

CAUSE NO: J321

IN THE MATTER OF
Shawntese Jordan, CHILD
AND CONCERNING

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ANYPLACE COUNTY, MOCK STATE
3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis, RESPONDENTS

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY REMOVAL
AND PETITION FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

I, Lisa Howard, Social Worker of the Mock State Department of Youth and Family Services with the responsibility for this case, affirm that the facts and allegations stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

The following facts show necessity for an order of emergency removal, ongoing temporary custody, and provision of protective services.

1. CHILD(REN)

Name: Shawntese Renee Jordan

DOB: July 20, 2000

2. PARENTS

Name: Freda Jordan

Relationship: Mother

DOB: July 25, 1974

Name: Caleb Lewis

Relationship: Father

DOB: April 1, 1978

3. ALLEGATIONS

On April 4, 2011, Maria Walters contacted the Mock State Department of Youth and Family Services Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline and reported that she was with Shawntese Jordan at the apartment of Ms. Ruth Little. Ms. Little had been caring for Shawntese since January 2011. Shawntese's mother, Freda Jordan, had left her with Ms. Little and failed to return as agreed upon. Ms. Little suffered a stroke on or about April 2, 2011 and was unable to care for Shawntese.

The Mock State Department of Youth and Family Services has received two prior reports of alleged child maltreatment. Allegations in both prior reports were similar in that the child was being neglected as a result of the mother's mental health illness and her lack of compliance with her medication. Ms. Jordan has been diagnosed as having bipolar disorder/manic with episodes of paranoia. The September 12, 2010, report was investigated and unsubstantiated. The November 8, 2010, report was investigated and substantiated. The family was referred to Namaste Family Preservation Services and Open Doors Mental Health for services. Ms. Jordan re-engaged with her treating psychiatrist, Dr. Martha Etheridge.

On April 4, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, went to the Little residence located at 1000 Fern Drive, Apt. 204, Review City, Mock State. Ms. Little was being transported to the hospital by ambulance. Ms. Walters was there with Shawntese Jordan. Ms. Walters, Shawntese Jordan and this worker went to the Jordan residence located at 1000 Fern Drive, Apt. 207. There was no adult present. The utilities had

been shut off. The home was in disarray. This worker took photographs and can make them available for the court's inspection.

On April 4, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, spoke with Abigail Norman, neighbor. Ms. Norman reported that she saw Ms. Jordan with Mr. Caleb Lewis, Shawntese's father, in January 2011. At that time, Ms. Jordan told Ms. Norman that she was leaving and that Ruth Little was caring for Shawntese Jordan. Sylvester Jordan, the adult son of Ms. Jordan, left for college in January 2011.

On April 4, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, interviewed Shawntese Jordan. Shawntese Jordan stated that Mr. Lewis arrived some time in December 2010. Her mother and Mr. Lewis left at the beginning of January and were going to be back in a few days. Shawntese Jordan confirmed that Ruth Little was caring for her until April 2, 2011. Shawntese Jordan stated that Ms. Little did not open the door on April 2, 2011, and that she, Shawntese, spent two nights alone in the Jordan family residence. The child has been without parental care, support, and supervision for the last two days. The child reports not knowing where her mother and Mr. Lewis are.

Shawntese Jordan stated that, in the past, her mother believed the family was being spied on. She said that her mother and Mr. Lewis had been going out a lot. She reported seeing her mother and Mr. Lewis using cocaine and that her mother had been drinking a lot of alcohol. Shawntese Jordan did not know how to contact her adult brother. She reports that Ruth Little had previously cared for her and is not aware of any other living relatives available to assist her.

On April 4, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, contacted the Mock City Law Enforcement and reported Shawntese Jordan as a neglected and abandoned child. On April 4, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, spoke to Officer Howard Doodie of the Mock City Law Enforcement at the home of Ruth Little. Officer Doodie stated he contacted the local emergency room and the county jail and determined that no persons by the names of Freda Jordan or Caleb Lewis or persons fitting their descriptions were present. Officer Doodie removed Shawntese Jordan from the care of Ruth Little and placed the child in the emergency protective custody of the Department of Youth and Family Services for placement into foster care.

On April 5, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, contacted Dr. Martha Etheridge, Freda Jordan's psychiatrist. Dr. Etheridge reported that Ms. Jordan failed to attend her January appointment.

On April 5, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, contacted Angela Powers, case manager from Namaste Family Preservation Services, who had been providing services to the Jordan family. Ms. Powers stated that Ms. Jordan had begun canceling appointments in December 2010 and eventually Ms. Jordan informed Ms. Powers that she no longer wanted services. Ms. Powers stated that the case was closed on December 20, 2010.

On April 5, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, contacted Dolly Madison, therapist at Open Doors Mental Health. Ms. Madison stated that Ms. Jordan completed an assessment and needed to address her history of loss including the death of her first husband and the loss of her mother, and the impact of her mental illness on her life and the lives of her children. Ms. Madison reported that Ms. Jordan cancelled her appointments in December 2010.

On April 5, 2011, Lisa Howard, Social Worker, contacted Mock State University and requested that the university staff ask Shawntese Jordan's brother, Sylvester Jordan, to contact the Department of Youth and Family Services.

As of the writing of this affidavit on April 5, 2011, the location of Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis remains unknown. Ruth Little remains hospitalized at Holy Heavens Hospital.

In a previous child protective service investigation, Ms. Jordan informed the Department of Youth and Family Services that Shawntese Jordan was not Native American.

Lisa Howard

Social Worker

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services

Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this 5th day of April 2011.

Harold Potter

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the

STATE OF MOCK STATE

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Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis, RESPONDENTS

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EX PARTE CUSTODY ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 5th day of April 2011. The following are named as parties:

Freda Jordan, Mother

DOB 7/25/74

1000 Fern Drive, Apt. 207

Review City, Mock State 12006

Current whereabouts unknown

Caleb Lewis, Father

DOB 4/1/78

No known address

Current whereabouts unknown

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services

Anyplace County, Mock State

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. The child, Shawntese Jordan is, currently without proper parental care and supervision, and continued placement of the child in the home is contrary to the child's welfare.
3. That Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services made reasonable efforts to prevent the placement of Shawntese Jordan into foster care by attempting to locate Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis, making efforts to contact the child's adult sibling, and determining if there was any known relative who could provide care for the child.
4. The child is not subject to provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. Shawntese Jordan to remain in the custody of the Department of Youth and Family Services, which is responsible for her care and supervision.
2. The Department of Youth and Family Services continue efforts to locate Freda Jordan, mother. Once Freda Jordan has been located, she will be served notice of these proceedings.
3. Carrie O'Key, Esq., is appointed to represent Freda Jordan.

4. The Department of Youth and Family Services continue efforts to locate Caleb Lewis, father. Once Caleb Lewis has been located, he will be serve notice of these proceedings.
5. Ray Burr, Esq., is appointed to represent Caleb Lewis.
6. Shelia Smith, Esq., is appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Shawntese Jordan.

NEXT HEARING: The Custody Hearing is scheduled for the 11th day of April, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Emmanuel Fowlkes in Courtroom 201.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal

Emmanuel Fowlkes

Emmanuel Fowlkes
District Court Judge

April 5, 2011

Date

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Department of Youth and Family Services

Review City District Office

Case Name: Jordan

Child(ren): Shawntese, d.o.b. 7/20/00

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Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis, RESPONDENTS

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CUSTODY ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 11th day of April 2011. The following are named as parties:

Freda Jordan, Mother

DOB 7/25/74

1000 Fern Drive, Apt. 207

Review City, Mock State 12006

Caleb Lewis

DOB 4/1/78

No known address

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services

Anyplace County, Mock State

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. The child, Shawntese Jordan, continues to remain without proper parental care and supervision, and reunification with the parent and placement of the child in the home is contrary to the child's welfare.
3. The mother, Freda Jordan, has been located and is currently receiving inpatient psychiatric treatment.
4. That reasonable efforts to reunify the child have not been possible given the mother's current psychiatric condition.
5. The father, Caleb Lewis, has not been located.
6. The child is not subject to provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. Shawntese Jordan to remain in the custody of the Department of Youth and Family Services, which is responsible for her care and supervision and placement of the child in foster care.

