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CFT Child Assessment

Case Name: [REDACTED]
Child's Name & DOB: [REDACTED]
Case Number: [REDACTED]
Date of CFT: 3/3/2017

The resource family (RF), [REDACTED], were interviewed on 1/20/2017 at their residence. The child, [REDACTED], was interviewed on 1/20/2017 at his current placement. The mother [REDACTED], and the father, [REDACTED], were interviewed on 2/7/2017 at the CWS office. The second resource family, [REDACTED], was interviewed on 2/23/2017 at her residence.

Regarding: [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED], Age 5

Medical:

The RF reported the child, [REDACTED], has an appointment at the Family Healthcare Network located at 501 N. Bridge St., Visalia, CA 93291, 1-877-960-3426, to have a CHPD exam. The RF reported the child has an allergy to peanuts and was provided an EpiPen by the Agency. Further, the RF stated she has observed the child to have dry skin. The RF stated it is unknown if the child has had a dental or vision exam. The RF did not report any additional concerns.

The child, [REDACTED], did not report any medical concerns on his behalf and was unable to provide any further information regarding medical history.

The parents stated the child last had a CHPD exam on 1/6/2017 at the Family Healthcare Network located at 401 E. School Ave, Visalia, CA 93291; 1-877-960-3426. The parents reported the child has an allergy to peanuts. The parents stated the child often gets rashes due to be sensitive to soaps and detergents. The parents stated the child should use Cetaphil wash and lotions. The mother parents the child suffered from Asthma from the ages of 2-3; however, is no longer an issue. The parents stated the child needs to have his Kidneys tested due to the mother having Polycystic Kidney Disease (hereditary). Additionally, the parents stated the child had heart palpitations and the child's doctor has told the parent's it is nothing serious to worry about. Further, the parents stated the child goes to Children's Dental Surgery Center located at 136 S. Aspen Ct, Visalia, CA 93291; 559-625-9300. The parents stated the child last was seen in October of 2016 and needs caps on some of his teeth. When the parents took him to his follow-up appointment, the child was too active to place the caps. The parent's reported another appointment has not been made.

The RF reported she is unsure when the child's last CHPD exam was; however, stated the child has an upcoming exam on 3/2/2017 at the Family Healthcare Network located at 401 E. School, Visalia, CA 93291; 1-877-960-3426. The RF stated she was unsure when the child's last dental exam was; however, stated the child has an upcoming appointment on 3/4/2017 at Family Dental Center located at 1404 S. Ben Maddox Way, Visalia, CA 93292; 1-559-302-9647. The RF was unable to provide any information regarding a vision exam but stated she would ask for a referral at her upcoming doctor's appointment. The RF stated she believes the child may have hearing difficulties because she has to say things several times in order for the child to acknowledge her. The RF stated she has plans to also bring this concern up during the child's CHPD exam. The RF stated the child is allergic to peanuts and any peanut products. The RF did not report any further medical concerns regarding the child.

Medical information that may not need to go in court report:*Summary:*

During the CFT: The RF stated the child has an upcoming appointment for a CHPD, vision, and hearing exam on 3/6/2017 at the Visalia Family Healthcare Network located at 401 E. School St, Visalia, CA 93291; 1-877-960-3426. The mother stated the child needs to be tested for Polycystic Kidney Disease which is hereditary. The RF stated she would make the appointment for the child by 3/6/2017.

Developmental:

██████ is not currently a client of Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) and appears to be up to par with his developmental stages. The child is not displaying and signs of developmental or mental delays. In the event the child should start to display signs of a developmental delay, a referral to the CVRC will be made on behalf of the child.

Developmental information that may not need to go in court report:

The mother and father stated the child has met all his developmental markers appropriately and have no concerns. Also, the parents stated the child was not a drug exposed infant.

Summary:

During the CFT: There were no concerns or issues reported at the CFT.

Educational:

The child is currently enrolled at Crowley Elementary School located at 214 E. Ferguson St., Visalia, CA 93291; telephone number 559-730-7758. The child is currently in Kindergarten.

The RF stated the child appears to be doing well in school and enjoys doing his homework. The RF did not report any concerns.

The child was unable to identify what school or grade he was currently in; however, stated his teacher was Mr. Archer. The child did not report any concerns.

The parents stated the child is a good student and receives good grades. The parents reported the child shows a great interest in learning. The parents stated they would prefer if the child remained in his school of origin for the purpose of stability and being around people who are familiar and in which he trusts. The parents denied the child being enrolled in tutoring services.

The RF reported the child is attending Crowley Elementary School located at 214 E. Ferguson St., Visalia, CA 93291; 559-730-7758. The child is currently in Kindergarten. The RF stated there are no educational concerns at this time and the child is very smart and doing well in school. The RF stated the child does not have a IEP or 504 plan.

