

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

E.S.

DOB: XX-XX-XXXX

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE
OF EIGHTEEN

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CASE NO.

JANE DOE - CASE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT #1
AS OF APRIL 18, 2014

COMES NOW, JANE DOE, Mother of the above-named children, having been requested by the Department of Family and Children Services to complete a case plan for reunification with her children filed February 22, 2014, and in anticipation that this Court will order that such case plan be substantially completed on or before September 6, 2014, does hereby submit this, her Case Plan Progress Report #1 and does thereby notify this Court of her progress on said case plan as of April 21, 2014. Ms. Doe does represent that her progress and that of DFCS on said case plan has been as follows:

CASE PLAN GOAL #1: SAFETY FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

Step 1 - DFCS must schedule appointments for children for psychological or psychiatric evaluations and counseling

- DFCS CM has informed mother that counseling, perhaps, has begun for the children, although no specifics of same has been provided to Ms. Doe
- Ms. Doe requests that DFCS continuously update her and her attorney, in writing, as to any and all evaluation and counseling specifics for each child as well as reports of any and all evaluations and progress notes from providers

Step 2 - John Smith may not reside in Ms. Doe's home or have any contact with children. Ms. Doe must outline a plan to protect her children from sexual abuse.

- John Smith no longer resides in Ms. Doe's home as of the date of E.S.'s outcry to relatives - Ms. Doe moved out of his home and moved in with her mother
- Ms. Doe will ensure that Mr. Smith has no contact with the children - although Mr. Smith called her on one occasion while she was at a visit with her children, she has now blocked his number and has had no contact with him since that date, nor does she intend to have contact with him or to permit her children to do so - Mr. Smith sent

her a letter from the jail (after he was arrested for his actions against E.S.) but she did not respond - it appears that Mr. Smith has an ICE hold and will be deported either during or following his prosecution

- To protect her children in the future, Ms. Doe will:
 - A. Strive to keep her children away from adult men entirely, particularly as childcare providers for the children
 - B. Ms. Doe's sister, Jill Doe, as well as her aunt, Betty Boop, are both willing to assist Ms. Doe with childcare should the children be returned to her care
 - Jill Doe has a misdemeanor criminal history but has successfully completed probation; She has also previously been approved by DFCS as a childcare provider for these exact children; Ms. Doe also stands ready to undergo any and all required processes to be considered as a placement for any or all of the children
 - Betty Boop is on felony probation for shoplifting but will be successfully released from probation this year; She has also previously been the temporary placement for another child in the extended family through DFCS
 - Neither individual has a history of abuse or neglect of children
 - Both individuals would be willing to undergo criminal background checks and home evaluations
 - Both individuals currently reside in the same home with Ms. Doe, however, Ms. Doe could and would seek other residence, if necessary, so as to facilitate her sister serving as a placement
 - C. Ms. Doe would like the opportunity to work one-on-one with an intensive parent aide to further explore strategies for protecting her children

Step 3 - Ms. Doe must attend and successfully complete a mental health evaluation

- Completed a mental health evaluation with AVITA on 3/24/14
- Report was to have been submitted to CM Sarah Jones on that date by AVITA

Step 4 - Ms. Doe must follow any and all recommendations from the mh evaluation

- The assessor stated verbally to Ms. Doe that the mental health assessment did not recommend that Ms. Doe participate in any mental health services
- Ms. Doe requests that DFCS provide her and her attorney with a copy of the evaluation report, as it was sent directly from the provider to DFCS on 3/24/14

Step 5 - DFCS will provide Ms. Doe with a list of mh professionals to contact to set up her mh evaluation

- DFCS provided referral for AVITA Community Partners, which Ms. Doe utilized

CASE PLAN GOAL #2: SAFETY FROM EMOTIONAL HARM

Step 1 - DFCS must give Ms. Doe a referral for a domestic violence assessment

- DFCS provided referral for Gateway, which Ms. Doe has utilized

Step 2 - Ms. Doe must make an appointment for a DV assessment

- Was scheduled for 4/18/14 at 11:30am at Gateway
- Gateway called 4/17/14 - rescheduled for 4/21/14 at 1pm - will go before court

Step 3 - Ms. Doe must attend and successfully complete the DV evaluation

- Scheduled for 4/21/14 at 1pm

Step 4 - Ms. Doe must attend and successfully complete any recommended DV counseling. Ms. Doe must submit completion paperwork to DFCS, the court, CASA and the children's attorney and must provide a clear plan identifying what steps she will take to ensure no DV occurs in the presence of her children

- Ms. Doe will provide any and all paperwork to DFCS following completion of any classes or services recommended by Gateway or will sign any needed releases so as to permit Gateway to release said information directly to DFCS
- To protect her children in the future, Ms. Doe will:
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 - C. Ms. Doe would like the opportunity to work one-on-one with an intensive parent aide to further explore strategies for protecting her children