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2. That the assessment case plan, attached to this order and presented by the Department, shall be adopted.
3. Carrie O'Key, Esq., is appointed to represent Freda Jordan.
4. Shelia Smith, Esq., is appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Shawntese Jordan.
5. Ray Burr, Esq., is dismissed from his appointment and may be reappointed once Caleb Lewis is located.

NEXT HEARING: The Adjudication and Disposition Hearings are scheduled for the 1st day of June, 2011, at: 10:00 a.m. before Judge Emmanuel Fowlkes in Courtroom 201.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal

Emmanuel Fowlkes

Emmanuel Fowlkes

District Court Judge

April 11, 2011

Date

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Department of Youth and Family Services

Review City District Office

Case Name: Jordan

Child(ren): Shawntese, d.o.b. 7/20/00

**Report to the Court
Hearing Date June 1, 2011**

Case Summary

Freda Jordan is a single, 36 year-old African American female. She has two biological children, Sylvester Jordan, age 19, and Shawntese Jordan, age 10. Sylvester's father is deceased. Shawntese's father is Caleb Lewis. Current whereabouts is unknown. Mr. Lewis has a history of serial incarcerations and has not been involved in Shawntese's life.

According to the psycho-social assessment completed by therapist Dolly Madison in late 2010 and recently updated, Ms. Jordan is socially isolated. Both Ms. Jordan's parents are deceased; her mother, who appears to have been a significant support for her, died approximately 10 years ago. Ms. Jordan was an only child and has no known living relatives. Ms. Jordan does receive assistance from a neighbor, Ruth Little; however, in general, she lacks a positive support system in her life. Ms. Jordan has a history of trauma which includes the death of her father; the tragic death of her husband, Edward, Sylvester's father, when Sylvester was a year old; being shunned by Edward's parents and blamed for his death; and the death of her mother. Ms. Jordan is estranged from her oldest son at the current time. Sylvester Jordan is attending Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan has been diagnosed as having bipolar disorder, manic type with psychotic features. She is under the clinical care of Dr. Martha Etheridge and has been for a number of years. In the past, her symptoms have been effectively managed with Aripirazole or Zyprexa. Ms. Jordan has been transitioned to weekly injectable administration of her required medication to support compliance. Ms. Jordan is receiving disability payments and has not been successful in maintaining employment. She was evicted from her supported housing in May of 2011 while in inpatient treatment.

The Jordan family first came to the attention of the Department in September of 2010 for a report of child neglect where it was alleged that Ms. Jordan was not providing adequate supervision to Shawntese. This report was unsubstantiated. A second report was received in November of 2010 with similar allegations of child neglect and concerns that Ms. Jordan was becoming verbally aggressive with her daughter. Ms. Jordan, had stopped taking her medication and had decompensated. Sylvester Jordan and Ruth Little were able to provide for Shawntese's safety while Ms. Jordan was stabilized on her medication and referred for Family Preservation and counseling services. At the time the Department closed its case, Ms. Jordan was engaged in services. It was later learned that she withdrew from services in December of 2010. This coincided with the resumption of her relationship with Mr. Caleb Lewis. Sylvester Jordan left the home in January of 2011 to attend Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan appears to have become noncompliant with her medication and began using alcohol and other drugs, including cocaine. Ms. Jordan left Shawntese in the care of Ruth Little in January of 2011 with the promise to return in a few days. She failed to do so. The family was again reported to the Department in April of 2011 after Ms. Little had a stroke which left Shawntese without proper parental care and supervision. It was learned that Ms. Jordan left Shawntese with Ms. Little on previous occasions for longer periods of time without incident and Ms. Little is an established caregiver for Shawntese. Shawntese Jordan was removed from Ms. Little's care and placed into the emergency custody of the Department by law enforcement on April 4, 2011

Ms. Jordan was located after she was brought to the emergency room and later transported to Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital where she remains hospitalized. It was determined that Ms. Jordan had an adverse reaction to an opiate she had taken. Neurological assessment conducted indicated no long-term impairments. Substance abuse assessment identified indiscriminant polysubstance abuse addiction.

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Reason(s) for Continued Removal from Home: Birth mother has a bipolar disorder and substance abuse addiction that interferes with her ability to effectively parent and provide her child with appropriate care and supervision. Caregiver is still recovering from medical condition and not able to parent. Father's whereabouts are unknown.

Child's Perception of Situation: Shawntese recognizes that her mother and caregiver are ill and currently unable to provide care for her. She desires to remain in her current placement until her mother gets better or her caregiver is able to resume care.

Child(ren) Information

Physical Health

Shawntese Jordan is current on her immunizations and is in overall good health. She completed an annual physical examination on April 16, 2011, and no needs beyond routine health care have been identified. Shawntese Jordan completed a dental exam and cleaning on April 22, 2011. She required two fillings and will require ongoing routine care.

Mental/Behavioral Health

Shawntese presented as depressed and very anxious upon initial placement into foster care, which was emotionally congruent with her situation. Shawntese completed a mental/behavioral health assessment including a screening for trauma and substance use. The assessment was conducted by Dr. Lucy Ball. Dr. Ball had tentatively diagnosed Shawntese with Adjustment Disorder with depressed mood, anxiety, and rule out major depressive episode. Dr. Ball recommends that Shawntese continue in weekly individual counseling sessions to address trauma history, grief and loss associated with her brother leaving the home, the impact of her mother's illness and behavior, the illness of her caregiver, and placement into foster care.

Education

Shawntese Jordan completed the fifth grade at Target Community School. She is considered to be an average student and achieved B's and C's. She has progressed through school and does not require/is not eligible for special education services. Placement into foster care did not result in a change of school. The school was notified of her placement into foster care, and bus transportation has been modified to provide service from her foster care placement to the school. The foster parent had worked closely with the school to ensure Shawntese's education needs were being met.

Social/Emotional Development

Shawntese had needed to be more self-reliant than typical for a child of her age because of her mother's illness and her mother's behavior. She has demonstrated the need to follow consistent routines and deviation from them results in heightened anxiety. She continues to demonstrate a need to function in the parental role with her mother, and this issue will be addressed in counseling sessions as well as during visitation. Shawntese Jordan has some difficulties with peer relationships. She does not have any close friends and had one altercation with another child that occurred shortly after her placement into foster care after being teased by that child.

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Placement

Relative as Placement Resource

Indicate whether any relatives and/or other extended family resources/supports were considered as a placement resource. If so, include name, relationship, date and method of contact, along with outcome. If not, indicate reason(s) why.

Child is not currently placed with relatives. Mother has no siblings and maternal grandparents are deceased. The child's only adult sibling is her brother, and he has moved away from the family to attend college. He is not able/willing to provide care and supervision for his sister. The child's previous caregiver remains physically unable to care for the child.

Description of Current Placement

Placement Type and Description: Licensed family foster care home

Shawntese Jordan is placed in the licensed family foster home of Javon and Charlotte Samuels. The placement provides the least restrictive placement option and is in close proximity as the home is within 4 miles of the Jordan's prior residence, 7 miles of the psychiatric facility where the mother is receiving treatment services and within Shawntese's school district. The placement is 10 miles from the substance abuse treatment facility that the mother will be attending. Shawntese is currently the only foster child in the placement. The foster care placement is considered stable.

Needs of Foster Parents:

Foster parents have been provided with known background information on Shawntese and her family. They have been provided with Medicaid card to secure health care services for Shawntese and have been provided with the name of her primary care provider. The foster parents have also been involved in counseling efforts with Dr. Lucy Ball. Dr. Ball has assisted the foster parents in structuring the foster home in a manner to support and reinforce therapeutic gains being made by the child and providing the foster parents with information needed to administer and monitor medication. Foster parents receive monthly foster care maintenance and are reimbursed for transportation costs. Foster parents will receive ongoing regular contact with social worker for ongoing needs assessments.

Visitation

Visitation between Shawntese and Freda Jordan shall be supervised and occur on a weekly basis.

The Department shall continue to make efforts to establish visitation between Shawntese Jordan and her older brother Sylvester Jordan, and former caregiver, Ruth Little.

