

Mock State

Department of Youth and Family Services

Review City District Office

Case Name: Jordan

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

Initial Assessment

Court Hearing Date April 11, 2011

Case Summary

Freda Jordan is a single, thirty-six year old African American female. She has two biological children, Sylvester Jordan, age nineteen, and Shawntese Jordan, age ten. Sylvester's father is deceased. Shawntese's father is Caleb Lewis. He and Ms. Jordan were never married. Mr. Lewis has not been involved in Shawntese's life. He has been incarcerated on multiple occasions, and his current whereabouts are unknown.

According to the psycho-social assessment completed by therapist Dolly Madison in late 2010, 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. Madison described Ms. Jordan as being highly dependent upon others and easily influenced. Ms. Madison also indicated that Ms. Jordan has a history of trauma, which included the death of her father when she was ten; 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 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, when exhibiting psychotic features, her symptoms have been effectively managed with Aripirazole or Zyprexa. Ms. Jordan is receiving disability payments and has not been successful in maintaining employment.

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, in response to a break-up with a boyfriend, had stopped taking her medication and had decompensated. Sylvester Jordan, with the assistance of a neighbor, Ruth Little, was able to provide for Shawntese's safety while Ms. Jordan was stabilized on her medication and referred for family preservation and counseling services. When the Department closed its case, Ms. Jordan was engaged in services. It was later learned that Ms. Jordan withdrew from services in December of 2010. This coincided with the return of Mr. Caleb Lewis, who was recently released from prison. Sylvester Jordan left the family home in January of 2011 to attend Mock State University.

Ms. Jordan was 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 Department

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received a report in April of 2011 after Ms. Little had a stroke, which left Shawntese without food and adequate shelter. She was not able to enter Ms. Little's home, and the utilities were turned off in the Jordan family apartment. It was learned that Ms. Jordan had left Shawntese with Ms. Little on previous occasions for longer periods of time without incident. Ms. Little is an established caregiver for Shawntese. Shawntese 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 for what appears to be a substance-induced psychosis.

Reason(s) for Removal from Home: Child was removed on an emergency basis because caregiver, Ruth Little, was physically unable to care for the child. Birth mother has a history of mental illness and, more recently, abuse of alcohol and street drugs, resulting in mother leaving the child without proper parental care and supervision. Birth father has not been involved in the child's life. Current location is unknown.

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

Child(ren) Information

Physical Health

Shawntese Jordan is current on her immunizations and appears to be in overall good health. She is scheduled for her annual physical examination on April 11, 2011. Shawntese does not appear to have seen a dentist in a number of years, and this requires further assessment.

Mental/Behavioral Health

Shawntese presented as depressed and very anxious upon initial placement into foster care, which was emotionally congruent with her situation. She is having difficulty sleeping and has little appetite. She continues to experience severe anxiety. Shawntese will participate in a mental/behavioral health screening assessment to include a screening for trauma. There is no indication of substance use.

Education

Shawntese is in the fifth grade at Target Community School. She is considered to be an average student with B's and C's. She has progressed through school and does not

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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.

Social/Emotional Development

Shawntese Jordan appears to be developmentally on target. She is liked by her peers but does not have one group of friends that she associates with, but rather moves from group to group. Given her mother's mental illness, Shawntese appears to have needed to be more self-reliant than typical for a child of her age. Further assessment is required in this area.

Placement

Relative as Placement Resource

Child is not currently placed with relatives. Mother has no siblings and maternal grandparents are deceased. Other maternal family members have not been identified by the child and her adult sibling, and the mother is not currently able to provide any information. Child's adult sibling has moved away from the family to attend college and is not able/willing to provide care and supervision for his sister. Ms. Ruth Little is unable to care for the child because of her present medical condition. Location of child's birth father is unknown; therefore, he has not provided information about paternal relatives.

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 residence, 7 miles from the psychiatric facility where the mother is receiving treatment services, 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. 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. Foster parents will receive monthly foster care maintenance and will be

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reimbursed for transportation costs. Foster parents will receive ongoing regular contact with social worker for ongoing needs assessments.

Visitation

Freda Jordan is not available due to hospitalization; however, hospital is evaluating mother's readiness for visits.

Supervised visitation will begin at the facility once mother's treatment team determines readiness. The social worker will continue to coordinate with treatment team and will visit mother and child, providing updates to each until such time that they can visit.

Caleb Lewis's whereabouts are unknown. If and when Mr. Lewis is located, the Department will assess to determine whether visitation is appropriate.

