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9-12-10	-----	Case assigned to this worker for investigation.
9-12-10	H/V	<p>This worker visited Ms. Freda Jordan's home at 1000 Fern Drive, Apt. 207. I was invited in by Sylvester Jordan, Ms. Jordan's oldest child, who was preparing to go to his job at a local video store. He stated that his mother was at work and his sister, Shawntese, was at school. Sylvester reported that only he, his mother, and younger sister live in the apartment. He said that his stepfather was in and out of jail most of the time and completely took off about 5 years ago. He said the only time his mother would hear from him after that was when he got out of jail. The mother's boyfriend, Elvis Jones, had his own place, but would come over in the evening and on weekends. Sylvester said that Elvis and his mom broke up a few weeks ago and that he, "no longer comes around." Sylvester said Elvis was more of a loser than his mom's previous boyfriends. When questioned about whether or not there was any domestic violence, Sylvester said he didn't know as he tried to work a lot and not be around. He phoned Ms. Jordan at work during my visit. Ms. Jordan and I plan to meet this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at her home. She voiced anger and was upset over being reported. The home was clean, well kept, and orderly. Both the refrigerator and cupboards were well stocked with food. Furniture appeared worn but was clean.</p>
9-12-10	H/V	<p>Met with Ms. Jordan in the family home. She says most of her neighbors don't like her because she keeps to herself and that's why "they are always trying to get me in trouble about my kids." Only her neighbor, Ruth Little, was kind. She lives in the apartment across the hall and has been good about letting Shawntese come over and stay with her sometimes. Ms. Jordan said that Shawntese calls her Grammie. According to Ms. Jordan, she recently began a part-time job at a local dry cleaner. Until about 2 weeks ago, she had not been employed for some time. She receives disability payments (SSI), food stamps, and gets help from the county to pay the rent on the apartment. She works at the cleaners to help with ironing and hanging only when called. She says she typically works about 4-8 hours a week at present and is usually at home with Shawntese. Ms. Jordan stated that she has a history of bipolar disorder, manic and episodes of paranoia, which have rendered her unable to maintain full-time employment. She reports managing her illness well and is taking her</p>

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		<p>medication as prescribed.</p> <p>Ms. Jordan stated that her son's father was deceased, and Shawntese's father, Caleb Lewis, left when Shawntese was 5 years old. She said he wasn't much of a father and prior to leaving for good he had been in and out of jail or on probation. She said that things were getting bad for her with her illness, and she guessed he just couldn't deal with it or having a family. He has not provided any financial support for Shawntese. She said that she and Mr. Lewis would fight or sometimes not talk for days at a time. She thinks it was bad for both of the children, and they got anxious and sad. She denied any domestic violence, but said that Shawntese's father could be scary when he got angry. Ms. Jordan said that neither Sylvester nor Shawntese really ever knew their fathers. Ms. Jordan says she broke up with her boyfriend, Elvis, about 2 weeks ago and is trying to "get myself together." She denied any domestic violence in that relationship, but did say that all couples fight now and then. She reports that Shawntese is a rambunctious child who often plays and talks loudly with her friends in the neighborhood. She said that Shawntese can be demanding at times. Shawntese and a friend were "playing in the front yard of the building last night," according to Ms. Jordan, and they might have gotten loud. She says that Shawntese is now enrolled in Girl Scouts to give her more social activities in the evening and on weekends. Ms. Jordan reports that the older child, Sylvester, was supposed to be keeping an eye on her last night, but left to do laundry instead. Ms. Jordan said that she had gone to the grocery store to pick up a few things, and that is why she wasn't around. She said that Shawntese likes to visit with her friends and sometimes will ask if she can stay for dinner, but this doesn't happen all that often—maybe every other week or so. Ms. Jordan said she is trying to be a good mother. Ms. Jordan provided numbers and clearances for her treating psychiatrist, Shawntese's pediatrician, and school. Ms. Jordan stated that she is not Native American, nor is Shawntese's father.</p> <p>The child, Shawntese, came in during my visit. She is a pleasant youngster, appearing well groomed, happy, and well nourished. Spoke with Shawntese alone. She said things were going fine for her at home. She confirmed that Elvis and her mother broke up, and he hasn't been around. She said that sometimes Elvis and her mother would argue about things and yell at each other. She could not say what they argued about. Shawntese said when that happened she would usually go watch TV with Grammie, and, by the time she got home, either Elvis had left the building, or they seemed to have worked it out. She denied that Elvis ever yelled at her. She stated that she went out last night when she was not supposed to and was hanging out with her friends in the courtyard area doing nothing—just talking, but some neighbors got upset because they said they were too loud.</p>