Safety and Risk Assessment

Safety threats include:

- No adult in the home is performing basic parenting duties and responsibilities that assure child safety.
- One or both parents/caregiver will not/cannot control their behavior.
- One or both parents/caregivers lack parenting knowledge, skills or motivation necessary to assure a child's safety. (newly identified)
- The family does not have or use resources necessary to assure a child's safety.

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- Living arrangements seriously endanger a child's physical health.

The previously identified safety threat has been eliminated as Ms. Jordan has been stabilized on medication:

- One or both parents/caregiver will not/cannot control their behavior.

Risk level: Very High

Permanency Plan

Reunification.

Signatures

Social Worker: Lisa Howard

Signature: *Lisa Howard*

Date: 5-23-11

Social Work Supervisor: Maxwell Livingston

Signature: *Maxwell Livingston*

Date: 5-23-11

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ANYPLACE COUNTY, MOCK STATE
3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 1st day of June, 2011. The following are named as parties:

Freda Jordan, Mother

DOB 7/25/74

In care of Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital

Caleb Lewis

DOB 4/1/78

No known address

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services

Anyplace County, Mock State

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. The parties stipulate that the child, Shawntese Jordan, is a neglected child as defined in Mock State Family Code, Section 32A-1-1, et seq. MSSA 1970.
3. The Department has made the following reasonable efforts to reunify Shawntese Jordan with her mother, Freda Jordan:
 - Arranged for all the required and necessary assessments to identify the causes and conditions resulting in the neglect of the child and secured recommendations for alleviating or mediating those causes and conditions;
 - Arranged for and provided supervised visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan; and
 - Arranged for counseling services for Shawntese Jordan to address issues related to the trauma of separation from her parent and the impact of child maltreatment.
4. Despite the reasonable efforts made by the Department, reunification of the child with her parent is not in the child's best interest and is contrary to the welfare of the child as Ms. Jordan still requires ongoing inpatient care and is not able to execute her parental responsibilities at this time.
5. The Department has exercised reasonable care in providing for Shawntese Jordan's physical health, behavioral health and educational needs. The child's placement is in the least restrictive setting

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possible given the child's needs and is in close proximity to her parent. The placement has allowed for the child to maintain her educational placement setting.

6. The child has no siblings in foster care.
7. The Department has not been able to locate the child's father, Caleb Lewis.
8. The Department has made concerted efforts to locate and identify a relative for possible placement and no such person has been identified at this time.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. Shawntese Jordan to remain in the custody of the Department of Youth and Family Services, which is responsible for her care and supervision and placement of the child in foster care for an indeterminate period of time not to exceed one year from the date of this order.
2. That the case plan, attached to this order that was developed by the parties and presented by the Department shall be adopted.
3. Carrie O'Key, Esq., is appointed to represent Freda Jordan.
4. Shelia Smith, Esq., is appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Shawntese Jordan.

NEXT HEARING: The Periodic Review Hearing is scheduled for the 30th day of November, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. before Judge Emmanuel Fowlkes in Courtroom 201.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal

Emmanuel Fowlkes

June 1, 2011

Emmanuel Fowlkes

Date

District Court Judge

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Department of Youth and Family Services

Review City District Office

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Child(ren): Shawntese, d.o.b 7/20/00

**Report to the Court
Hearing Date November 30, 2011**

Case Summary

Freda Jordan is a single, 37 year-old African American female. She has two biological children, Sylvester Jordan, age 20, and Shawntese Jordan, age 11. Sylvester's father is deceased. Shawntese's father is Caleb Lewis. Mr. Caleb Lewis, age 33, was located on August 16, 2011, and later that month he was served notice of these proceedings. He is currently serving a 10-year sentence at New State Correctional Facility. He has not previously been involved in Shawntese's life.

According to the psycho-social assessment completed by therapist Dolly Madison, Ms. Jordan is socially isolated. Both Ms. Jordan's parents are deceased; her mother, who was a significant support for her, died approximately 10 years ago. Ms. Jordan was an only child and has no known living relatives. Ms. Jordan previously lacked a positive support system; however, she has recently taken steps to develop a positive support system and is now engaged in her church community. Ms. Jordan has a history of trauma which included the death of her father; the tragic death of her husband, Edward, Sylvester's father, when Sylvester was a year old; being shunned by Edward's parents and blamed for his death; and the death of her mother. She is currently addressing these issues in therapy. Although Ms. Jordan had been estranged from her oldest son, the two are working on their relationship. Sylvester Jordan is currently attending Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan has been diagnosed as having bipolar disorder, manic with psychotic features. She is under the clinical care of Dr. Martha Etheridge and has been for a number of years. In the past, her symptoms have been effectively managed with Aripirazole or Zyprexa. Ms. Jordan continues with weekly injectable administration of her required medication to support compliance. This has been successful, and her illness is being effectively managed. Ms. Jordan is receiving disability payments. She has received training in food service and is working a few hours a week as a waitress in a local restaurant. While in inpatient treatment, she was evicted from her supported housing. She and the social worker are currently exploring subsidized housing options available through the Department's priority housing agreement with the public housing authority.

The Jordan family first came to the attention of the Department in September 2010 for a report of child neglect where it was alleged that Ms. Jordan was not providing adequate supervision to Shawntese. This report was unsubstantiated. A second report was received in November 2010 with similar allegations of child neglect and concerns that Ms. Jordan was becoming verbally aggressive with her daughter. Ms. Jordan had stopped taking her medication and had decompensated. Sylvester Jordan and a neighbor, Ruth Little, were able to provide for Shawntese's safety while Ms. Jordan was stabilized on her medication and referred for family preservation and counseling services. At the time the Department closed its case, Ms. Jordan was engaged in services. It was later learned that she withdrew from services in December 2010. This coincided with the resumption of her relationship with Mr. Caleb Lewis. Sylvester Jordan left the home in January 2011 to attend Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan appears to have become noncompliant with her medication and began using alcohol and other drugs, including cocaine. Ms. Jordan left Shawntese in the care of Ruth Little in January 2011 with the promise to return in a few days. She failed to do so. The family was again reported to the Department in April 2011 after Ms. Little suffered a stroke, which left Shawntese without appropriate care and proper parental supervision. Ms. Jordan has left Shawntese with Ms. Little on previous occasions for longer periods of time without incident. Ms. Little is an established caregiver for Shawntese. Shawntese Jordan was removed from Ms. Little's care and placed into the emergency custody of the Department by law enforcement on April 4, 2011.

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Ms. Jordan was located after she was brought to the emergency room and later transported to Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital where she was hospitalized. It was determined that Ms. Jordan had an adverse reaction to an opiate she had taken. Neurological assessment conducted indicated no long-term impairments. Substance abuse assessment identified indiscriminant polysubstance abuse addiction. Ms. Jordan entered the Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on June 13, 2011. Treatment included individual and group therapy, as well as AA and NA meetings. Random urinalyses were also completed.

Ms. Jordan successfully completed the program at Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on August 8, 2011, and transferred to Serenity Women's Home, a structured and supervised independent living center for recovering women. Ms. Jordan continues to participate in individual and group therapy and random urinalyses. She has remained sober. Ms. Jordan has been learning budgeting and home management skills as well. Family therapy involving Ms. Jordan and Shawntese has recently been implemented.

Mr. Lewis was initially not interested in these proceedings; however, after subsequent discussion with the social worker, Mr. Lewis requested assistance in establishing a relationship with his daughter. The Department is coordinating with Mr. Otis Watchman, Mr. Lewis's caseworker at the prison, and Shawntese's treating doctor to work on this. The child's treating doctor recommends that written correspondence be allowed and that Shawntese not be obligated to read or respond to any letters.

Reason(s) for Continued Removal from Home: Birth mother has a bipolar disorder and substance abuse addiction that interferes with her ability to effectively parent and provide her child with appropriate care and supervision. The mother does not currently have safe and stable housing. Father is incarcerated and not eligible for parole until after the child has reached the age of majority.

Child's Perception of Situation: Shawntese recognizes that her mother has made progress, but is still unable to care for her. She desires to remain in her current placement until her mother gets better. She wants to continue to have a relationship with her former caregiver, Ruth Little. She is unclear as to whether she wishes to begin a relationship with her father.

