



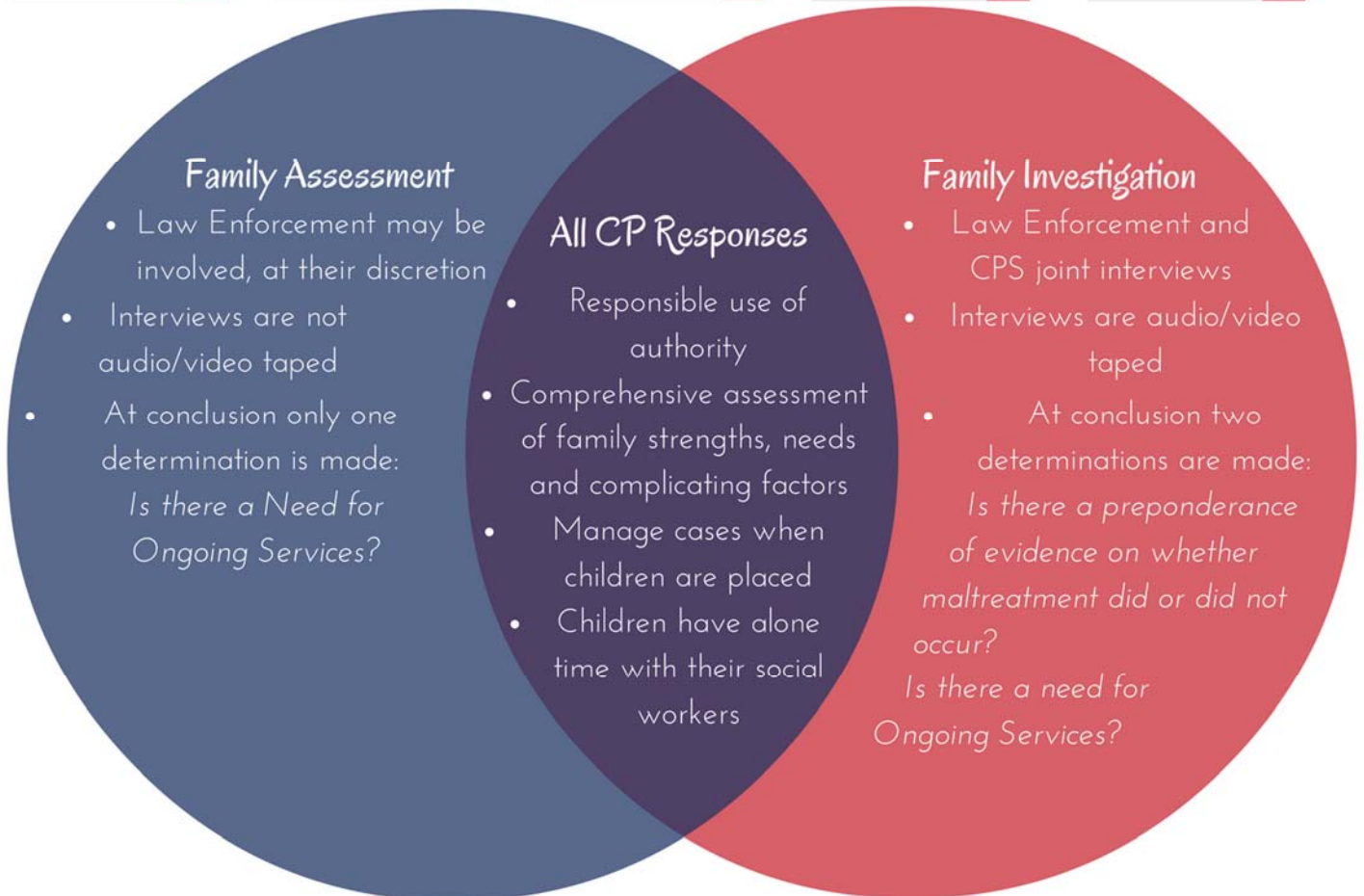
# Child Protection Response

Olmsted County uses a variety of responses to address and provide support for children to live safely with consistent caregivers who will meet their needs. Many of these responses involve Child Welfare services and are voluntary in nature. There are however, instances where community concerns regarding the safety, stability and well being of children rise to the level of Child Protection Services.

Child Protection in Minnesota involves two pathways: Family Assessment and Family Investigation. Certain cases of sexual abuse, substantial child endangerment, egregious harm and facility reports require a Family Investigation response. These represent a smaller number of cases. The majority of cases receive a Family Assessment (FA) response, which includes when a child is reported to have been within sight or sound of domestic violence.

Olmsted County best practice is to offer all families, regardless of FA or FI pathway, the same comprehensive assessment with an intentional focus on safety and service. This is an opportunity to not only engage with the family to address the concern(s) that brought them to the agency's attention, but to assess family needs and strengths and build safety and well being supports.

## How do children who may have been maltreated come to the attention of Minnesota's child protection system and receive services from local child protection?



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