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/caregivers will not/cannot control their behavior.
- 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: Very High

Permanency Plan

Reunification

Signatures		
Social Worker: Lisa Howard	<i>Lisa Howard</i>	Date: 4-8-11
Social Work Supervisor: Maxwell Livingston	<i>Maxwell Livingston</i>	Date: 4-8-11

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April 8, 2011

1. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to have a physical examination and shall follow up with any recommendations made and provide for routine health care.
2. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to have a dental examination, shall follow up with any recommendations made, and provide for routine dental care.
3. The Department shall ensure that Shawntese Jordan maintains enrollment in school and shall ensure that any educational assistance and support required by the child is provided.
4. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to have a mental health assessment to include a trauma screening and evaluation for substance use. The Department shall follow recommendations of the assessment.
5. The Department shall meet with Shawntese Jordan to identify important connections and shall provide support to preserve those connections.
6. The Department shall arrange for supervised visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan. Frequency and duration will be determined by the Department in consultation with Freda Jordan's treatment providers.
7. Freda Jordan shall participate in a psychological, neurological, and substance abuse evaluations while undergoing inpatient treatment.
8. Freda Jordan shall participate in a review and update of the psycho-social history assessment completed in fall of 2010.
9. Freda Jordan shall provide the names and available contact information for any relatives to the Department by April 30, 2011, so that they may be assessed as potential placement options for Shawntese Jordan.
10. The Department shall continue to search for Caleb Lewis. Once Mr. Lewis is located, the Department shall assess his capacity to parent. Mr. Lewis shall participate in an assessment deemed appropriate by the Department. Mr. Lewis will be appointed an attorney once he is located.

<u>Lisa Howard</u>	<u>4/11/11</u>	<u>Freda Jordan by C.O'Key</u>	<u>4/11/11</u>
Social Worker	Date	Parent	Date
<u>Maxwell Livingston</u>	<u>4/11/11</u>	<u>Carrie O'Key</u>	<u>4/11/11</u>
Social Worker Supervisor	Date	Respondent's Attorney	Date
<u>Shawntese Jordan</u>	<u>4/11/11</u>	<u>Shelia Smith</u>	<u>4/11/11</u>
Child	Date	Guardian ad Litem	Date
<u>Peter Dubin</u>	<u>4/11/11</u>		
Children's Court Attorney	Date		

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May 23, 2011

1. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to have ongoing routine physical health care and dental services and shall follow up with any recommendations made.
2. The Department shall ensure that Shawntese Jordan maintain enrollment in school and shall ensure that any educational assistance and support required by the child is provided.
3. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to participate in weekly individualized counseling services to address trauma history, grief and loss, and impact of her mother's mental health illness on her life. The Department shall monitor progress in therapy.
4. The Department shall continue to support Shawntese Jordan's relationship with Ruth Little and her participation in Girl Scouts and shall make efforts to engage Sylvester Jordan back into Shawntese Jordan's life.
5. The Department shall provide weekly supervised visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan. Frequency and duration will be determined by the Department in consultation with Freda Jordan's and Shawntese Jordan's treatment providers.
6. Freda Jordan shall complete inpatient substance abuse treatment. She shall follow any recommendations for follow-up care upon successful discharge from treatment.
7. Freda Jordan shall maintain compliance with her medications and shall continue to have her psychiatric conditions monitored by her treating psychiatrist.
8. The Department shall meet with Freda Jordan to identify longer-term housing options and opportunities.
9. The Department shall continue to make efforts to locate Caleb Lewis.

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<u>Maxwell Livingston</u>	<u>6/1/11</u>	<u>Carrie O'Key</u>	<u>6/1/11</u>
Social Worker Supervisor	Date	Respondent's Attorney	Date
<u>Shawntese Jordan</u>	<u>6/1/11</u>	<u>Shelia Smith</u>	<u>6/1/11</u>
Child	Date	Guardian ad Litem	Date
<u>Charlotte Samuels</u>	<u>6/1/11</u>	<u>Javon Samuels</u>	<u>6/1/11</u>
Foster Parent	Date	Foster Parent	Date
<u>Peter Dubin</u>	<u>6/1/11</u>		
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November 28, 2011

1. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to have ongoing routine physical health care and dental services and shall follow up with any recommendations made.
2. The Department shall ensure that Shawntese Jordan maintains enrollment in school and shall ensure that any educational assistance and support required by the child is provided.
3. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to participate in individual counseling services to address trauma history, grief and loss, impact of her mother's mental health illness on her life, emergence of her father. Counseling frequency shall be based upon the recommendations of the child's therapist.
4. The Department shall continue to support Shawntese Jordan's participation in Girl Scouts and her relationships with Sylvester Jordan and Ruth Little.
5. The Department shall arrange for weekly, unsupervised visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan. Frequency and duration will be determined by the Department in consultation with Freda Jordan's and Shawntese Jordan's treatment providers.
6. Freda Jordan and Shawntese Jordan shall participate in family therapy.
7. Freda Jordan shall continue with outpatient substance abuse treatment to include attendance at AA or NA meetings, individual and group therapy, and random urinalyses. She shall follow any additional recommendations made by treatment providers.
8. Freda Jordan shall maintain compliance with her medications and shall continue to have her psychiatric conditions monitored by her treating psychiatrist.
9. The Department shall assist Freda Jordan in securing housing through the Department's priority housing program.
10. Caleb Lewis may write Shawntese Jordan. His letters will be reviewed by the foster parents prior to giving them to Shawntese Jordan. Shawntese Jordan is under no obligation to read the letters or correspond with Mr. Lewis.

<u>Lisa Howard</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>	<u>Freda Jordan</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>
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<u>Maxwell Livingston</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>	<u>Carrie O'Key</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>
Social Worker Supervisor	Date	Respondent's Attorney	Date
<u>Shawntese Jordan</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>	<u>Shelia Smith</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>
Child	Date	Guardian ad Litem	Date
<u>Charlotte Samuels</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>	<u>Javon Samuels</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>
Foster Parent	Date	Foster Parent	Date
<u>Peter Dubin</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>	<u>Ray Burr</u>	<u>11/30/11</u>
Children's Court Attorney	Date	Respondent's Attorney	Date

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March 28, 2012

1. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to have ongoing routine physical health care and dental services and shall follow up with any recommendations made.
2. The Department shall ensure that Shawntese Jordan maintains enrollment in school and shall ensure that any educational assistance and support required by the child is provided.
3. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to participate in individual counseling services to address trauma history, grief and loss, impact of her mother's mental health illness on her life, and relationship with her father. Counseling frequency shall be based upon the recommendations of the child's therapist.
4. The Department shall continue to support Shawntese Jordan's participation in Girl Scouts and her relationship with her brother, Sylvester Jordan.
5. The Department shall arrange for unsupervised overnight visitation between Shawntese Jordan and Freda Jordan. Frequency and duration will be determined by the Department in consultation with Freda Jordan's and Shawntese Jordan's treatment providers.
6. Freda Jordan shall continue with outpatient substance abuse treatment to include attendance at AA or NA meetings, individual and group therapy, and random urinalyses. She shall follow any additional recommendations made by treatment providers.
7. Freda Jordan shall maintain compliance with her medications and shall continue to have her psychiatric conditions monitored by her treating psychiatrist.
8. Freda Jordan shall maintain safe and stable housing through the Department's priority housing program.
9. Freda Jordan and Shawntese Jordan shall participate in family therapy.
10. Caleb Lewis may write Shawntese Jordan. His letters will be reviewed by the foster parents prior to giving them to Shawntese Jordan. Shawntese Jordan is under no obligation to read the letters or correspond with Mr. Lewis.

Lisa Howard

4/2/12

Social Worker

Date

Freda Jordan

4/2/12

Parent

Date

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Social Worker Supervisor

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Ray Burr

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Respondent's Attorney

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June 14, 2012

1. Freda Jordan shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to have ongoing routine physical health care and dental services and shall follow up with any recommendations made.
2. Freda Jordan shall ensure that Shawntese Jordan maintains enrollment in school and shall provide any educational assistance and support required.
3. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to participate in individual counseling services to address trauma history, grief and loss, impact of her mother's mental health illness on her life, and relationship with her father. Counseling frequency shall be based upon the recommendations of the child's therapist.
4. The Department shall arrange for Shawntese Jordan to be returned to the physical home of her mother, Freda Jordan. Freda Jordan shall subject herself to the monitoring of the Department and shall allow the Department representative access to her home, herself, and her child.
5. Freda Jordan shall continue with outpatient substance abuse treatment to include attendance at AA or NA meetings, individual and group therapy, and random urinalyses. She shall follow any additional recommendations made by treatment providers.
6. Freda Jordan shall maintain compliance with her medications and shall continue to have her psychiatric conditions monitored by her treating psychiatrist.
7. Freda Jordan shall maintain safe and stable housing through the Department's priority housing program.
8. Freda Jordan and Shawntese Jordan shall participate in and successfully complete family support services.
9. Caleb Lewis may write Shawntese Jordan. Shawntese Jordan is under no obligation to read the letters or correspond with Mr. Lewis.

<u>Lisa Howard</u>	<u>6/14/12</u>	<u>Freda Jordan</u>	<u>6/14/12</u>
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