Child(ren) Information

Physical Health

Shawntese Jordan is current on her immunizations and is in overall good health. She completed an annual physical examination on April 16, 2011, with Dr. Vincent Turner. Shawntese Jordan had her eyes examined on October 5, 2011, by Dr. Iris Blind and received a prescription for reading glasses. There are no additional physical health needs. Shawntese Jordan completed a dental cleaning on October 21, 2011, with no dental needs identified.

Mental/Behavioral Health

Shawntese presented as depressed and very anxious upon initial placement into foster care, which was emotionally congruent with her situation. Shawntese completed a mental/behavioral health assessment, including a screening for trauma and substance use. The assessment was conducted by Dr. Lucy Ball. Although Shawntese continued in individual therapy, her symptoms persisted, and in some circumstances increased. As a result, and with Shawntese's and the Department's consent, Shawntese was placed on Prozac 10 mg one time per day in August of 2011. Her foster parents have been trained on administration and monitoring of the prescription including monitoring for adverse or allergic reactions and side effects. Dr. Ball has coordinated with Shawntese's physical health provider. Shawntese has continued in individual therapy with Dr. Ball to address her trauma history, grief and loss associated with her brother leaving the home, the impact of her mother's illness and behavior, placement into foster care, and the possibility of having a relationship with her father. Dr. Ball is reporting progress in all areas and

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has discussed discontinuation of the psychotropic medication later next month. Shawntese has recently begun family therapy sessions with her mother.

Education

Shawntese Jordan is in the sixth grade at Target Community School. She is considered to be a good student and is achieving B's and A's in her classes. She has progressed through school and does not require/is not eligible for special education services. Shawntese did experience some difficulties at the beginning of the school year when other children were teasing her about being in foster care and about her mother. The Department arranged for the foster parent to work closely with school officials to resolve the problems and support Shawntese.

Placement into foster care did not result in a change of school. The school was notified of her placement into foster care, and bus transportation was modified to provide service from her foster care placement to the school.

Social/Emotional Development

Shawntese had needed to be more self-reliant than typical for a child of her age because of her mother's illness and behavior. Her need to function in the parental role with her mother has significantly decreased through her work in counseling sessions and during visitation with her mother. Shawntese has improved peer relationships, although she did require support to address some teasing by children at school. Of significance for Shawntese has been the re-engagement of her older brother in her life. With the assistance and support of the foster parents, Shawntese and her brother have strengthened their sibling relationship.

Placement

Relative as Placement Resource

Child is not currently placed with relatives. Mother has no siblings, and maternal grandparents are deceased. The child's only adult sibling is her brother, and he has moved away from the family to attend college. He is not able to provide care and supervision for his sister.

Description of Current Placement

Placement Type and Description: Licensed family foster care home

Shawntese Jordan is placed in the licensed family foster home of Javon and Charlotte Samuels. The placement provides the least restrictive placement option and is in close proximity as the home is within 7 miles of the mother's current location and within Shawntese's school district. Shawntese is currently the only foster child in the placement. The foster care placement is considered stable.

Needs of Foster Parents:

Foster parents have been provided with known background information on Shawntese and her family and have been actively involved in case planning. They have been provided with a Medicaid card to secure health care services for Shawntese and have been provided with the name of her primary care provider. The foster parents have also been involved in counseling efforts with Dr. Lucy Ball. Dr. Ball has assisted the foster parents in structuring the foster home in a manner to support and reinforce therapeutic gains being made by the child and to administer and monitor medication. Foster parents receive monthly foster care maintenance and are reimbursed for transportation costs. Foster parents will receive ongoing regular contact with social worker for ongoing needs assessments.

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Review City District Office**

**Case Name: Jordan
Child(ren): Shawntese, d.o.b 7/20/00**

Visitation

Visitation between Shawntese and Freda Jordan is currently supervised and is going well. The Department recommends that, given the progress made and the reduction in safety threats, unsupervised visitation commence.

Visitation between Shawntese and Caleb Lewis will be restricted to written correspondence. The foster parents will review letters before giving them to Shawntese. Shawntese is under no obligation to read or respond to the letters.

Shawntese Jordan and her older brother, Sylvester Jordan, communicate regularly by telephone. Shawntese and her foster parents will travel to visit Sylvester at Mock State University, and Sylvester will visit with Shawntese at the foster family home.

Shawntese Jordan maintains contact with her previous caregiver, Ruth Little, with the support and assistance of her foster parents.

Safety and Risk Assessment

Safety threats include:

- One or both parents/caregivers lack parenting knowledge, skills, or motivation necessary to assure a child's safety.
- The family does not have or use resources necessary to assure child's safety.
- Living arrangements seriously endanger a child's physical health.

The following previously identified safety threats have been eliminated as Ms. Jordan has been stabilized on medication and continues in her treatment:

- One or both parents/caregivers will not/cannot control their behavior
- No adult in the home is performing basic parenting duties and responsibilities that assure child safety.

Risk level: High

Permanency Plan

Reunification

Signatures

Social Worker: Lisa Howard

Signature: *Lisa Howard*

Date: 11-28-11

Social Work Supervisor: Maxwell Livingston

Signature: *Maxwell Livingston*

Date: 11-28-11

CAUSE NO: J321

**IN THE MATTER OF
Shawntese Jordan, CHILD
AND CONCERNING**

Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis, RESPONDENTS

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ANYPLACE COUNTY, MOCK STATE
3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

JUDICIAL REVIEW ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 30th day of November, 2011. The following are named as parties:

Freda Jordan, Mother
DOB 7/25/74
Serenity Women's Home

Caleb Lewis
DOB 4/1/78
New State Correctional Facility
1000 Wright Way
New City, New State 30000

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services
Anyplace County, Mock State

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Shawntese Jordan is adjudicated as a neglected child as defined in Mock State Family Code, Section 32A-1-1, et seq. MSSA 1970.
3. The Department has made the following reasonable efforts to reunify Shawntese Jordan with her mother, Freda Jordan:
 - Arranged for the following services to address the causes and conditions that resulted in the neglect of the child: Inpatient psychiatric treatment and inpatient substance abuse treatment for Freda Jordan, therapeutic/substance treatment and supervised living for Freda Jordan, ongoing psychiatric medication monitoring and treatment for Freda Jordan, support for Freda Jordan in establishing a positive support network, and referral for Freda Jordan to priority housing services;
 - Arranged for and provided supervised visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan;
 - Arranged for counseling services for Shawntese Jordan to address issues related to the trauma of separation from her parent and the impact of child maltreatment; and
 - Engaged mother in activities to enhance the parent-child relationship.
4. By reports and testimony received of treatment providers, Freda Jordan has made considerable progress in addressing the causes and conditions that resulted in the neglect of Shawntese Jordan.
5. Despite the reasonable efforts made by the Department, reunification of the child with her parent is not in the child's best interest at this time and is contrary to the welfare of the child as Ms. Jordan still requires ongoing outpatient treatment and is not yet prepared to fully execute her parental responsibilities.

6. The Department has exercised reasonable care in providing for Shawntese Jordan's physical health, behavioral health, and educational needs. The child is safe in the current placement. The child's placement is in the least restrictive setting possible given the child's needs and is in close proximity to her parent. The placement has allowed for the child to maintain her educational placement setting and supported her relationship with her adult sibling.
7. The child has no siblings in foster care.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. Shawntese Jordan to remain in the custody of the Department of Youth and Family Services, which is responsible for her care and supervision and placement of the child in foster care for an indeterminate period of time not to exceed 6 months from the date of this order.
2. The Department file a permanency plan with the court no later than April 2, 2012.
3. That the case plan, attached to this order that was developed by the parties and presented by the Department, shall be adopted.
4. Carrie O'Key, Esq., continues her appointment to represent Freda Jordan.
5. Shelia Smith, Esq., continues her appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Shawntese Jordan.
6. Ray Burr, Esq., renews his appointment to represent Caleb Lewis

NEXT HEARING: The Permanency Hearing is scheduled for the 2nd day of April, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. before Judge Emmanuel Fowlkes in Courtroom 201.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal

Emmanuel Fowlkes

November 30, 2011

Emmanuel Fowlkes

Date

District Court Judge

Mock State

Department of Youth and Family Services

Review City District Office

Case Name: Jordan

Child(ren): Shawntese, d.o.b 7/20/00

**Permanency Hearing Report to Court
Hearing Date April 2, 2012**

Case Summary

Freda Jordan is a single, 37 year-old African American female. She has two biological children, Sylvester Jordan, age 20, and Shawntese Jordan, age 11. Sylvester's father is deceased. Shawntese's father is Caleb Lewis. He is currently serving a 10-year sentence at New State Correctional Facility. He is eligible for parole in 2020.

