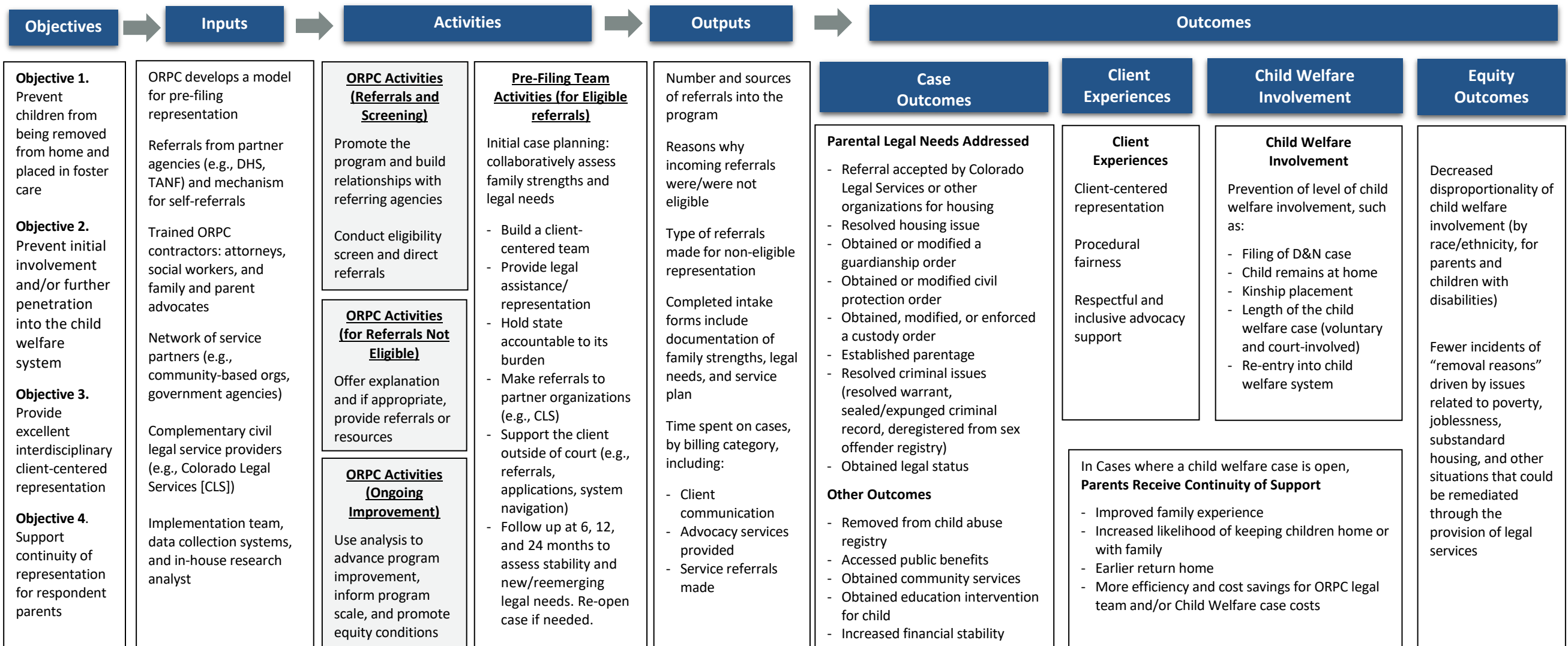


***DRAFT* Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC): Pre-Filing Representation**

Goals: Promote long-term family strengthening and protect the fundamental right to parent by providing proactive legal support to parents before a child welfare case is filed.



Target Population: Indigent parents with unresolved legal needs whose children are at risk for being removed from the home. *(Candidates under Family First)*

Assumptions: Indigent parents with unresolved legal needs lack access to timely and quality legal advocacy. Families with unresolved legal problems are vulnerable to child welfare involvement. Trauma to children is reduced when parents are provided prevention and supports to keep families together. Families need assistance navigating the complexities of the legal system and exercising their legal rights before child welfare related court involvement.

