



Worksheets for Legal Evaluation of Evidence in Child Protection Decisions

For

Oregon Juvenile Court Improvement Program

Safety Framework Training

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Safety Planning

- A. This family consists of two children, Jasmine, age 5, and James who is three months old, Mother Margaret, and Father Frederick Smith.
- B. The department received a referral regarding 5-year-old Jasmine. The person who called, who is known to Jasmine, found Jasmine walking in the street, and called out to Jasmine to come out of the street. It took her approximately 20 minutes to convince Jasmine to come to her. When asked why she was out in the street Jasmine said her father was on the couch asleep, and her mother was “scary”, so she decided to leave. Asked what Jasmine meant by “scary” Jasmine could not give details. She walked Jasmine back home. Her mother was at the door calling Jasmine’s name as they walked up. The mother yelled at Jasmine to “get in the house” and swatted her bottom on the way by as Jasmine entered the house. Jasmine was not injured by the swat, but seemed clearly afraid of going inside. Referent attempted to talk to the Mother, but she just said “thanks for bringing her back” and slammed the door.
- C. The following day the department received a referral from the office of Dr. Friendly, pediatrician for both children. This appointment was supposed to occur when the baby was two weeks old. The mother had scheduled and then canceled the appointment three times. The baby had gained only four ounces of weight since birth, showed signs of excessive time spent on his back (no hair growing on back of head, head appeared flattened, no progress in neck muscle control, no reaction to efforts to stimulate or interact). Mother explained that her 4-year-old was acting out and causing her tremendous stress and that her husband was “not at all helpful”.
- D. This social worker went to The Neighborhood Daycare approximately two blocks from the family home. The owner informed the worker that Jasmine was not at daycare on this day, and that her attendance was “sporadic”.
- E. On the social worker’s visit to the home, it was very dark (2 pm on a sunny day), as all window coverings were closed and few lights were on. The father was asleep on the couch and Jasmine was at the table near the kitchen writing on paper. The mother was in her nightgown and bare feet, and appeared just to have come out of bed. The worker asked to see the baby. The worker approached the crib and observed the baby laying on his back, eyes open, but lying quietly. His diaper smelled strongly, he clearly needed to be changed.
- F. The mother said she was having trouble getting food consistently for the baby, but that she was feeding him at least every day. She did not voluntarily discuss providing any other type of care for the child. The mother restated that she had her hands full with Jasmine, and that the father “as you can see is worthless – he finds money to drink or whatever every day but can’t find the time or money to

help me out". When this worker asked if she'd confronted the father about his lack of assistance, she said he just grabbed her arm and pulled her close to his face and said, "I'm out there looking for work, your job is taking care of the kids" and then threw her back against the wall. She showed this worker a bruise on her arm from where he recently grabbed her. The social worker asked the mother if the father ever mistreated the children. She was reluctant to answer, and then just shrugged her shoulders and said, "I don't think so".

During meetings prior to the hearing, parties agree on the following:

Threats:

- No adult in the home is performing basic and essential parenting duties and responsibilities regarding James.
- Family lacks sufficient resources, such as food and baby supplies, to meet the children's needs.
- One or both parents' behavior is violent and/or they are behaving dangerously.

Vulnerabilities:

- The baby is vulnerable to all threats, as he is unable to care for himself or protect himself from dangerous or neglectful behavior.
- Jasmine is vulnerable to the father's violent behavior and the family's lack of resources. She is also vulnerable to the parents' lack of performance of basic parenting duties, in that she lacks sufficient supervision and is too young to exercise self-control.

Protective Capacity:

- Although overwhelmed, the mother appears to have appropriate knowledge of basic parental behavior and responsibility.
- Aunts and uncles on both sides of the family are clear of CPS or criminal histories, capable of providing care and protection, and would consider offering their assistance in the form of residence for parents or children as well as oversight in the children's home.
- The mother recognizes that the father has problems with alcohol and violent behavior, and that as a result they have not adequately cared for the children.
- The father is willing "to do whatever".

Safety Plan – In Home:

In order to address the threat of _____,
circumstances in the home need to change as follows:
and the specific action that will control the threat will be:

Threat (specific and observable, immediate or liable to happen soon, sever consequences, out of control)	How is the Child vulnerable?	Protective Capacity (Specifically, what is missing or needs to be supported?)	Safety Action to control <u>this</u> threat

Examples of Conditions for Return

1. A responsible adult is in the home providing care and supervising the child all the time when not in school.
2. A specific plan is in place to prevent child from being unsupervised from threatening adult or sibling.
3. A responsible person regularly assures that home is adequately clean and safe.
4. Parents agree to accept home and financial management help as part of in-home safety plan.
5. Parent is able to recognize and discuss the combination of factors that culminate in fearing they might maltreat their baby, e.g., lack of sleep, lack of information regarding colic, soothing methods, isolation, self-doubt, etc.
6. Young parents agree to accept help in learning how to care for and physically handle their baby.

Conditions for Return:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What threat(s) requires management *during parenting time*?

Why is monitoring or supervision needed to manage threats during parenting time?

Parenting Time Plan components:

Purpose of parenting time: _____

Location: _____

Time/frequency?: _____

Who attends?: _____

Other notes: _____

What needs to happen to reduce supervision/monitoring, increase time and/or frequency, make location more “family-like environment”?