According to the psycho-social assessment completed by therapist Dolly Madison, Ms. Jordan was socially isolated. Both Ms. Jordan's parents are deceased; her mother, who was a significant support for her, died approximately 11 years ago. Ms. Jordan was an only child and has no known living relatives. Ms. Jordan had lacked a positive support system in her life. Ms. Jordan has developed a positive support system and, in addition to Ms. Ruth Little, has engaged in her church community. Ms. Jordan has a history of trauma, which included the death of her father; the tragic death of her husband, Edward, Sylvester's father, when Sylvester was a year old; being shunned by Edward's parents and blamed for his death; and the death of her mother. She is currently addressing these issues in therapy. Ms. Jordan has an improved relationship with her son. Sylvester Jordan is attending Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan has been diagnosed as having bipolar disorder, manic with psychotic features. She is under the clinical care of Dr. Martha Etheridge and has been for a number of years. Her symptoms are being effectively managed. Ms. Jordan continues with weekly injectable administration of her required medication to support compliance. Ms. Jordan continues to receive disability payments, and she is able to work a few hours a week as a waitress in a local restaurant.

The Jordan family first came to the attention of the Department in September 2010 for a report of child neglect where it was alleged that Ms. Jordan was not providing adequate supervision to Shawntese. This report was unsubstantiated. A second report was received in November 2010 with similar allegations of child neglect and concerns that Ms. Jordan was becoming verbally aggressive with her daughter. Ms. Jordan had stopped taking her medication and had decompensated. Sylvester Jordan and Ruth Little were able to provide for Shawntese's safety while Ms. Jordan was stabilized on her medication and referred for family preservation and counseling services. At the time that the Department closed its case, Ms. Jordan was engaged in services. It was later learned that she withdrew from services in December 2010. This coincided with the resumption of her relationship with Mr. Caleb Lewis. Sylvester Jordan left the home in January 2011 to attend Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan appears to have become noncompliant with her medication and began using alcohol and other drugs, including cocaine. Ms. Jordan left Shawntese in the care of Ruth Little in January 2011 with the promise to return in a few days. She failed to do so. The family was again reported to the Department in April 2011 after Ms. Little suffered a stroke, which left Shawntese without appropriate care and parental supervision. Ms. Jordan has left Shawntese with Ms. Little on previous occasions for longer periods of time without incident. Ms. Little is an established caregiver for Shawntese. Shawntese Jordan was removed from Ms. Little's care and placed into the emergency custody of the Department by law enforcement on April 4, 2011

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Ms. Jordan was located after she was brought to the emergency room and later transported to Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital where she was hospitalized. Ms. Jordan had an adverse reaction to an opiate she had taken. Neurological assessment conducted indicated no long-term impairments. Substance abuse assessment identified indiscriminant polysubstance abuse addiction. Ms. Jordan entered the Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on June 13, 2011. Treatment included individual and group therapy, as well as AA and NA meetings. Random urinalyses were also completed. Ms. Jordan successfully completed the program at Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on August 8, 2011, and transferred to Serenity Women's Home, a structured and supervised independent living center for recovering women.

Ms. Jordan has recently secured housing in a subsidized two-bedroom apartment through the Department's priority housing agreement with the public housing authority. Ms. Jordan moved into her apartment on March 1, 2012. Ms. Jordan continues to participate in individual and group therapy and random urinalyses through Serenity Outpatient Programs. She is also attending AA and NA meetings. She has remained sober. Ms. Jordan is applying the budgeting and home management skills she learned at Serenity. Family therapy involving Ms. Jordan and Shawntese is occurring.

Mr. Lewis was initially not interested in these proceeding, but later, after discussions with the social worker, did request assistance in establishing a relationship with his daughter and asked to be allowed to correspond with Shawntese. Mr. Caleb is writing to Shawntese.

Reason(s) for Continued Removal from Home: Birth mother is effectively managing her bipolar disorder and substance abuse addiction that interfered with her ability to effectively parent and provide her child with appropriate care and supervision. She has only recently secured housing that should be suitable for Shawntese's return.

Child's Perception of Situation: Shawntese understands and recognizes that her mother has a chronic mental illness and substance abuse issues and that she will need to manage in order to provide care for Shawntese. She has also witnessed the positive changes that her mother has made and believes that she and her mother are both ready for reunification. Shawntese is deciding what type of relationship she would like with her father.

Child(ren) Information

Physical Health

Shawntese Jordan is current on her immunizations and is in overall good health. She completed an annual physical examination on April 16, 2011, with Dr. Vincent Turner. Shawntese Jordan had her eyes examined on October 5, 2011, by Dr. Iris Blind and received a prescription for reading glasses. There are no additional physical health needs. Shawntese Jordan completed a dental cleaning on October 21, 2011, with no dental needs identified. Shawntese Jordan has appointments for her annual physical and 6-month dental examination and cleaning scheduled for later this month.

Mental/Behavioral Health

Shawntese presented as depressed and very anxious upon initial placement into foster care, which was emotionally congruent with her situation. Shawntese completed a mental/behavioral health assessment, including a screening for trauma and substance use. The assessment was conducted by Dr. Lucy Ball. Shawntese experienced an escalation of her symptoms last summer and as a result, short term use of psychotropic medication was added to her treatment. After improvement, the psychotropic medication was discontinued in January of 2012. Shawntese has continued in individual therapy with Dr. Ball and is addressing her trauma history, grief and loss associated with her brother leaving the home, the impact of her mother's illness and behavior, placement into foster care, and developing a relationship with her father. Shawntese has participated in family therapy sessions with her mother.

Education

Shawntese Jordan is in the sixth grade at Target Community School. She is considered to be a good student and is achieving B's and A's in her classes. She has progressed through school and does not require/is not eligible for special education services. Placement into foster care did not result in a change of school. The school was notified of her placement into foster care, and bus transportation was modified to provide service from her foster care placement to the school.

Social/Emotional Development

Shawntese had needed to be more self-reliant than typical for a child of her age because of her mother's illness and behavior. Her need to function in the parental role with her mother has significantly decreased through her work in counseling sessions and during visitation with her mother. Shawntese Jordan now maintains positive peer relationships. With the assistance and support of the foster parents, Shawntese and her brother have strengthened their sibling relationship. She also maintains a good relationship with Ruth Little, her previous caregiver.

Placement

Relative as Placement Resource

Child is not currently placed with relatives because at the time of initial placement no relatives were identified. Initial placement has remained stable.

Description of Current Placement

Placement Type and Description: Licensed family foster care home

Shawntese Jordan is placed in the licensed family foster home of Javon and Charlotte Samuels. The placement provides the least restrictive placement option and is in close proximity as the home is within 7 miles of the mother's current location and within Shawntese's school district. Shawntese is currently the only foster child in the placement. The foster care placement is considered stable.

Needs of Foster Parents:

Foster parents have been provided with known background information on Shawntese and her family and have been actively involved in case planning. They have been provided with a Medicaid card to secure health care services for Shawntese and have been provided with the name of her primary care provider. The foster parents have also been involved in counseling efforts with Dr. Lucy Ball. Dr. Ball has assisted the foster parents in structuring the foster home in a manner to support and reinforce therapeutic gains being made by the child and support the foster parents in the administration and monitoring of medication. Foster parents receive monthly foster care maintenance and are reimbursed for transportation costs. Foster parents will receive ongoing regular contact with social worker for ongoing needs assessments.

Visitation

Visitation between Shawntese and Freda Jordan is currently unsupervised and is going well. The Department recommends that, given the progress made and the reduction in safety threats, unsupervised visitation continue and expand in length and frequency.

