

Information sharing

Working with caseworkers

Resources

Parents and Parental Consent Guidance Document

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/up_doc/Parents-and-Parental-Consent-in-EI-071718.pdf

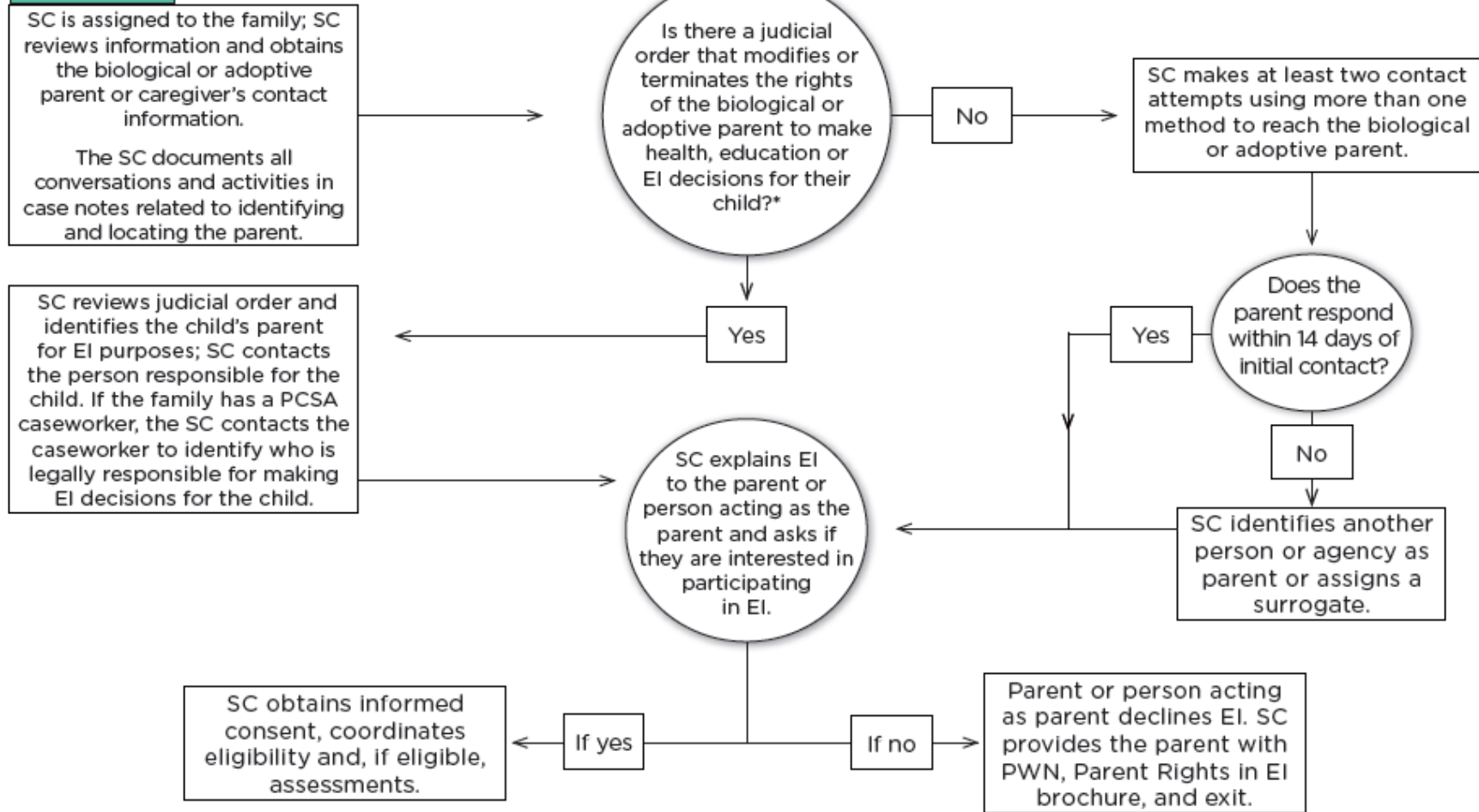
Parent Decision Tree

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/up_doc/EI-Parent-Identification-Flow-Chart.pdf

Parent Decision Tree

After receiving a referral, it is the service coordinator's (SC) responsibility to locate the parent — the person who is legally responsible for making Early Intervention (EI) decisions on behalf of the child. This decision tree is a tool to help SCs determine who meets the definition of parent.

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***Note:** If the child resides in foster or kinship care, it is highly likely that there is a judicial order.

