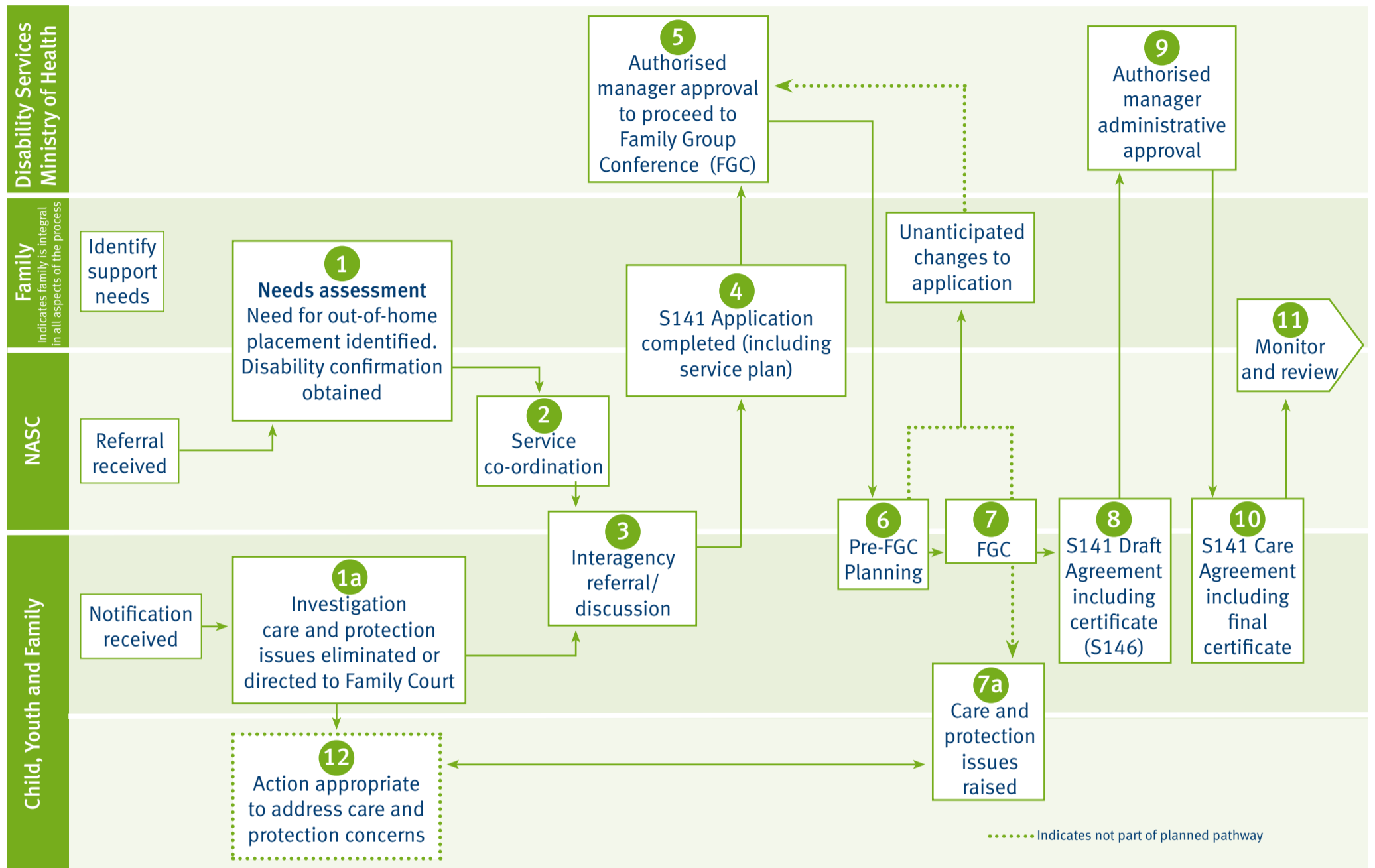


# Out-of-home placements for disabled children and youth

## Section 141 Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989



### More detail about each step

- 1 Document the rationale for the identified out-of-home placement. Include formal and informal support networks. Note if CYF have current or previous involvement.\*
- 1a Advise if there are care and protection concerns for the child or young person and determine the appropriate response. Refer to the NASC service if appropriate.\*\*
- 2 Ensure all support options have been maximised to allow the child to remain in their home. Referral made to CYF.\*
- 3 Where a child is identified as requiring an out-of-home placement as a result of disability, agencies need to agree that the section 141 pathway is the correct process to follow. All options, including Strengthening Families and High and Complex Needs, need to be considered.\*\*\*
- 4 Complete all areas of DS s141 NASC-Ministry of Health application form. Check Needs Assessment recent and still relevant.\*
- 5 Approval for the proposed package is given, including rationale, eligibility, service plan, start date (see DS s141 NASC-Ministry of Health application form). Ensure care and protection has been eliminated.\*
- 6 Facilitate pre-family group conference meeting. This meeting should include all affected parties and cover the full service plan, including all areas required for the certificate. It must not pre-empt the decision of the family group conference; instead, the focus must be on gathering the information so the options can be considered and decided upon.\*\*

NASC service and service provider must participate in pre family group conference planning and conference.

*Feedback loop:* Any changes highlighted need to come back to the authorised HDNS manager before being approved.\*

- 7 Facilitate family group conference: the conference will be child-focused and family led, and will consider the disability support and out-of-home placement needs of the disabled child or young person and their family or whānau.\*\*  
NASC service and service provider must participate in family group conference.  
*Feedback loop:* Any changes highlighted need to come back to the authorised HDNS manager before being able to be approved.\*
- 7a If there are any unaddressed care and protection issues, the family group co-ordinator needs to refer to Child, Youth and Family through a section 15 or directly by the care and protection co-ordinator under section 19.\*\*
- 8 Complete section 141 agreement in accordance with section 146. Obtain certificate under section 141(4).\*\*
- 9 Check the agreement complies with section 146. Check that the funding agreement is approved.\*
- 10 See part 8.2 of the main document.\*\*  
Discuss with Child, Youth and Family.\*
- 11 Note the time period of 12 months to return to family group conference for review. If the child is under 7 years old then a review should be held at 6 months.\*\*\*

#### Notes

\* NASC responsibility \*\* CYF responsibility \*\*\* NASC and CYF responsibility