

D&N Example 2

Petition for Temporary Legal Custody

The Colorado Division of Children, Youth and Families has the following prior reports of concerns of regard to the family.

April 2016: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding the parents not getting Sister therapeutic services outside of school. This was assigned as a 5-Day FAR. The parents reported some issues with getting sister therapy, however, they were in the process of getting her services. Closed successfully.

May 07, 2016: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding the parents were intoxicated and arguing in front of sister, during the middle of the night. The report was screened out.

August 03, 2016: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding Child attempting suicide by overdosing on Motrin. Child had gotten in trouble for bringing her sister to a party with her and allowing her to smoke marijuana and drink alcohol. The parents removed the children's doors and took away their electronics and Child was upset about the consequences so she attempted to overdose. This report was screened out.

March 13, 2018: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding RF and RM being intoxicated and RF driving to dinner while under the influence. It was reported the family took a Lyft home and RM and RF were arguing inside the Lyft and RM hit RF, and then she took a second Lyft back to their car and drove it home while still under the influence. This assessment was assigned as a 5 Day FAR. The parents agreed to not drink in front of the children and was closed successfully.

October 10, 2017: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding Child slitting her wrists and going to Denver Health. Sister reported that she and Child have access to pills in the home and both have tried to overdose on them in the past. Sister reported that her mom put a lock on the medications however, Sister knew the combination and could break in and get them. There was a concern that the children had access to pills at home, despite both girls having a history of suicide and mental health concerns. This was assigned as at 5-Day FAR. The parents agreed to keep the pills locked and ensure the children do not have access to them. Child cut her wrists a second time during this assessment and the family was receiving therapy services. Closed successfully.

June 04, 2018: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding Child being out of control and running away frequently. It was reported Child is using marijuana and alcohol and does not follow any rules in the home and not allowed to be left home alone because she can't be trusted. This report was screened out.

June 06, 2018: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding Sister feeling scared at home because of Child, due to verbal threats. Sister reported that Child is running away, using drugs and won't listen to their parents. This report was screened out.

June 08, 2018: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding Child generating fear in the home, due to her running away and suicidal behaviors. It was also reported that the RP feels Jefferson

County is not protecting this family or helping them with Child's challenging behaviors and it's causing Sister to feel unsafe and anxious in the home.

June 18, 2018: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding Child's fifth hospitalization and parent's refusal to pick Child up now that she's ready for discharge. It was also reported that Child has impulsive behaviors, that puts herself in high risk situations where she can be sexually exploited. This report was screened out.

June 19, 2018: Jefferson County. A report of Concern was received regarding Child becoming stable while at Centennial Peaks Hospital, however her parents are refusing to pick her up and requesting they contact CPS. This report was screened out.

June 21, 2018: Jefferson County. A report of concern was received regarding the parent continually refusing to pick Child up from Centennial Peaks Hospital, even though she's stable and ready to discharge. This report was screened out.

Complicating Factors:

RM and RF adopted Child through the foster care system. They took placement of Child when she was an infant. Child then returned to her biological parents for a period of time. When it was determined that Child was not safe with her biological parents, she was again placed with RM and RF. They adopted Child in 2009.

The parents reported that Child has been hospitalized 13 times since 2016 due to suicidal ideations, both threats and attempts. Child's behavior of self-harm, running away and acting out of control started in 2016. Child cut her wrists and attempted suicide in front of a caseworker in November 2017 and had to be hospitalized.

The parents reported that Child has become increasingly aggressive over the past few years, and has attempted to assault her younger sister, however, RM intervened. Child has also been violent towards RM and engaged in fights with peers at school.

Child has major depressive disorder, severe and recurrent PTSD, chronic pain disorder, and generalized anxiety disorder. Therapists have reported that she may also have RAD, however, this has not been officially diagnosed.

Child is currently taking Trazadone, Lithium, Lexapro and Minipress.

Child has individual and family therapy twice a week. She has also done CBT therapy, DPT therapy, 2 short-term residential stays in Cedar Springs, and a week-long stay at Cleo Wallace.

Child runs away frequently (4 times in 2 weeks prior to her hospitalization) and drinks alcohol, smokes marijuana and engages in sexualized behaviors. Child reported being forced to perform oral sex in exchange for a ride, while she was on the run most recently. The parents reported that she has also used cocaine, acid, Xanax and mushrooms.

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The Parents are concerned that Child is involved in sex trafficking, as Child reports being sexually assaulted on multiple occasions while she is on the run. However, she continues to run away for 1-2 days at a time and continually put herself in these risky situations.

Child has been truant at school the past 2 years and was attending an alternative school to assist with credit recovery, however, she continued to skip school and is not on track to graduate. The parents asked to have her tested for an IEP however, she was either hospitalized or skipped school, therefore they were never able to complete her evaluation. Child plans on testing for her GED.

Child has been charged with theft, possession of marijuana and assault through the Municipality of Arvada. The parents recently received a letter stating that the charges have all been expunged.

The parents reported that Sister has expressed feeling unsafe in the home with Child there, as a lot of Child's aggression is directed towards her. Sister recently reported to the parents that Child told her that she has "plotted Sister's murder" among other threatening statements.

Child placed in residential treatment facility in Northern, CO.