Shawntese Jordan and her older brother, Sylvester Jordan, communicate regularly by telephone. Shawntese and her foster parents will travel to visit Sylvester at Mock State University, and Sylvester will visit with Shawntese at the foster family home.

Visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Caleb Lewis is limited to written correspondence at this time.

Safety and Risk Assessment

The following previously identified safety threats have been eliminated as Ms. Jordan has been stabilized on medication and has continued in her treatment. She has recently secured independent housing.

- One or both parents/caregivers will not/cannot control their behavior.
- No adult in the home is performing basic parenting duties and responsibilities that assure child safety. One or both parents/caregivers lack parenting knowledge, skills or motivation necessary to assure a child's safety.
- The family does not have or use resources necessary to assure child's safety.
- Living arrangements seriously endanger a child's physical health.

Risk level: High

Signatures

Social Worker: Lisa Howard

Signature: *Lisa Howard*

Date: 3-28-12

Social Work Supervisor: Maxwell Livingston

Signature: *Maxwell Livingston*

Date: 3-28-12

CAUSE NO: J321

**IN THE MATTER OF
Shawntese Jordan, CHILD
AND CONCERNING
Freda Jordan, RESPONDENT**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ANYPLACE COUNTY, MOCK STATE
3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

PERMANENCY HEARING ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 2nd day of April, 2012. The following are named as parties:

Freda Jordan, Mother
DOB 7/25/74
3838 Hope Blvd., Apt. 3
Review City, Mock State 12006

Caleb Lewis
DOB 4/1/78
New State Correctional Facility
1000 Wright Way
New City, New State 30000

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services
Anyplace County, Mock State

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Shawntese Jordan is adjudicated as a neglected child as defined in Mock State Family Code, Section 32A-1-1, et seq. MSSA 1970.
3. The Department has made the following reasonable efforts to reunify Shawntese Jordan with her mother, Freda Jordan:
 - Arranged for the following services to address the causes and conditions that resulted in the neglect of the child: Inpatient psychiatric treatment and inpatient substance abuse treatment for Freda Jordan, therapeutic/substance treatment and supervised living for Freda Jordan, ongoing psychiatric medication monitoring and treatment for Freda Jordan, support for Freda Jordan in establishing a positive support network, and assistance to Freda Jordan in obtaining housing;
 - Arranged for and provided visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan;
 - Arranged for counseling services for Shawntese Jordan to address issues related to the trauma of separation from her parent and the impact of child maltreatment; and
 - Engaged mother in activities to enhance the parent-child relationship.
4. By reports and testimony received of treatment providers, Freda Jordan has made considerable progress in addressing the causes and conditions that resulted in the neglect of Shawntese Jordan.
5. Despite the reasonable efforts made by the Department, reunification of the child with her parent is not in the child's best interest at this time and is contrary to the welfare of the child as Ms. Jordan

still requires ongoing outpatient care and is not yet prepared to fully execute her parental responsibilities.

6. The Department has exercised reasonable care in providing for Shawntese Jordan's physical health, behavioral health, and educational needs. The child is safe in the current placement. The child's placement is in the least restrictive setting possible given the child's needs and is in close proximity to her parent. The placement has allowed for the child to maintain her educational placement setting and supported her relationship with her adult sibling.
7. The child has no siblings in foster care.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. Shawntese Jordan to remain in the custody of the Department of Youth and Family Services, which is responsible for her care and supervision and placement of the child in foster care for an indeterminate period of time not to exceed 6 months from the date of this order.
2. A permanency plan goal of reunification is adopted.
3. That the case plan, attached to this order that was developed by the parties and presented by the Department, shall be adopted.
4. Carrie O'Key, Esq., continues her appointment to represent Freda Jordan.
5. Shelia Smith, Esq., continues her appointment as Guardian ad Litem for Shawntese Jordan.
6. Ray Burr, Esq., continues his appointment to represent Caleb Lewis.

NEXT HEARING: The Judicial Review Hearing is scheduled for the 1st day of October, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. before Judge Emmanuel Fowlkes in Courtroom 201.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal

Emmanuel Fowlkes

April 2, 2012

Emmanuel Fowlkes

Date

District Court Judge

Mock State

Department of Youth and Family Services

Review City District Office

Case Name: Jordan

Child(ren): Shawntese, d.o.b 7/20/00

**Judicial Review Report to Court
Hearing Date June 14, 2012**

Case Summary

Freda Jordan is a single, 37 year-old African American female. She has two biological children, Sylvester Jordan, age 20, and Shawntese Jordan, age 11. Sylvester's father is deceased. Shawntese's father is Caleb Lewis. Mr. Lewis is currently serving a 10-year sentence at New State Correctional Facility. He will be eligible for parole in 2020. Mr. Lewis had not been previously involved in Shawntese's life. He is currently corresponding with Shawntese through letters.

According to the psycho-social assessment completed by therapist Dolly Madison, Ms. Jordan was socially isolated. Both Ms. Jordan's parents are deceased; her mother, who was a significant support for her, died approximately 11 years ago. Ms. Jordan was an only child and has no known living relatives. Initially, Ms. Jordan did not have a positive support system in her life. Ms. Jordan has since developed a positive support system and is engaged in her church community as well as with Shawntese's foster parents, and a former neighbor, Ruth Little.

Ms. Jordan has a history of trauma which included the death of her father; the tragic death of her husband, Edward, Sylvester's father, when Sylvester was a year old; being shunned by Edward's parents and blamed for his death; and the death of her mother. She continues to address these issues in therapy. Ms. Jordan has a good relationship with her son, Sylvester Jordan, who is attending Mock State University.

The Jordan family first came to the attention of the Department in September 2010 for a report of child neglect where it was alleged that Ms. Jordan was not providing adequate supervision to Shawntese. This report was unsubstantiated. A second report was received in November 2010 with similar allegations of child neglect and concerns that Ms. Jordan was becoming verbally aggressive with her daughter. Ms. Jordan had stopped taking her medication and had decompensated. Sylvester Jordan and Ruth Little were able to provide for Shawntese's safety while Ms. Jordan was stabilized on her medication and referred for family preservation and counseling services. At the time the Department closed its case, Ms. Jordan was engaged in services. Ms. Jordan withdrew from services in December 2010. This coincided with the resumption of her relationship with Mr. Caleb Lewis. Sylvester Jordan left the home in January 2011 to attend Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan appears to have become noncompliant with her medication and began using alcohol and other drugs, including cocaine. Ms. Jordan left Shawntese in the care of Ruth Little in January 2011 with the promise to return in a few days. She failed to do so. The family was again reported to the Department in April 2011 after Ms. Little suffered a stroke, which left Shawntese without appropriate care and parental supervision. Ms. Jordan had left Shawntese with Ms. Little on previous occasions for longer periods of time without incident. Ms. Little was an established caregiver for Shawntese. Shawntese Jordan was removed from Ms. Little's care and placed into the emergency custody of the Department by law enforcement on April 4, 2011

Ms. Jordan was located after she was brought to the emergency room and later transported to Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital, where she was hospitalized. It was determined that Ms. Jordan had an adverse reaction to an opiate she had taken. Neurological assessment conducted indicated no long-term impairments. Substance abuse assessment identified indiscriminant polysubstance abuse addiction. Ms. Jordan entered the Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on June 13, 2011. Treatment included individual and group therapy and AA and NA meetings. Random urinalyses were also completed. Ms. Jordan successfully completed the program at Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on August 8, 2011, and transferred to Serenity Women's Home, a structured and

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supervised independent living center for recovering women. Ms. Jordan has been diagnosed as having bipolar disorder, manic with psychotic features. She is under the clinical care of Dr. Martha Etheridge. Ms. Jordan continues with weekly injectable administration of her required medication to support compliance. This has been successful, and her illness is being effectively managed. Ms. Jordan continues to participate in individual and group therapy and random urinalyses through Serenity Outpatient Programs. She is also attending AA and NA meetings. She has remained sober. Ms. Jordan is applying the budgeting and home management skills she learned at Serenity. Family therapy involving Ms. Jordan and Shawntese is occurring.