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9-13-10	T/C	Telephone call to Ms. Jordan's psychiatrist, Dr. Etheridge. She meets with her for 90-day medication management reviews and has been consistent with keeping appointments. Dr. Etheridge reported that Ms. Jordan is compliant with her meds, and her illness is being managed effectively.
9-13-10	T/C	Spoke with Shawntese's pediatrician, Dr. Turner, who said she has no current medical problems, is doing well, maintains regular visits, and has no medical concerns. Immunizations are up to date. Was last seen in the clinic in January 2010 to address head lice.
9-13-10	T/C	Spoke with Ms. Ford, school counselor at Target Community School, who said Shawntese is passing her classes, although the school feels that she is not working up to her full academic potential. She has friends but does not appear to have any really close friends as she can be a little bossy. There has been no suspicion of abuse or neglect. Child comes to school clean and well rested. Child is on free lunch program. Shawntese is also eligible for free breakfast although rarely takes advantage of the program. Ms. Ford said that Ms. Jordan attends some of the parent-teacher conferences. Shawntese sometimes attends the open houses with her older brother or with a neighbor lady.
9-13-10	-	Case closed as unsupported. Child safe, risk moderate as per risk and safety assessments completed this date.

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MP Social Worker: Mark Phillips

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11-8-10	-----	Case assigned to this worker for investigation. Reviewed the previous investigation case notes.
11-8-10	T/C	Attempted to call Ms. Jordan at 215-663-9890—no answer, no answering machine.
11-8-10	H/V	<p>This worker went unannounced to Ms. Freda Jordan's home. Sylvester Jordan was out in front of the building. Sylvester said that he graduated from high school in June and had a scholarship to begin college in January. He said he was glad to be getting away from "this nut house" in a couple of months. He said that his mother and Shawntese were inside. He said that his mother had stopped taking her meds and was having all kinds of crazy thoughts like she sometimes does, but it was no worse than it has been in the past. He said that they were all fine, but this worker could just go and see for himself. The shades and windows were drawn. Shawntese Jordan eventually opened the door. Shawntese was dressed in her school clothes. There were no issues with her grooming. She said her mother was in her bedroom, and she called for her. She invited this worker into the home. The house appeared disheveled and unkempt. There were dirty dishes in the sink, and clothes strewn about on the floors. The house was dark.</p> <p>While waiting for Ms. Jordan, this worker spoke to Shawntese. She said that her mother has been acting kind of strange lately. One minute she seemed to be happy, and the next she would be crying. Shawntese said that her mother stayed up all night and during the day seemed out of it. She would start to clean up the house, but just end up making more of a mess. Shawntese said she tried to help her mother, but her mother would just get mad. Sylvester told her that her mother would just get over it. In the meantime, Sylvester was getting groceries and helping her with laundry. She said that sometimes she would go over to Grammie's. Shawntese said she was worried about her mother and it was tough right now for her, but she didn't feel like she wasn't safe.</p> <p>After about 15 minutes, Ms. Jordan greeted me in the living room of the two-bedroom apartment. Ms. Jordan appeared anxious and said she had not been sleeping well. Shawntese hovered, listening in on our conversation. Ms. Jordan told Shawntese to visit with Grammie. Shawntese objected at first but eventually left. Ms. Jordan said she thought she could get over losing her boyfriend, Elvis, but "it was harder than I thought." She said that her boyfriend was sneaking into her house at night and watching her sleep. She said she is staying up waiting for him so she can talk with him and figure this whole thing out.</p>

