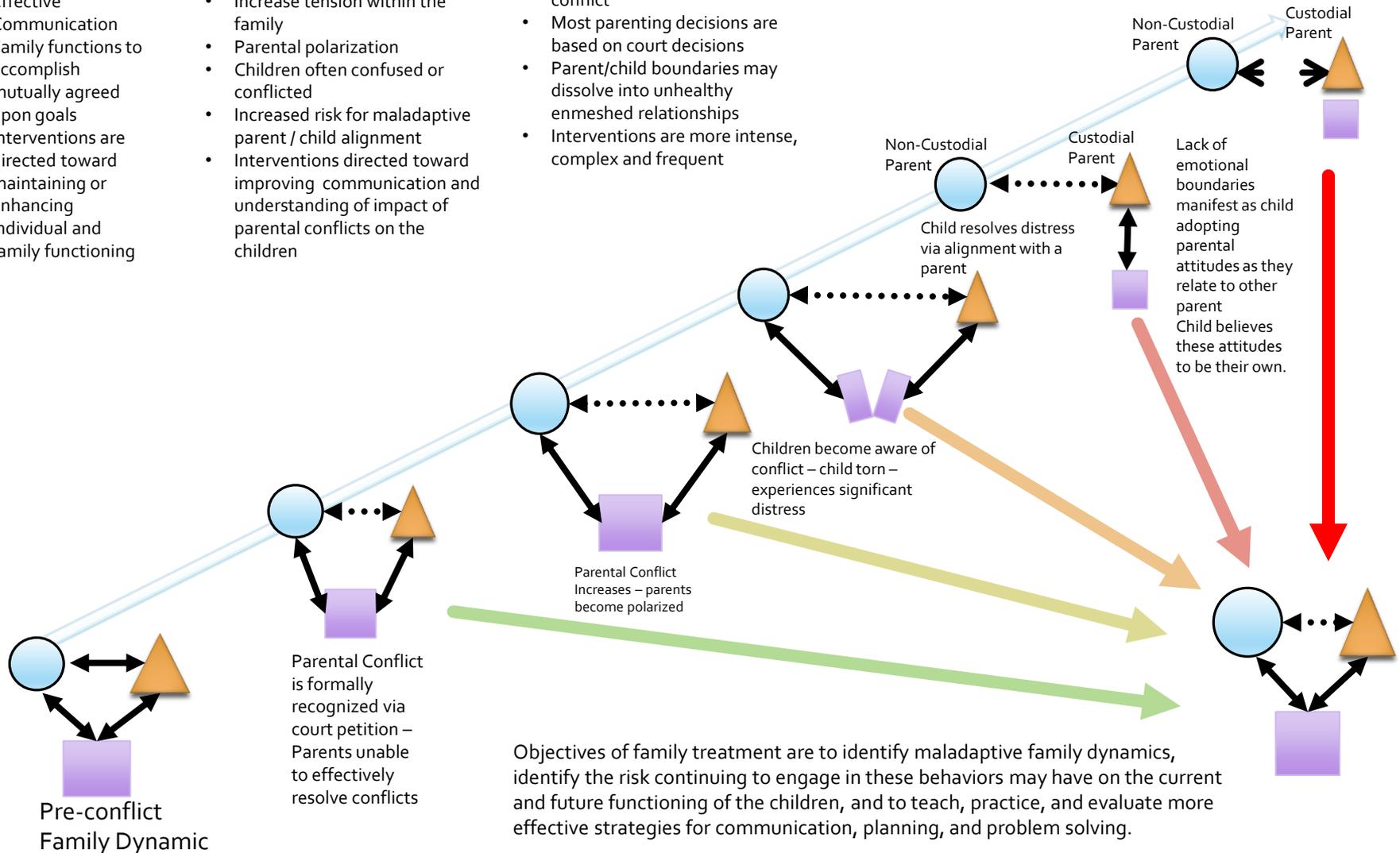


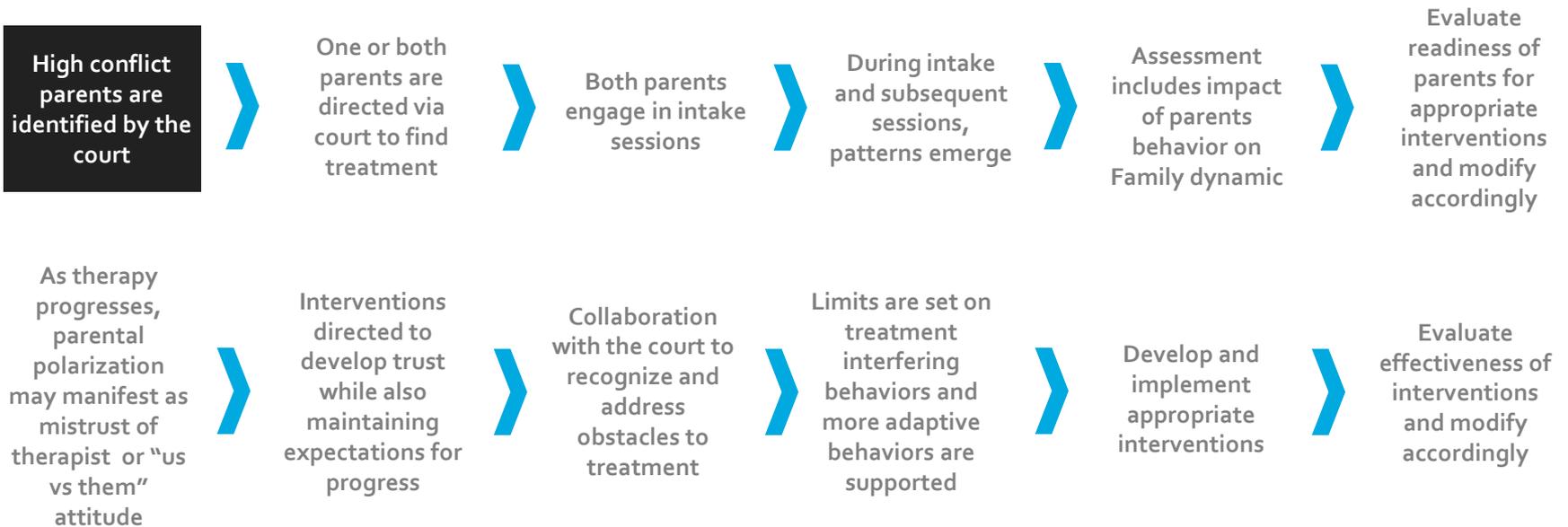
Roadmap to understanding Family Dynamics and developing lasting interventions to mitigate risk of loyalty alignment and consequent impact for children of Divorce

- Healthy Conflict Resolution
 - Effective Communication
 - Family functions to accomplish mutually agreed upon goals
 - Interventions are directed toward maintaining or enhancing individual and family functioning
- Use of ineffective conflict resolution strategies
 - Increase tension within the family
 - Parental polarization
 - Children often confused or conflicted
 - Increased risk for maladaptive parent / child alignment
 - Interventions directed toward improving communication and understanding of impact of parental conflicts on the children

- Parents typically use petitions in court as means to resolve conflict
- Most parenting decisions are based on court decisions
- Parent/child boundaries may dissolve into unhealthy enmeshed relationships
- Interventions are more intense, complex and frequent



Progress and treatment interventions to mitigate risk for children of Divorce



Forensic Family Service Objectives

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Safety for all parties involved



- Create safe space for children to share their experiences and find hope for change.
- Set clear expectations and hold all accountable to keep the space safe.

Need for insight into presenting family problems



- Identify nature of parent conflict behaviors in context of risk to children.
- Enable parents to understand the impact their ongoing conflict has on their children in the past, present, and future.

Need for integration of more adaptive social skills



- Give parents the insight and tools they need to improve the relationship with their children and resolve co-parent conflict in more adaptive manner.
- Help children understand and adaptively process the impact of their parents behaviors and facilitate cognitive realignment to more adaptive world views when indicated.

Clinical and Forensic Responsibility



- Assess and treat any mental health issues. Identify how they impact the therapeutic process.
- Collaborate with the court for the provision of forensic family treatment services.

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