Ms. Jordan is receiving disability payments. She is working a few hours a week as a waitress in a local restaurant. She is living in a subsidized two-bedroom apartment that she secured through the Department's priority housing agreement with the public housing authority.

Reason(s) for Continued Removal from Home: The Department is recommending that Shawntese Jordan be reunified with her mother on a trial home visit and that continued removal from the home is no longer necessary for the safety and well-being of the child. The Department is recommending that family support services be provided for 90 days upon reunification. Ms. Jordan, in consultation with the Department and her treatment providers, has developed a crisis plan. The family support services provider will serve as one of the monitors of the plan.

Child's Perception of Situation: Shawntese understands and recognizes that her mother has a chronic mental illness and substance abuse issues. She has also witnessed the positive changes that her mother has made and believes that she and her mother are both ready for reunification. Shawntese desires to maintain a relationship with her foster parents, Javon and Charlotte Samuels. Shawntese is working on a relationship with her father.

Child(ren) Information

Physical Health

Shawntese Jordan is current on her immunizations and is in overall good health. She completed an annual physical examination on April 16, 2012, with Dr. Vincent Turner. She is up to date on her immunizations. Shawntese Jordan had her eyes examined on October 5, 2011, by Dr. Iris Blind and received a prescription for reading glasses. There are no additional physical health needs. Shawntese Jordan had a dental exam and cleaning on April 26, 2012 with no dental needs identified.

Mental/Behavioral Health

Shawntese presented as depressed and very anxious upon initial placement into foster care, which was emotionally congruent with her situation. Shawntese completed a mental/behavioral health assessment, including a screening for trauma and substance use. Shawntese has continued in individual therapy with Dr. Ball and is addressing her trauma history, the impact of her mother's illness and behavior, placement into foster care, and her relationship with her father. Sessions are held once every 3 weeks. Shawntese has continued in family therapy sessions with her mother. Shawntese benefited from a short use of psychotropic medication to treat her depression.

Education

Shawntese Jordan completed the sixth grade at Target Community School. She is considered to be a good student. She has progressed through school and does not require/is not eligible for special education services. Placement into foster care did not result in a change of school. The school was notified of her placement into foster care and bus transportation was modified to provide service from her

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foster care placement to the school. Although the mother does not reside in the child’s school district, Ms. Jordan plans on applying for an inter-zone transfer for the fall semester to allow Shawntese to continue in her same school. The Department shall assist Ms. Jordan in this effort.

Social/Emotional Development

Shawntese had needed to be more self-reliant than typical for a child of her age because of her mother’s illness and behavior. Her need to function in the parental role with her mother has significantly decreased through her work in counseling sessions and during visitation with her mother. Shawntese Jordan maintains positive peer relationships. Shawntese continues to have a good relationship with her older brother. Shawntese also has a strong relationship with her foster parents and her former caregiver, Ruth Little. All parties have committed to maintaining that relationship after Shawntese’s reunification.

Placement

Relative as Placement Resource

Child is not currently placed with relatives. Initial relative searches did not identify any appropriate resources. Child remained in stable placement throughout her placement in foster care. Reunification is recommended.

Description of Current Placement

Placement Type and Description: Licensed family foster care home

Shawntese Jordan is placed in the licensed family foster home of Javon and Charlotte Samuels. The placement provides the least restrictive placement option and is in close proximity, as the home is within 6 miles of the mother’s current location and within Shawntese’s school district. Shawntese is currently the only foster child in the placement. The foster care placement is considered stable.

Needs of Foster Parents:

Foster parents have been provided with known background information on Shawntese and her family and have been actively involved in case planning. They have been provided with Medicaid card to secure health care services for Shawntese and have been provided with the name of her primary care provider. The foster parents have also been involved in counseling efforts with Dr. Lucy Ball. Dr. Ball has assisted the foster parents in structuring the foster home in a manner to support and reinforce therapeutic gains being made by the child. Foster parents receive monthly foster care maintenance and are reimbursed for transportation costs. Foster parents will receive ongoing regular contact with social worker for ongoing needs assessments.

Visitation

Visitation between Shawntese and Freda Jordan is currently unsupervised and includes overnight and weekends. Visitation is going well. The Department is recommending that Shawntese be reunified on a trial home visit at this time.

Visitation between Shawntese and Caleb Lewis is limited to written correspondence.

Shawntese Jordan and her older brother, Sylvester Jordan, communicate regularly by telephone. Shawntese and her foster parents have traveled to visit Sylvester at Mock State University, and Sylvester has visited with Shawntese at the foster family home. Sylvester and Shawntese will continue to see one another at their mother’s home.

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Shawntese Jordan visits with Ruth Little on occasion at her mother's or the foster parents' home. They also speak by telephone.

Safety and Risk Assessment

Safety threats include: None identified.

The following previously identified safety threats have been eliminated as Ms. Jordan has been stabilized on medication, progressed in her treatment, and obtained stable housing:

- One or both parents/caregivers will not/cannot control their behavior
- No adult in the home is performing basic parenting duties and responsibilities that assure child safety. One or both parents/caregivers lack parenting knowledge, skills or motivation necessary to assure a child's safety.
- The family does not have or use resources necessary to assure child's safety
- Living arrangements seriously endanger a child's physical health.

Risk level: High

Signatures

Social Worker: Lisa Howard

Signature: *Lisa Howard*

Date: 6-8-12

Social Work Supervisor: Maxwell Livingston

Signature: *Maxwell Livingston*

Date: 6-8-12

CAUSE NO: J321

**IN THE MATTER OF
Shawntese Jordan, CHILD
AND CONCERNING
Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis, RESPONDENTS**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ANYPLACE COUNTY, MOCK STATE
3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

JUDICIAL HEARING ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the 14th day of June, 2012. The following are named as parties:

Freda Jordan, Mother
DOB 7/25/74
3838 Hope Blvd, Apt. 3
Review City, Mock State 12006

Caleb Lewis
DOB 4/1/78
New State Correctional Facility
1000 Wright Way
New City, New State 30000

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services
Anyplace County, Mock State

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The court has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Shawntese Jordan is adjudicated as a neglected child as defined in Mock State Family Code, Section 32A-1-1, et seq. MSSA 1970.
3. The Department has made the following reasonable efforts to reunify Shawntese Jordan with her mother, Freda Jordan:
 - Arranged for the following services to address the causes and conditions that resulted in the neglect of the child: Inpatient psychiatric treatment and inpatient substance abuse treatment for Freda Jordan, therapeutic/substance treatment and supervised living for Freda Jordan, ongoing psychiatric medication monitoring and treatment for Freda Jordan, outpatient substance abuse treatment, support for Freda Jordan in establishing a positive support network, and assistance to Freda Jordan in obtaining housing;
 - Arranged for and provided visitation and family therapy for Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan;

- Arranged for counseling services for Shawntese Jordan to address issues related to the trauma of separation from her parent and the impact of child maltreatment; and
 - Engaged mother in activities to enhance the parent-child relationship.
4. By the social worker's report and testimony received from treatment providers, Freda Jordan has made considerable progress in addressing the causes and conditions that resulted in the neglect of Shawntese Jordan.
 5. The causes and conditions that resulted in the neglect of Shawntese Jordan by Freda Jordan have been remediated or mitigated, and, therefore, it is no longer in the child's best interest at this time to remain outside the home, and there is no justifiable cause to prevent the return of custody of Shawntese Jordan to her mother.
 6. The Department has exercised reasonable care in providing for Shawntese Jordan's physical health, behavioral health, and educational needs. The child is safe in the current placement. The child's placement was in the least restrictive setting possible given the child's needs and is in close proximity to her parent. The placement has allowed for the child to maintain her educational placement setting and supported her relationship with her adult sibling.
 7. The child has no siblings in foster care.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. That full custody of Shawntese Jordan be returned to Freda Jordan.
2. That Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan remain under the supervision of this court for a ninety-day period to allow for oversight and monitoring by the Department and the family's participation and completion in family support services.
3. That the case plan attached to this order, be adopted.
4. Carrie O'Key, Esq., continues her appointment to represent Freda Jordan.
5. Shelia Smith, Esq., continues her appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Shawntese Jordan.
6. Ray Burr, Esq., continues his appointment to represent Caleb Lewis.