- D. Ms. Doe will also supplement these strategies in writing upon completion of any DV education or counseling recommended through her DV assessment at Gateway

CASE PLAN GOAL #3: CARE FOR CHILDREN'S MEDICAL NEEDS

Step 1 - DFCS and/or placement will schedule medical and dental appointments for children

- Ms. Doe has not been made aware of any medical or dental appointments that either DFCS or the placement has scheduled for her children
- She has not been provided with any paperwork or other documentation apprising her of the outcomes or diagnosis of any medical or dental appointments for her children
- Ms. Doe requests that DFCS continuously provide her and her attorney with copies of any and all documentation pertaining to the children's medical or dental care while they have been in DFCS custody

Step 2 - Ms. Doe must submit a plan to DFCS to show how she intends to coordinate a schedule for regular (well check) and sick medical and dental appointments for all children and follow all recommendations of the providers

- Regular check-ups and Dental check-ups - Ms. Doe will keep track of timelines and scheduling for well checks for each child through a paper calendar book as well as programming them into her phone with reminders; She intends to do the best she can to schedule the regular appointments for all of the children on the same day
- Sick appointments - Ms. Doe will schedule sick appointments on the day that any child presents with any medical issue and will take any sick children on that day; as a preliminary measure, Ms. Doe will continue to utilize the nurse line to provide the doctor's office with a list of symptoms to get advice on whether a child needs to see a doctor prior to making a sick appointment
- Ms. Doe would like the opportunity to work one-on-one with an intensive parent aide to further explore strategies for ensuring her children's medical and dental needs are met

Step 3 - DFCS and/or placement will ensure Ms. Doe is informed as to dates of medical and dental appointments so that she may attend and participate

- Ms. Doe was informed that E.S. was in the hospital for breathing problems a couple of months ago - she was given breathing treatments and sent home - Ms. Doe drove to Atlanta upon hearing from the CM but E.S. had already been discharged by the time she arrived
- Ms. Doe has not been informed of any other medical or dental appointments
- Ms. Doe requests that DFCS provider her and her attorney with copies of any and all documentation pertaining to the children's medical or dental care while they have been in DFCS custody

CASE PLAN GOAL #4: ENSURE CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ARE MET

Step 1 - DFCS or placement will provide the children's schedule for parent/teacher and/or IEP conferences

- Ms. Doe has received no reports or information from DFCS that any such conferences have or will occurred
- She has been informed of Kindergarten graduations for A.S. and L.S. and would like to attend those celebrations if at all possible
- Ms. Doe requests that DFCS provide her and her attorney with copies of any and all documentation pertaining to the children's educational status, including report cards, attendance records, IEP paperwork, behavior referrals, discipline records, school schedules and calendars, and any other documentation related to their education or schooling while they have been in DFCS custody

Step 2 - Ms. Doe will participate with her children's parent/teacher and/or IEP conferences in person or by phone

- Ms. Doe stands ready to participate in any and all conferences for all the children, either in person or by phone, provided she DFCS notifies her of the scheduling of these conferences at least 72 hours in advance of their occurrence

Step 3 - Ms. Doe will submit to DFCS, CASA, court and attorney a plan outlining how she will maintain children's compliance with school issues. Ms. Doe will outline how she will avoid unexcused tardies and absences and, instead, show how she plans to have her children in school on time everyday. It will also demonstrate how she will be compliant with IEP and teacher conferences in regard to her children's education needs.

- If the children were returned to Ms. Doe, they would all attend Little Hill Elementary, as they have in the past
- All children will ride the school bus each day so as to ensure that they will be on time
- Ms. Doe will meet with all of the children's teachers at the beginning of the school year to review the children's educational needs and then communicate throughout the year as to their progress
- Ms. Doe will participate in all IEP and teacher conferences for each child and will document their scheduling on both a paper and electronic calendar
- In order to ensure that the children all attend school without unexcused absences, Ms. Doe will ensure they they stay healthy, well-rested, well-fed and that any excused absences will be accompanied by a doctor's note
- Ms. Doe would like the opportunity to work one-on-one with an intensive parent aide so as to further develop any needed additional strategies regarding her children's educational needs

CASE PLAN GOAL #5: ABILITY TO CARE FOR AND SUPERVISE CHILDREN

Step 1 - DFCS must give parent a referral for appropriate parenting classes geared to meet needs of parent and/or child

- DFCS has referred Ms. Doe to Family Ties of Gainesville for parenting classes

Step 2 - Ms. Doe must schedule appointments to attend parenting classes

- Ms. Doe has begun parenting classes with Family Ties of Gainesville
- She has attended 4 total classes - she will continue attending classes until Family Ties indicates to her she has completed their course of study
- Ms. Doe would also like the opportunity to work one-on-one with a parent aide so as to further develop her parenting skills and to address needs specific to her situation and her children