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		<p>She asked this worker if Elvis had sent him to spy on her and see if she had a new boyfriend. This worker explained the reason for this visit.</p> <p>Ms. Jordan agreed that she had let the upkeep of the house go, but denied that she would yell at Shawntese and started to cry saying “I would never hurt my baby.” She then got angry and wanted to know who had called to report her. Ms. Jordan no longer works at the cleaners, stating, “They are just like everybody else—just trying to get her in trouble and blame her for everything that goes wrong.” She said she had not seen her psychiatrist in a few months and missed her last appointment. She has stopped taking her medication a couple of weeks ago. “It makes me sleepy and I want to be awake the next time Elvis comes.” Ms. Jordan was receptive to the idea of seeing her doctor, so we contacted her doctor’s office, and they made arrangements for Ms. Jordan to be seen at the local emergency room this evening.</p> <p>Spoke with Sylvester and arranged a safety plan. He would drop off Shawntese at Girl Scouts and take his mother to the ER after that. He said he would talk with the Girl Scout leader and ask her to take Shawntese back to Grammie’s until he got back from the ER with his mother. She has provided care for Shawntese in the past when Sylvester was at work. Told him that the on-call worker would check in with him later this evening. Gave him the on-call number as well.</p>
11-8-10	T/C	<p>After-hours call to Jordan home by on-call worker. Sylvester answered. He reported that his mother was given an injection at the emergency room and released with her medications. She was at home and sleeping. The Girl Scout leader had taken Shawntese to Grammie’s after the meeting. Shawntese was already asleep, so he let her stay there. Sylvester said he didn’t work tomorrow so would be around. Confirmed that he had the emergency on-call number.</p>
11-9-10	H/V	<p>Went to the Jordan home. Met with Ms. Jordan. She said she received an injection at the hospital to get her stabilized, and she started taking her medication. She said that she was feeling better and would take her medication regularly. She had a follow up appointment with her regular doctor later today. Shawntese was at school. Ms. Jordan denied any history of child abuse/neglect. She said her mother was “her rock.” She stated that her mother died some time ago. She agreed to family preservation services and engaging with the Department of Mental Health for counseling, in addition to the ongoing medication management.</p> <p>Spoke to Sylvester as well. He said he had it “all under control.” He said his mother could do any kind of services she wanted to. He didn’t care as he planned on getting out of this house and away from this crazy family in January. He said that he would call if he had any concerns about his mother.</p> <p>Risk and safety assessments were completed this date, showing risk</p>