NEXT HEARING: The Judicial Review Hearing is scheduled for the 1st day of October, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. before Judge Emmanuel Fowlkes in Courtroom 201. Said hearing shall be vacated, and an order of dismissal entered if, on or before that date, the family successfully completed the family support services.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal

Emmanuel Fowlkes

Emmanuel Fowlkes
District Court Judge

June 14, 2012

Date

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Department of Youth and Family Services

Review City District Office

Case Name: Jordan

Child(ren): Shawntese, d.o.b 7/20/00

**Report to Court
September 27, 2012**

Case Summary

Freda Jordan is a single, 38 year-old African American female. She has two biological children, Sylvester Jordan, age 21, and Shawntese Jordan, age 12. Sylvester's father is deceased. Shawntese's father is Caleb Lewis. Mr. Lewis is currently serving a ten-year sentence at New State Correctional Facility. He will be eligible for parole in 2020. Mr. Lewis is corresponding with Shawntese in through letters.

Previously, Ms. Jordan was socially isolated. During her involvement with the Department, Ms. Jordan has taken steps to develop a positive support system and is engaged with her church community, Shawntese's former foster parents, and a former neighbor, Ruth Little.

The Jordan family first came to the attention of the Department in September 2010 for a report of child neglect, where it was alleged that Ms. Jordan was not providing adequate supervision to Shawntese. This report was unsubstantiated. A second report was received in November 2010 with similar allegations of child neglect and concerns that Ms. Jordan was becoming verbally aggressive with her daughter. Ms. Jordan had stopped taking her medication and had decompensated. Sylvester Jordan and Ruth Little were able to provide for Shawntese's safety while Ms. Jordan was stabilized on her medication and referred for family preservation and counseling services. At the time the Department closed its case, Ms. Jordan was engaged in services. She withdrew from services in December 2010. This coincided with the resumption of her relationship with Mr. Caleb Lewis. Sylvester Jordan left the home in January 2011 to attend Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan appears to have become noncompliant with her medication and began using alcohol and other drugs, including cocaine. Ms. Jordan left Shawntese in the care of Ruth Little in January 2011 with the promise to return in a few days. She failed to do so. The family was again reported to the Department in April 2011 after Ms. Little suffered a stroke, which left Shawntese without appropriate care and parental supervision. Ms. Jordan had left Shawntese with Ms. Little on previous occasions for longer periods of time without incident. Ms. Little was an established caregiver for Shawntese. Shawntese Jordan was removed from Ms. Little's care and placed into the emergency custody of the Department by law enforcement on April 4, 2011

Ms. Jordan was located after she was brought to the emergency room and later transported to Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital, where she was hospitalized. It was determined that Ms. Jordan had an adverse reaction to an opiate she had taken. Neurological assessment conducted indicated no long-term impairments. Substance abuse assessment identified indiscriminant polysubstance abuse addiction. Ms. Jordan entered the Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on June 13, 2011. Treatment included individual and group therapy and AA and NA meetings. Random urinalyses were also completed. Ms. Jordan successfully completed the program at Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility on August 8, 2011, and transferred to Serenity Women's Home, a structured and supervised independent living center for recovering women. Ms. Jordan has been diagnosed as having bipolar disorder with manic episodes with psychotic features. She is under the clinical care of Dr. Martha Etheridge. Ms. Jordan continues with weekly injectable administration of her required medication to support compliance. This has been successful and her illness is being effectively managed.

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Ms. Jordan is receiving disability payments. She continues to work a few hours a week as a waitress in a local restaurant. She has maintained her housing in a subsidized two-bedroom apartment.

Ms. Jordan continues to participate in individual and group therapy and random urinalyses through Serenity Outpatient Programs. She is also attending AA and NA meetings. She has remained sober. Ms. Jordan is applying the budgeting and home management skills she learned at Serenity. She continues with family therapy. Ms. Jordan and Shawntese successfully completed family support services and were discharged from the program.

Reason(s) for Continued Removal from Home: Not applicable.

Child's Perception of Situation: Shawntese understands and recognizes that her mother has a chronic mental illness and substance abuse issues. She has also witnessed the positive changes that her mother has made and that the family has benefited from services. Shawntese has maintained a relationship with her former foster parents, Javon and Charlotte Samuels, and her former caregiver, Ruth Little. She has begun a relationship with her father.

Child(ren) Information

Physical Health

Shawntese Jordan is current on her immunizations and is in overall good health. She completed an annual physical examination on April 16, 2012, with Dr. Vincent Turner. She is good health and up to date on her immunizations. Shawntese Jordan had her eyes examined on October 5, 2011, by Dr. Iris Blind and received a prescription for reading glasses. There are no additional physical health needs. Shawntese Jordan had a dental exam and cleaning on April 26, 2012, with no dental needs identified. Ms. Jordan has a routine health care appointment scheduled for October 2012.

Mental/Behavioral Health

Shawntese presented as depressed and very anxious upon initial placement into foster care, which was emotionally congruent with her situation. Shawntese completed a mental/behavioral health assessment, including a screening for trauma and substance use. Shawntese has continued in individual therapy with Dr. Ball. Dr. Ball has said that the therapeutic goals have been achieved, and therapy can be discontinued at this time. Dr. Ball indicated that, should a need arise, she is available to resume sessions. Shawntese also benefit from the short-term use of a psychotropic medication to treat her depression. Shawntese has continued in family therapy sessions with her mother.

Education

Shawntese Jordan has begun the seventh grade at Target Community School. She is considered to be a good student. She has progressed through school and does not require/is not eligible for special education services. Ms. Jordan was successful in getting an inter-zone transfer for the fall semester to allow Shawntese to continue in her same school and did not require the Department's assistance in this matter.

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Social/Emotional Development

Shawntese had needed to be more self-reliant than typical for a child of her age because of her mother's illness and behavior. Her need to function in the parental role with her mother has significantly decreased through her work in counseling sessions and now in family therapy. Shawntese Jordan continues to have a good relationship with her older brother. Shawntese also has a strong relationship with her previous foster parents and caregiver. She has good peer relationships.

Placement

Relative as Placement Resource

Indicate whether any relatives and/or other extended family resources/supports were considered as a placement resource. If so, include name, relationship, date and method of contact, along with outcome. If not, indicate reason(s) why.

Not applicable. Child not in foster care.

Description of Current Placement

Placement Type and Description: Not applicable.

Needs of Foster Parents: Not applicable

Visitation

Not applicable.

Safety and Risk Assessment

Safety threats include: None identified.

The following previously identified safety threats have been eliminated as Ms. Jordan has been stabilized on medication, progressed in her treatment, and obtained stable housing:

- One or both parents/caregivers will not/cannot control their behavior
- No adult in the home is performing basic parenting duties and responsibilities that assure child safety. One or both parents/caregivers lack parenting knowledge, skills or motivation necessary to assure a child's safety.
- The family does not have or use resources necessary to assure child's safety
- Living arrangements seriously endanger a child's physical health.

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Risk level: High

Social Worker: Lisa Howard

Signature: *Lisa Howard*

Date: 9-27-12

Signatures

Social Work Supervisor: Maxwell Livingston

Signature: *Maxwell Livingston*

Date: 9-27-12

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CAUSE NO: J321

**IN THE MATTER OF
Shawntese Jordan, CHILD
AND CONCERNING
Freda Jordan and Caleb Lewis, RESPONDENTS**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ANYPLACE COUNTY, MOCK STATE
3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

JUDICIAL HEARING ORDER

This matter came reviewed by the court on 27th day of September, 2012. The following are named as parties:

Freda Jordan, Mother

DOB 7/25/74

3838 Hope Blvd., Apartment 3

Review City, Mock State 12006

Caleb Lewis

DOB 4/1/78

New State Correctional Facility

1000 Wright Way

New City, New State 30000

Mock City Department of Youth and Family Services

Anyplace County, Mock State

THE COURT ORDERS:

That this case be dismissed effective the day of this order.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal

Emmanuel Fowlkes

Emmanuel Fowlkes
District Court Judge

September 27, 2012

Date