Educational information that may not need to go in court report:*Summary:*

During the CFT: There were no concerns or issues discussed regarding the child's educational progress; however, the mother and father asked if on the day's they have visits with the child, if he can bring his homework so the parents participate in doing his homework with him.

Mental & Emotional Status:

The RF reported she is unaware if there are any mental or emotional issues. Additionally, the RF did not report any concerns and stated it appears the child is mentally healthy.

The child did not report any mental or behavioral issues.

The parents reported the child is currently participating in counseling services through the school for being Hyperactive. The parents stated the child see's Mr. Guerro who is the counseling on site. The parents denied the child ever being diagnosed with any mental health concerns and stated the child is not taking any medications. Additionally, the parents stated the child has never been hospitalized for 5150 and has not has suicidal ideations.

The RF stated the current Social Worker (SW) has submitted a referral to Visalia Youth Services Bureau (VYSB) for the child to engage in counseling services but has not received any information for an appointment. The RF was unsure if the child has been diagnosed with any mental health conditions or has been hospitalized for a 5150. The RF stated the child is not currently taking any medications and has expressed no suicidal ideations or self harming behaviors.

Mental and emotional information that may not need to go in court report:

Summary:

During the CFT: The RF notified the group she has not been notified regarding a mental health assessment for the child. The CAT SW stated she would contact the CWS Clinicians to follow up and this would be completed by 3/3/2017. Everyone agreed as a group the child could benefit from counseling and has experience some significant trauma's in his life.

Emotional Behaviors:

According to the RF when the child is happy he is playing, laughing, and smiling. The RF was unable to state what the child looks like when he is feeling angry. The RF reported when the child is feeling sad he pouts and cries. The RF stated when the child is feeling stressed out he will cry. Further, the RF stated the child is compliant when given direction.

Upon interviewing the child, he stated when he is happy he smiles and feels happy. When asked, the child stated his birthday makes him happy. The child stated when he is feeling sad he will cry. The child reported he cries at nights because he doesn't have his mom or dad. Also, the child stated his brother, [REDACTED], died and he cries at night for [REDACTED]. The child stated when he is feeling mad he will yell and scream. The child reported time-outs make him angry. The child stated he is compliant when given direction.

The parents stated when the child is happy he has a big smile, is laughing, and is hyper. The parents reported when the child is feeling sad he will cry, becomes whinny, and needs comfort and affection. When the child becomes angry, the parents stated the child will throw things, screams, and well yell "fine". The parents reported the child is compliant when given directions. Furthermore, the parents stated when the child is feeling stressed or faced with a crisis situation he will attempt to avoid the situation all together. For example, when the family was saying goodbye to his younger brother, [REDACTED], the child would distract himself with talking to the doctor and coloring.

The RF stated when the child is happy he will have a happy expression on his face, smiles, and runs around. The RF reported the child will become quiet when sad. The RF stated this happens often after visits with his parents. The RF stated it is unknown what the child looks like when angry. When asked, the RF reported the child is compliant when given instruction. The RF stated when in a stressful situation (time outs), he will kick the walls.

Summary:

During the CFT: It was discussed the child gets very excited to see his parents on their visit days and is a generally happy child. No issues or concerns were reported at the CFT.

Family Relationships

Mother's statement: The mother stated prior to the child being removed, it was herself, the father, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] in the home. The mother stated the family is very affectionate with lots of hugs and kisses. The mother stated her and the father are constantly telling the children they "love them". The mother reported the child was especially close with the maternal grandfather; however, passed away. The mother also reported the child is close with his younger sister, [REDACTED], and her and the father. The mother denied there being anyone in the family who the child does not like. The mother denied the child ever being exposed to DV but did admit both her and the father have yelled and argued in front of the children.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child stated prior to removal he lived in the home with his mother, father, [REDACTED] (sister), [REDACTED] (sister), and [REDACTED] (brother). The child stated his brother is dead because he "bled from the nose". The child reported feeling close to everyone in his family. When asked, the child did not report disliking anyone in the home. The child stated both his mother and his father were primary caregivers. Further, the child reported being exposed to domestic violence stating he saw his father hit his mother in the face causing a bloody nose. The child reported he saw this happen once.

Resource family statement: The RF stated the child has not expressed any feelings or commented on his family. The RF stated the child has only asked if he will be staying with them for a long time. The RF stated to their knowledge the child lived in the home with his mother, father, and siblings prior to removal.