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		as moderate, and child unsafe due to the mother not taking her medication, displaying out of control behavior, and not tending to basic needs of her child.
11-10-10	T/C	Called Dr. Etheridge—mother’s psychiatrist. She confirmed that mother had kept her follow-up appointment. Dr. Etheridge indicated that the mother has a history of occasionally being non-complaint with her medication. She did, however, respond well and quickly to medication once they were resumed.
11-10-10	T/C	Call to Mental Health Open Door Outpatient (800) 123-9876. Clinic is accepting new referrals. Provided background information and reason for the agency involvement. Dr. Etheridge is one of their consulting psychiatrists, so they will be able to coordinate care and obtain medical history information once Ms. Jordan signs releases. Ms. Jordan will need to call to schedule an intake appointment.
11-10-10	T/C	Referral to Namaste Family Preservation Agency (800) 123-6789. Namaste has opening and can initiate services on Friday, 11/12/10. Provided Namaste with background information, reason for agency involvement, and results of safety and risk assessments. Clinician from Namaste will contact Ms. Jordan to schedule first home visit for Friday.
11-10-10	T/C	Call to Ms. Jordan. Informed her referrals had been made. Gave her Mental Health Open Door Outpatient telephone number with instructions to call to set up intake appointment. Also let her know that Namaste Family Preservation Agency would be contacting her to schedule a time to meet at her home on Friday. Ms. Jordan said she was continuing on her meds. Shawntese was doing well. She would call Open Door.
11-12-10	-----	Case substantiated, child unsafe, risk moderate, referred for services: family preservation and mental health services. Safety plan with older brother put in place. Will follow up with providers in 2 weeks.
11-29-10	T/C	Telephoned Namaste Family Preservation Agency, (800) 123-6789. Mother has engaged with services. Primary efforts with mother on household management, developing social support system and parent-child relationships. Namaste reports that Sylvester has not been willing to engage in services.
11-30-10	T/C	Telephone Mental Health Open Door Outpatient, (800) 123-9876 and confirmed mother has completed intake and been assigned to therapist and has initiated counseling. Therapist is currently completing psychosocial history with mother. Therapist agreed to contact the agency if there were concerns about the safety of Shawntese.
11-30-10	H/V	Unannounced visit to the Jordan home. Sylvester, Shawntese, and Ms. Jordan were all home. Ms. Ruth Little (Grammie) was visiting with

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		<p>the family. Ms. Jordan was preparing dinner. Ms. Jordan asked if someone had reported her again. I explained that I was just here to check on the family to see if it was okay to close the case. Sylvester said that they were all fine. Spoke to Shawntese alone. She said she felt safe and things were much better. She continues with Girl Scouts. She said she will be very sad when Sylvester goes to college. The home was clean.</p>
11-30-10	<p>----</p> <p>----</p>	<p>Family engaged in services. Risk and safety assessments completed this date continue to show moderate risk, with child currently safe due to the mother being back on her medications and engaged in services. Case closed.</p>

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LS Social Worker: Lisa Howard

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4-4-11	-----	Case assigned to this worker for investigation.
4-4-11	H/V	<p>Paramedics were working with Ms. Little when I arrived at Ms. Little's residence. Ms. Little was being taken to Holy Heavens Hospital. Ms. Walters and Shawntese were waiting for me. The apartment was well kept, but smelled stale. Ms. Walters explained that the paramedics believed that Ms. Little had a stroke and could not move and was too weak to call for help. She was able to speak, although it was somewhat difficult to understand her. Shawntese was still crying. She was shaking and looking very scared. I noticed a piece of paper on the kitchen table. It was a hand-written note from Shawntese's mother to the school stating that Ruth Little was going to take care of Shawntese for a few days. We went to the Jordan family home while the paramedics continued to work with Ms. Little. Shades drawn. Trash and debris were all around the home. The utilities were not working. Food in the refrigerator was spoiled.</p> <p>Spoke to Shawntese. She continued to be very upset and it was difficult to calm her. Attempted to assure her that I was there to assist her and her family. She said her mother left shortly after the holidays with her father, Mr. Lewis. She had arranged for Grammie Little to watch her. Shawntese said that she was worried that her mother did not come back like she said she would. Grammie was taking care of her like she did before when her mom went away for a while. She did not know where her mother was and did not know how to reach her brother, but provided the name of the college he was attending. Shawntese was very worried about Grammie and kept asking if she was going to die and leave her all alone.</p> <p>Helped Shawntese gather some of her clothing, school books, and belongings. She whimpered as she collected her things. Used cell phone to take pictures of the apartment. Left my card and note for Ms. Jordan at apartment letting her know that I would be asking for custody and asked her to contact me. Returned to Ms. Little's apartment.</p>
4-4-11	T/C	Contacted Mock City Law Enforcement to report abandoned child situation. Provided background information. Officer was sent to location.
4-4-11	C/C	While waiting for the officer, a neighbor came to the apartment (Abigail Normal) saying that she heard about Miss Little and was very sorry—"she's such a saint and has been everything to both Shawntese and her brother." She said she saw Ms. Jordan and Caleb Lewis, together a few months ago. She was surprised as she hadn't seen Mr. Lewis in a

