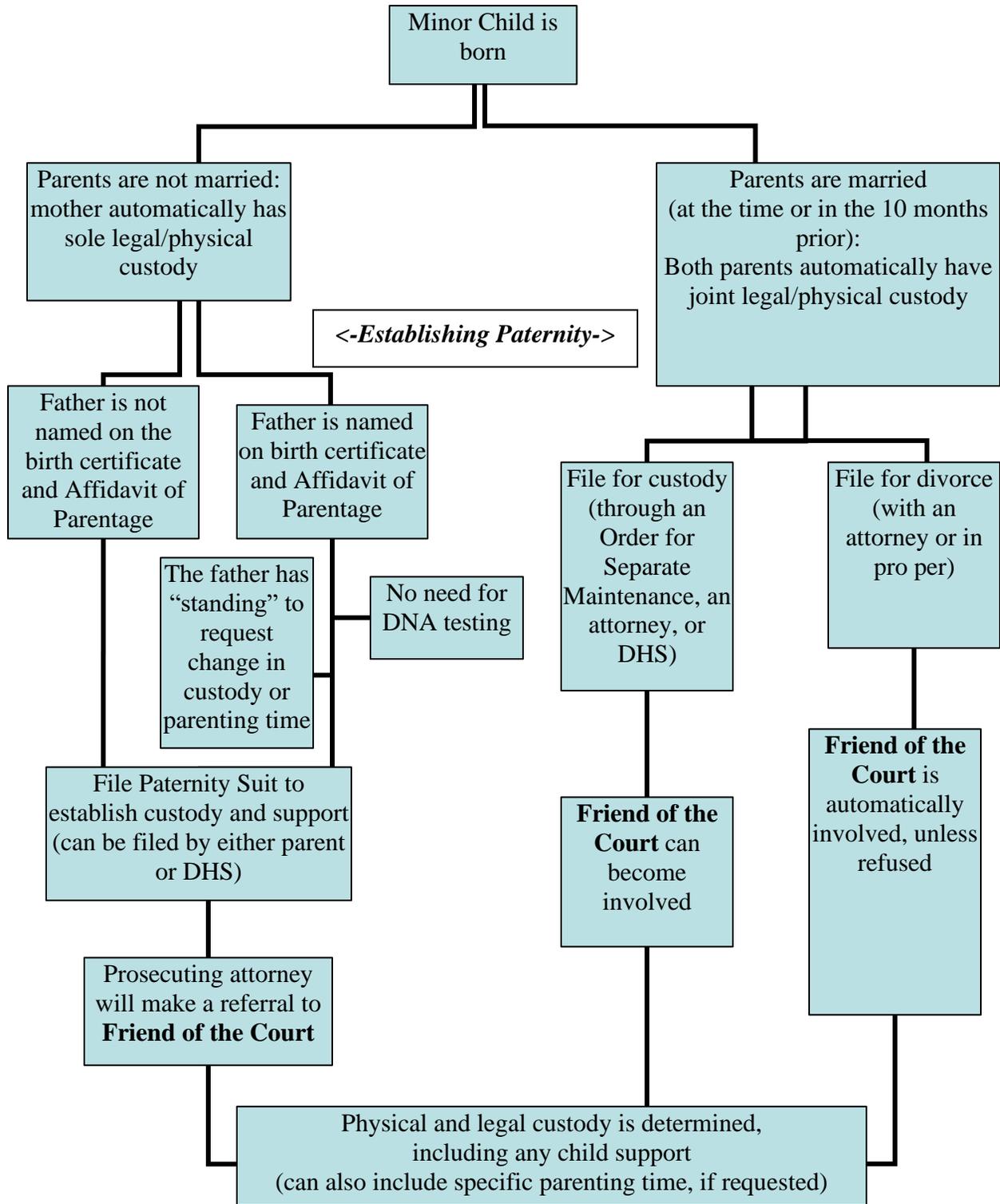


Establishing Child Custody Flowchart



*The mother has the right to decide whether or not to include the father's name on the birth certificate and allow him to sign the Affidavit of Parentage. If she receives public assistance, however, DHS will file suit to name the father to defray the state's financial assistance. The father may also pay for a DNA test to prove paternity.

*Please note, at any stage, it can be very difficult to expect police enforcement of any custody and/or parenting time issues. Once FOC is involved, motions can be filed to address violations of support or parenting time. It is important to safety plan and ensure that clients understand all of their options and the consequences of those options fully.

*Also note that this is a simple flow chart; client situations are very rarely considered simple, so be prepared for divergence from this above information