Some Common Scenarios

Q) Parent incarcerated. Child has foster parent.

A) Review judicial order. If someone other than parent named to make EI decisions, contact that person. If not, attempt to contact parent.

If parent does not respond, foster parent may provide consent.

Q) Child lives with relative who wants EI, but biological parent does not consent to EI.

A) More than one party could be considered a parent if there is a conflict. However, the *biological* parent has the authority to make decisions.

Contacting the Parent



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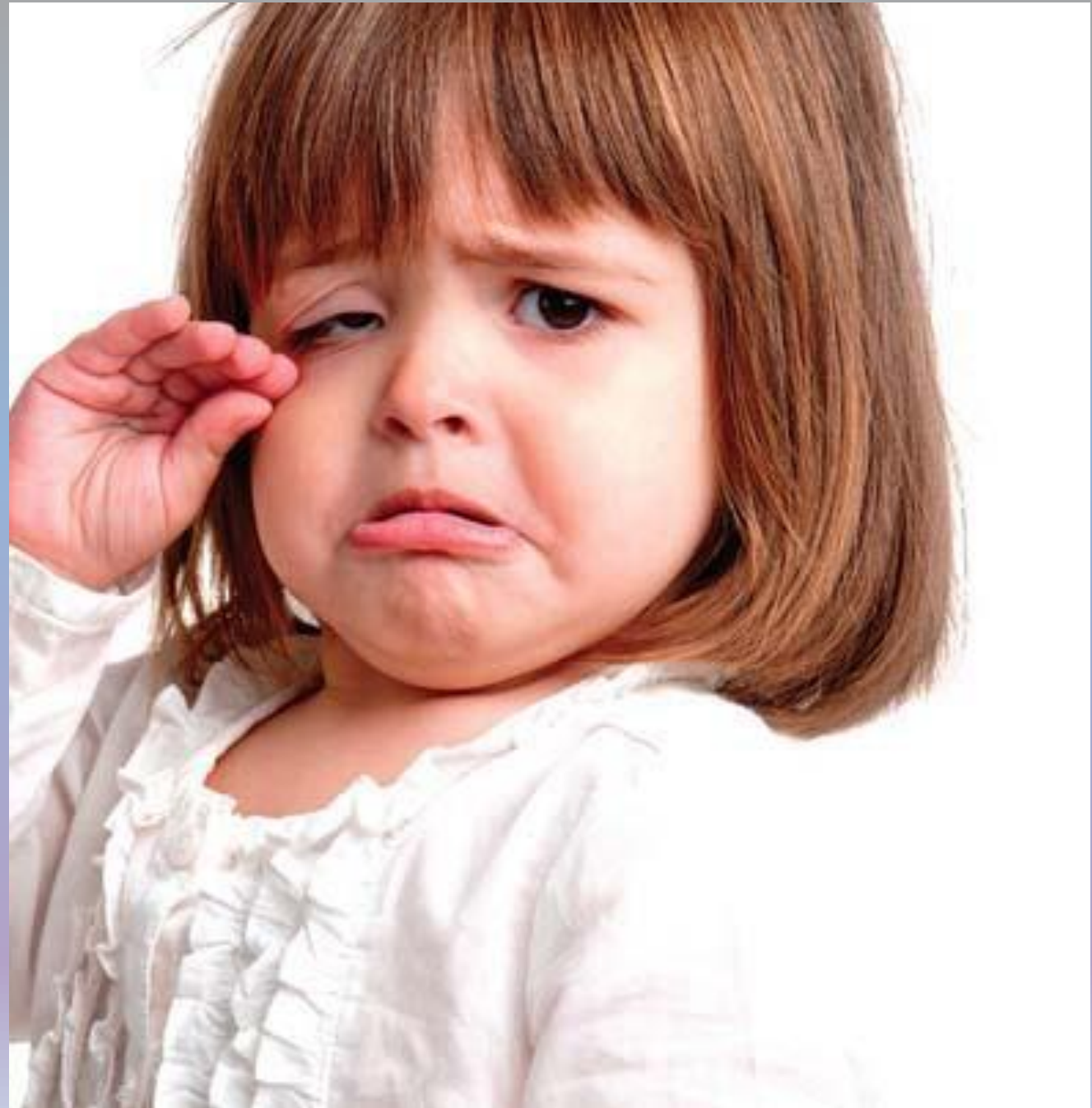
Discussion



Other Questions?



This is our
last meeting....





Thank you!

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