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		very long time. She reported that Ms. Jordan said she was leaving town for a while and told her that Ruth Little would be caring for Shawntese again. She said that Sylvester left for college in January.
4-4-11	C/C	Officer Howard Doodie arrived on location. He came as Ms. Little was being taken out the door to the waiting ambulance. He contacted local emergency rooms and jail to determine if Ms. Jordan or Mr. Lewis were there, or if persons fitting their description were there. He spoke briefly to Shawntese. Law enforcement placed child in emergency protective custody of the agency.
4-4-11	T/C	Phoned after-hours emergency placement worker to ask them to identify an emergency foster home placement for Shawntese Jordan. Provided information on child's age, home address, school district and circumstances of her removal including her current emotional state. Placement worker provided the name and address of Javon and Charlotte Samuels for placement, noting that they were experienced foster parents. Placement worker would contact the foster parents and notify them.
4-4-11	H/V	Arrived at the home of Javon and Charlotte Samuels. The Samuels said that they had spoken to the placement worker and were expecting us. Introductions were made. Mrs. Samuels showed Shawntese where she would be sleeping, gave her a tour of the home, and assured her that they would care for her. She said that she had kept some dinner waiting for her, but Shawntese, who looked completely exhausted, said she wasn't hungry. Told Shawntese that I would be talking with her tomorrow, and I would make efforts to find her mother and get a hold of her brother.
4-5-11	T/C	Contacted Target Community School. Notified the school that Shawntese Jordan had come into foster care. Provided the name and contact information for Shawntese's foster parent. School counselor will make a note and inform Shawntese's teachers. Shawntese is an average student. She is not enrolled/eligible for special education services. The counselor reports that she is generally liked by her peers, although may be a little bossy and demanding at times—even with some of the teachers. She does not have one group of friends, but rather moves from group to group. The counselor said that before winter break, Shawntese had a number of unexcused absences. She had heard that Shawntese's father had been released from prison and was back with the family. She said she never got to follow up with Shawntese because of the winter break. She had forgotten about it until now—there had not been any attendance issues when school resumed in January.

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4-5-11	T/C	<p>Contacted Namaste Family Preservation Services. Was able to speak to the Jordan family worker, Angela Powers. Worker stated that Ms. Jordan kept her first couple of appointments and seemed to really appreciate the services. In early December she began canceling appointments. The team attempted to engage Ms. Jordan, but she finally said that she no longer felt that she needed services. The worker reported that things seemed to be going pretty well, so they asked her to contact them if she changed her mind and needed services. They closed their case December 20, 2010. Ms. Powers did not have any thoughts as to where Ms. Jordan might be.</p>
4-5-11	T/C	<p>Contacted Dr. Martha Etheridge directly, who stated that Ms. Jordan had made all of her prior appointments, but did not show up for her January appointment and has not rescheduled. The last time she saw Ms. Jordan was December 10, 2010, and she was doing well and compliant with her medication. Dr. Etheridge did not have any thoughts as to where Ms. Jordan might be.</p>
4-5-11	T/C	<p>Contacted Open Doors Mental Health Center, and the release that Ms. Jordan had signed was still valid. Therapist, Dolly Madison, said that Ms. Jordan completed an assessment. Ms. Jordan needed to address some of the significant losses she has had, 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. She was also struggling with her oldest child leaving for college. Ms. Madison reported that Ms. Jordan cancelled her appointments in December. Ms. Jordan had told Ms. Madison that Shawntese's father was back, everything was going to be okay, and she didn't need therapy anymore. Ms. Madison did not have any ideas as to where Ms. Jordan might be.</p>
4-5-11	T/C	<p>Contacted Mrs. Samuels. She reported that Shawntese did not eat and immediately went to bed. She had a restless night. She seems anxious and worried about her Grammie and her mother. She wanted to know what a "stroke" was and would Grammie die. She also said she was afraid her mother was dead. Mrs. Samuels contacted Shawntese's school. She had missed a few days, and Mrs. Samuels would work with Shawntese and the school to make up the work. Let Mrs. Samuels know who we believed Shawntese's doctor is. She agreed to follow up and make an appointment for a physical exam.</p> <p>Spoke to Shawntese. She said that the Samuels were nice. She said she was really worried about Grammie and wanted to know how she was. She also wanted to know if I had found her mother and gotten a hold of her brother. Told her I was working on it and I would come by and see her and try to find out information about Grammie. Shawntese said her mother and Mr. Lewis leave her with Sylvester or Grammie. She said they were using cocaine, and her mother was drinking a lot.</p>