The second RF stated the child talks often about his deceased brother, [REDACTED]. The RF stated the child doesn't talk about his family often so was unable to provide someone in the family the child is particularly close to. It is unknown the RF if there is anyone in the family in which the child does not like. The RF was unsure if the child has ever been exposed to domestic violence.

Summary:

During the CFT: The RF reported the child is enjoying the "memory book" the parents made for the child at bedtime. The RF stated the child looks at it often. No other issues or concerns were discussed at the CFT.

Substance Abuse

Mother's statement: The mother stated the child has been educated on drugs and alcohol both in the home and at school for Red Ribbon Week.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child reported his mother and father drink "that stuff". When asked, the child reported his mother gets crazy and mad at dad when she drinks. The child stated being fearful of his mother while she is drinking. The child reported his father gets mad when he drinks and he is fearful of him at these times.

Resource family statement: The RF stated they were unaware if there is any alcohol or substance abuse in the home.

The second RF stated she is unsure if there is any substance or alcohol abuse in the child's home prior to removal.

Summary:

During the CFT: The mother and father are enrolled in Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD), are participating in AA and are testing for the Agency at Avertest to address their addictions. There were no issues or concerns discussed regarding the child.

Cultural Identity/Family language

Mother's statement: The mother stated the child is only English speaking. The mother reported the family will pray before meal times and bed at night. The mother stated the child identifies him as Caucasian, although she is Hispanic. The mother reported since she does not speak Spanish, therefore, the child does not identify as being half Hispanic.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child reported he speaks English. The child did not report any cultural practices important to him.

Resource family statement: The RF stated the child is only English speaking. The RF stated the child has not made any comments regarding cultural identity.

The second RF stated the child is English speaking only. The RF stated she is unsure if the child has any cultural practices in which are important to the child.

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns identified at the CFT.

Peer/Adult Social Relationships

Mother's statement: The mother reported the child has positive relationships with adults. The mother reported the child is very close with his teacher, Mr. Archer. Additionally, the mother stated the child feels comfortable with his school counselor (Mr. Guerrero) and the Vice Principle. The mother stated the child makes friends very easily and does not currently have any issues with other children. The mother stated when the school year first started the child was getting bullied; however, after speaking with the school, the problems were resolved. The mother stated the child's best friends are [REDACTED]. The mother stated there are no concerns regarding the child's choice in friends.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child stated his best friend is Georgie.

Resource family statement: The RF stated the child appears to have positive relationships with peers and adults. The RF stated the child acts appropriately with peers and adults. The RF stated the child is easy going and gets along well with everyone in the home. The RF stated the child has not reported any specific children he is friendly with but states he has friends.

The second RF stated the child appears to have positive relationships with adults; however, is shy at first. The RF stated the child has not identified any adults that he is close to. Further, the RF stated the child appears to make friends easily and his best friend is Isaac and talks about him often.

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.

Delinquent Behavior/History

Mother's statement: The mother did not report any delinquent behaviors by the child.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: N/A

Resource family statement: The RF did not report any delinquent behaviors by the child.

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns were discussed at the CFT.

Trauma

Mother's statement: The mother reported the child has experienced several traumas; the most recent being the removal from his home and the death of his younger brother, [REDACTED]. The mother also reported the child lost his maternal grandfather whom he was very close with. The mother denied the child having any nightmares, sleeping problems, or eating problems.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child reported he cries at night for his mother and father. Additionally, the child stated he cries for his brother, [REDACTED], who died.

Resource family statement: The RF stated the child has been through recent trauma due to his removal from the home and the death of his infant brother, [REDACTED]. The RF was unsure if the child has been involved in any prior trauma. Further, the RF stated the child is sleeping well, eating well, and gets up easily in the morning.

The second RF stated the child appears to struggle with the death of his brother, [REDACTED]. The RF informed this SW the child has a memory book with pictures of the family and the child will identify [REDACTED] as being dead. The RF also stated he will become sad after visits with his mother and father and talks about his time in the hospital when [REDACTED] died. The RF stated the child has good eating and sleeping practices and has not had any nightmares since in her care.

Summary:

During the CFT: The RF stated the child is upset sometimes at night because he misses his mom, dad, and [REDACTED] however, it getting better all the time. The group agreed to how important it is to have the child engaged in counseling services to address all the recent trauma's that has occurred.

Strengths & Needs

Mother's statement: The mother stated the child's strengths are that he is personable, sweet, smart, protective of his younger siblings, loves to learn, and is very affectionate. The mother stated the child needs love, affection, and attention. The mother stated the child enjoys reading, writing, drawing, coloring, and building with blocks.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child stated he likes to play and find toy money in the toys at his placement. The child also reported enjoyed arts and crafts such as cutting paper and coloring.

