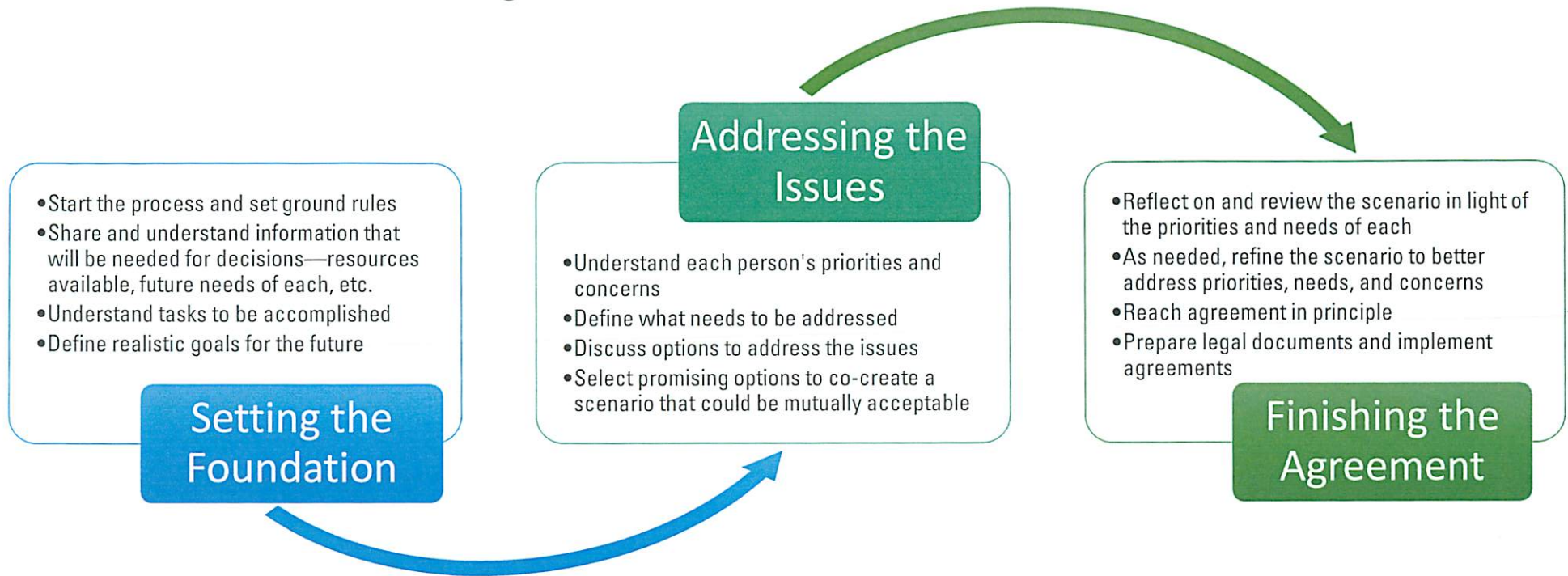


Progression of the Collaborative Process



The Collaborative Process typically follows this progression.

SETTING THE FOUNDATION. This phase is about the necessary preparation to successfully engage in the work to come. It includes signing the Participation Agreement, sharing goals, ensuring all understand the financial, parenting, and legal information, and understanding the tasks to be accomplished prior to making long-term decisions. In this phase we also start to transition thinking to what your post-divorce future might realistically hold. Short-term agreements can be made so everyone can focus on the task ahead.

ADDRESSING THE ISSUES. Before anything, we focus on what needs to be addressed—the important parts that can be included in your divorce agreement. We discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different options to address the issues and select promising possibilities to create a scenario that has a likelihood of being mutually acceptable.

FINISHING THE AGREEMENT. After reflecting on the scenario, it is refined and updated as needed until it's mutually acceptable. Then, the formalities are completed to conclude the divorce, including the necessary agreements and other legal paperwork.