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		She did not like being around her mother when she was like that and her mother would send her to Grammie's apartment.
4-5-11	T/C	Contacted Sylvester's college (Mock State University) and requested that they get word to Sylvester asking him to contact me concerning his mother and his sister.
4-5-11	T/C	Spoke with Officer Doodie. No information on Ms. Jordan. He said that Mr. Caleb Lewis was recently released from prison and on probation. He gave me the name of Mr. Lewis's probation officer—Bob Fett. Mr. Lewis had most recently served time for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Mr. Lewis had a long history of offenses and had spent time in and out of jail. He had not been convicted of any violent offenses. There was a warrant for his arrest as he failed to check in with his probation officer.
4-5-11	T/C	Call to Bob Fett, Parole Officer, Mock State Correctional Department. Left message asking him to call me back concerning Caleb Lewis.
4-5-11	C/C	<p>Went to Holy Heavens Hospital and was able to see Ms. Ruth Little. She suffered a minor stroke. She was able to speak with me, although it was difficult to understand her at times, and she tired easily. She confirmed that she was caring for Shawntese and had been doing so since January. She said that, in the past, she had cared for both Shawntese and her brother—sometimes for up to six months at a time. She said that she was Caleb's stepmom at one time, but only met Freda, Shawntese, and Sylvester after she and Caleb's father had divorced. She said that Caleb was always getting in and out of trouble—in and out of juvenile hall since he was ten. She added that Caleb took off when Shawntese had started kindergarten and maybe checked in every once in awhile with Freda, but didn't spend any time with either of the children. Ms. Little said that Caleb had not been much of a father to Shawntese—but probably because Caleb's father hadn't been much of a father to him. Ms. Little said that in the past, Caleb stayed with his mother and younger brother at her place in New City. She expressed a lot of concern about Shawntese and wanted to see her. She authorized me to speak with her doctors.</p> <p>Spoke to her attending physician. She said Ms. Little was doing remarkably well. Minor stroke but she would be in the hospital for a few more days while they ran tests, and she was certain Ms. Little would need rehab to improve her large motor and small motor skills. She also wanted to further assess for impairments. Asked about whether she could have a young visitor and she said yes—but for short periods as Ms. Little tires easily.</p>