Step 3 - Ms. Doe must attend and successfully complete all parenting classes. Ms. Doe will utilize skills learned in parenting classes when visiting with the children. Once classes are completed, Ms. Doe will provide paperwork to DFCS, the court, attorneys involved in the case, and CASA

- Ms. Doe will complete the parenting classes she has begun, and has already begun utilizing the skills she has learned and will continue to do so
- Upon completion of her classes, Ms. Doe will either provide a certificate of completion or will sign any needed releases so as to permit Family Ties to provide information to necessary parties
- Ms. Doe requests that DFCS provide her and her attorney with written feedback from the visitation supervisor/transporter as to her interactions with her children as well as suggestions as to how to improve those interactions
- Ms. Doe would also like the opportunity to work one-on-one with a parent aide so as to further develop her parenting skills and to address needs specific to her situation and her children

Step 4 - Ms. Doe will not physically discipline her children and will use alternative (non-harmful) forms of discipline learned in her parenting classes. Ms. Doe will provide a plan as to how she will ensure her children are not physically abused by others and/or disciplined by inappropriate and unsafe parties

- Ms. Doe commits to using alternative/non-harmful forms of discipline
- To protect her children in the future, Ms. Doe will:
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 - B. Ms. Doe's sister, Jill Doe, as well as her aunt, Betty Boop, are both willing to assist Ms. Doe with childcare and supervision of the children
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ready to undergo any and all required processes to be considered as a placement for any or all of the children

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Step 5 - Ms. Doe must obtain and maintain stable, clean, and safe housing that is also large enough for herself and for her children

- Ms. Doe resides at 1111 Hill Overlook Road, Lot 1, Gainesville, GA
- It is a 4 bedroom trailer with 1 bath, which has sufficient space for Ms. Doe and her six children
- See photographs provided/attached
- DFCS has visited the home on one occasion when Ms. Doe was at work and reported to Ms. Doe's aunt no specific safety concerns, although there was apparently expressed a concern by the case manager to CASA about a lack of furniture - Ms. Doe would like DFCS to visit again as soon as possible so as to observe the furniture in the home now
- Ms. Doe resides there with her aunt Betty Boop and sister Jill Doe, although Ms. Boop and Ms. Jill Doe would intend to relocate if the children were returned to the home
- CASA has visited the home and reports no concerns about conditions

Step 6 - Ms. Doe will pay child support in the amount determined by the courts while her children are in the custody of DFCS

- DFCS has not requested that Ms. Doe pay a specific amount of child support at this time, although she would be willing to pay some amount that contemplates both her status as indigent as well as the cost she incurs in traveling a great distance to visit with her children in the remote locations where DFCS has placed them
- While she visits with her children, Ms. Doe provides 2 meals on that day for each of the children as well as gifts and activities during the visits

Step 7 - Ms. Doe must obtain and maintain a source of income/support for the children

- Ms. Doe has worked Silver River Foods since September 2013 and will continue to have such employment in the future
- She makes \$8 per hour and works 40 or more hours per week on a variable schedule
- When in her care, the children receive Medicaid benefits to pay for their medical care

- Were the children in Ms. Doe's custody, they would likely be entitled to other government benefits such as food stamps and possible TANF, although those specific benefits cannot be secured unless and until the children are returned to Ms. Doe's custody

NEEDED AMENDMENTS TO CASE PLAN

So as to facilitate a meaningful and reasonable opportunity to reunify with her children, Ms. Doe respectfully requests that her current case plan be amended so as to include:

1. The requirement that DFCS provide her with intensive one-on-one parent aide services so as to further develop strategies for protecting her children from physical and sexual abuse and for ensuring that her children's medical, dental, and educational needs are met.
2. That she be permitted twice weekly phone contact with each of her children.
3. That she be permitted weekly unsupervised visitation with her children at her home to be observed, as needed, by the parent aide.
4. That her aunt Betty Boop or her sister Jill Doe be permitted to attend any and all visitations with her.
5. That she be made aware of and permitted to attend any and all school activities for her children, including graduations, honors days, school performances, etc.

NEEDED INFORMATION FROM DFCS

So as to facilitate successful completion of her case plan and a meaningful and reasonable opportunity to reunify with her children, Ms. Doe respectfully requests that DFCS provide her and her attorney with the following written documentation, both immediately and continuously throughout the pendency of this matter:

1. All school records for each of the children, including grades, attendance records, calendars, schedules, teacher contact information, IEPs, 504 plans, progress reports, discipline records, etc.
2. All mental health, medical and dental records including appointment dates, doctor's notes and diagnoses, evaluations, reports, prescription records, discharge summaries, contact information for all providers, progress notes, etc.
3. Written feedback and observations from visitation supervisors and transporters as well as any parent aide assigned both now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted, this 21st day of April 2014.

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