Resource family statement: The resource parents stated the child's strengths are he enjoys playing with toys, balls, and the tablet. The resource parents stated he does well with the other children. The resource family stated the child may need counseling due to the trauma he has endured in such a short amount of time.

The second RF stated the child's strengths are he is a good listener, smart, and enjoys sports. The RF stated the child needs counseling to deal with the death of his brother. The RF stated the child enjoys going to the park, watching movies, playing with Lego's, and playing with his little sister, [REDACTED].

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression

Mother's statement: The mother stated the child identifies as a male.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: No concerns reported by the child.

Resource family statement: No concerns reported by the RF.

The second RF stated the child appears to be interested in girls and identifies himself as a boy.

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.

Transition to Adulthood

Mother's statement: N/A

Father's statement: N/A

Child's statement: N/A

Resource family statement: N/A

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.

Household Relationship

Mother's statement: The mother stated the child was having issues at his previous placement because he was not allowed to cry and put on time outs if he did. Further, the mother stated the child seems to enjoy the current placement and stated she likes the foster mother. The mother stated she feels the child is integrating well into placement and that he is being treated equally and fairly. Further, the mother stated the child has not disclosed having any conflicts with anyone inside the home and stated the child has mentioned he likes playing with their Lego's.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: When asked, the child reported he is enjoying his placement. The child reported his favorite thing about the home is there are a lot of toys. The child reported he wants to stay in this home but wants his parents to be here too. The child reported he feels safe in his placement.

Resource family statement: The RF stated the child appears to be happy in their home. The RF stated the child is integrating well into the home with the other members of the household. The RF reported the child comes home from school happy, enjoys eating together, and playing. The RF stated there have been no conflicts.

The second RF stated she feels the child likes being in her home and is doing really good. The RF stated the child likes to play and communicates openly with her. The RF reported the child is integrating well into her household and does not have conflict with anybody in the home. The RF stated the child is treated fairly and equally in the home. The RF stated the family eats dinner together every night at the dinner table and before eating they say grace. The RF stated the child enjoys the prayer said before dinner. Moreover, the RF reported the child has a lot of energy so, they often go to the park to play.

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns identified at the CFT.

Social Support System

Mother's statement: The mother stated the child support system includes her and the father. The mother stated Mr. Archer is somebody the child could easily talk to, as well as, his counselor or Vice Principle. The mother stated the child enjoys spending time with his sister, [REDACTED] and loves being at school. Again, the mother stated the child loves learning.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: No statement given at this time.

Resource family statement: The RF reported the child has no disclosed any information regarding his support system.

The second RF was unsure about the child's social support system. However, stated she feels the child would talk to her or his social worker.

Summary:

During the CFT: No issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.

Parenting Skills

Mother's statement: The mother stated while in the home the child was given time outs and had things taken away as forms of discipline. The mother stated she and the father are believers in positive reinforcement by giving rewards for a job well done. The mother denied any physical discipline in the home.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: No statement given at this time.

Resource family statement: The RF stated discipline consists of talking to the child.

The second RF stated the child has commented about getting spankings and TV and toys taken away at his home with his parents. The RF stated the only form of discipline in her home is time outs.

Summary:

During the CFT: The RF stated the child is well behaved and compliant when given directions. No issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.

Placement Preference

Mother's statement: The mother stated her first preference of placement is home with her and the father. Otherwise, the mother stated she feels the current placement is a good fit for the child.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child stated his placement preference would be in the home with his parents; however, stated feeling safe and happy in his current placement.

Resource family statement: The RF stated they are able to meet the needs of the child and believes the placement is a good one for the child. The only concerns reported by the RF are transportation to and from school because they run a family daycare.

The second RF stated she feels the child is doing well in her home and it is a good placement for him. The RF stated she is able and willing to meet the needs of the child.

Summary:

During the CFT: The parents stated they are happy with the current placement while they are working on their case plan and reunification with the child. No issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.

Permanency (concurrent plan)

Mother's statement: The mother stated she wants the child back in her home permanently. However, if for some reason reunification is not achieved, the mother has a friend who lives in Texas who would be willing to care for the child. The friend's name is [REDACTED]. The mother stated there are also relatives who could be considered for permanent placement.

Father's statement: Same as the mother's.

Child's statement: The child reported wanting to be home with his mother and father.

Resource family statement: The RF stated she would consider long term placement of the child and possibly legal guardianship. The RF stated they were not interested in adoption at this time due to the child's age.

The second RF stated she would be willing to adopt the child and his siblings if reunification failed.

Summary:

During the CFT: The mother and father stated in the event they are unable to reunify with the child, [REDACTED], will be their "go to". No further issues or concerns were identified at the CFT.