



Date: [REDACTED]/2023

J-[REDACTED]

Petitioner [REDACTED] (Aunt)

Vs

Defendant [REDACTED] (Current Custodian, Family Friend)

Re: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

Family Strengths

[REDACTED] is a “sweet kid”. Ms. [REDACTED] is committed to providing for him and meeting his complex professional and educational needs. [REDACTED] cares about [REDACTED] deeply and values his relationship between him and his sister [REDACTED].

Findings and Recommendations

1. No safety concerns found in either home
2. Neither custodian says they are currently using a paddle for discipline, both have previously
3. A set time for weekly phone calls between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to be arranged

Case Notes and Interviews

Completed a Home Visit with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] pm on [REDACTED]-23.

Residents include [REDACTED], her husband [REDACTED], and their niece that they are in the process of adopting [REDACTED].

There were no safety concerns, in the 3 bedroom 2 bathroom house. They own weapons and they are locked away, and child's medications were locked away.

Completed a home visit with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] am on [REDACTED]-23.

Home was three bedrooms, two bathrooms. There were no safety concerns. There was running water, functioning appliances and an adequate food supply. Smoke detectors were present and [REDACTED] has his own room. A small hand gun is locked and stored away in custodian's bedroom.

Custodian shared all of [REDACTED]'s mental and physical health records, and school documents.

Called [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]'s Intensive Care Case Manager.) at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] am on [REDACTED]-23

I've been working with him since late summer of last year. He's had involvement with JJC due sporadic behavior triggers from family behaviors. I think he has made great progress since being in intensive case management.

Recently there has been an increase in anxiety behaviors due to the involvement of the recent custody case. When the current petition was filed with the courts he found out the next day. The next day he went to school he threatened some students and got sent to [REDACTED]. Talking to his sister also spurs behaviors. Days after talking to his sister he acts out in school. He's doing way better at [REDACTED] than he was at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] gets very stressed out and doesn't know how to talk about it.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have worked on their relationship significantly. She is very structured and that's what he's needed. Structure wasn't always the best at Grandmother's and other places that he's been. She's worked a lot with trauma with him. A disruption in caregiving or a change in placement would severely negatively impact him. He's had the DA involved and he's recently made disclosures of more abuse. He has a forensic interview coming up due to some heavy trauma he disclosed to [REDACTED] about a week ago, she filed a DCS report and that is why the forensic interview was scheduled.

[REDACTED] is insistent that he wants to stay with [REDACTED]. He's old enough to ask questions and want to know what it looks like and what areas it can go to. [REDACTED] doesn't think [REDACTED] going to court to talk to the judge would be beneficial at this time.

About [REDACTED], [REDACTED] said: "I don't think he knows her ([REDACTED]) well."

Being diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD) he has experienced quite a lot of trauma, he has issues with making a healthy attachment with caregivers. He has made progress with [REDACTED]. it is not where [REDACTED] wants it to be but he's made progress with feeling comfortable with her and being able to share stuff with her. Starting over would not be the best for him.

Called the Director of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is at [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was first enrolled in June of last summer, started here in July. I have no concerns with his living environment he's in now. Although I do know he has a lot of abuse in his past that he is trying to work his way through. His behavior here has been pretty good overall he's had some minor outbursts but nothing major. He had one incident after court where he jumped on a kid unprovoked. [REDACTED]. The day he got out of Juvenile. He really is a sweet kid. He gets triggered by kids saying things about his mom or things like that and he'll go off and say he doesn't have a mom or his mom's not around. He hasn't done anything physical in a month. He's gone to boxing every day working out his anger out that way as well. He's working on a lot of remedial math skills, they have remedial classes and dinner each night. I think it's helped [REDACTED] to realize that he's not the only one who has family in jail and that doesn't live with his biological family.

He's grown up a lot since I started working with him. His guardian is really trying to hold him accountable and teach him that these actions aren't ok. She's really calling him out, he'll lie a lot. She really calls him out on his actions, has him come back in and tell the truth with things at school or something like that. He used to lie about silly stuff, he hasn't done that in a while.

He's really liked living with her and he's enjoyed it from what he's told me.

Called [REDACTED] am on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] got custody of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a family friend who got custody of [REDACTED] in 20[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] thinks [REDACTED] "doesn't need to be with those girls." While living with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would expose himself to [REDACTED]. and [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] didn't understand what was wrong with that. "I felt like it was best for them to be separate because they feed off of each other's traumas."

[REDACTED] has been doing better in school since [REDACTED] left the home. She has concerns about the kids moving in with the aunt ([REDACTED]) and uncle because they do not know them well.

Called [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been to seven different elementary schools. There is an open CPS report about the allegations of sexual abuse [REDACTED] made about his dad. [REDACTED] says that [REDACTED] is currently involved in several organizations and activities including: Mental Health Co-op, the Y cap of [REDACTED], and church every Sunday and Wednesday.

[REDACTED] has spent time in the Juvenile Justice Center recently due to some violent behavior.

[REDACTED] has concerns with the phone calls between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She supervises the phone calls and reported [REDACTED] giving [REDACTED] questions to ask [REDACTED] that were regarding the care he was receiving living with [REDACTED]. "Why do you have to ask to go outside?" "What did you eat today?" [REDACTED] addressed these concerns with [REDACTED] via text.

[REDACTED] expressed a commitment to caring for [REDACTED] and doing whatever was in his best interest. She also had concerns that he would end up in prison if he continued on the track that he is on. She is willing to do whatever his mental health professionals think is best for him.

[REDACTED] at Mental Health Cooperative recommended not using specific medications on the weekend.

There are some medications that [REDACTED] does take daily even on the weekends.

School visit with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Academy at [REDACTED] am on [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] did not have anything he wished to tell the judge, anything he wanted to add to what he already discussed at the home visit, or wish to write anything down to share with the judge.

He talked happily about playing games with his friend yesterday and the big pizza they ate.

He said he is on medication for ADHD and takes it every day.

Pick up dates from Walgreens retrieved on 3-20-23 at [REDACTED], TN

Atomoxetine 40 mg 1 capsule every day

3/15/23

2/1/23

12/14/22

Sertraline 50 mg 1 tablet every day

3/15/23

2/1/23

12/14/22

Risperidone 0.25 1 tablet every day

3/4/23

2/8/23

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