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4-5-11	Petition	Petition prepared. Emergency petition filed at 3:30 PM and within 2 - day time period prior to expiration of emergency hold. Judge signed Ex Parte Order and set hearing for 4/11/11 at 9:00 AM.
4-5-11	T/C	Contacted Shawntese's pediatric clinic. Notified clinic that Shawntese had come into foster care and would be forwarding notice of custody to the clinic for their records. Informed the clinic of the names of Shawntese's foster parents and stated that they would be calling to arrange for a physical examination. The nurse said that although Shawntese was current on her immunizations, she was overdue for her annual physical.
4-5-11	H/V	<p>Met with Shawntese at Samuels' foster home. Spoke with Shawntese privately. She said that Mr. and Mrs. Samuels were nice and that they had a nice house. She felt safe although she said it was "weird to stay with people you don't know." She immediately asked about Grammie. I explained what I knew and told her that Grammie had asked about her. Shawntese wants to see her as soon as she can. Mrs. Samuels would be driving her to school tomorrow and meeting with her and her teachers to get her homework assignments from the school she missed. She asked about her mother and brother. I let her know I left a message at her brother's college and that her mother still had not been found. Shawntese became tearful and said she was afraid that something really bad might have happened to her mother. She said that sometimes it felt like it was difficult for her to calm down and just breathe. She told me that her father had come back from jail. She said that she didn't remember him. She said that sometimes he got really mad and yelled and threw stuff. She talked about how he and her mother would do drugs and drink and her mother would send her to Grammie's.</p> <p>Met with Mrs. Samuels. Provided her with Medicaid card and clothing voucher so she could pick up some clothing for Shawntese. Provided Mrs. Samuels with more information about the Jordan family and Grammie and discussed potential issues that Shawntese might have and shared Shawntese's concern for her Grammie and mother's well-being. Mrs. Samuels said that Shawntese continues to be anxious and sad. She reported that she was able to get a medical appointment for Shawntese on Thursday. She confirmed that she would be taking Shawntese to the school tomorrow and meeting with her teachers. We talked about the possibility of visiting Grammie.</p>
4-5-11	----- -	Investigation substantiated. Risk and safety assessments were completed 4-4-11, showing the child at very high risk; her mother's whereabouts are unknown and child is unsafe, having been left unattended for at least two days with no one to care for her basic needs. Filed to retain custody. Opened to foster care services.

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4-5-11	-----	This worker transferred from investigation unit to foster care/permanency unit. For continuity, my assignment to case will continue.
4-6-11	T/C	Received call from Sylvester Jordan. He had received my message. Informed him that Grammie had a stroke, his mother's whereabouts were currently unknown, and his sister has been placed into foster care. He said that maybe Shawntese being in foster care was the best. He had not spoken to his mother since he left for school. He said that Shawntese's father showed up in December after he got out of prison or jail. He said that he liked to party and sometimes Caleb and his mom would get into it—but that's when Shawntese would go over to Grammie's and he'd just leave. He couldn't think of where his mother or Caleb might be. I asked about whether he wanted to speak with Shawntese and if he thought he might be a resource for her. He said that he needed to get on with his own life, and it was probably best she is in foster care, but said to tell her hello. He also asked me to say hello to Grammie for him and wanted to know how she was doing and how to contact her.
4-7-11	T/C	Spoke with Mrs. Samuels. She is going to take Shawntese to visit with Grammie at hospital later today. Mrs. Samuels said that she thought it would be really important for Shawntese and possibly help her with her anxiety. Mrs. Samuels said that Shawntese only picks at her food and isn't sleeping well. She said that Shawntese requires a lot of reassurance.
4-7-11	T/C	Contacted by Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital (ODPH). The caller identified himself as Anthony Singleton, mental health counselor. Mr. Singleton stated that Ms. Jordan was brought to the emergency room of the local hospital last night, and she was transported to ODPH this morning. ODPH had spoken with Mock City Law Enforcement who directed Mr. Singleton to this worker. Mr. Singleton stated that he also found a valid release of information in Open Doors Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic file allowing him to communicate with me. Arranged to meet with Mr. Singleton and Ms. Jordan later today.
4-7-11	C/C	Met with Anthony Singleton and Freda Jordan at ODPH. Introduced myself to Ms. Jordan and told her that Shawntese was safe and in foster care. It is unclear as to whether or not Ms. Jordan understood what I was saying. She did not respond, and the mental health technician helped her from Mr. Singleton's office. Mr. Singleton reports that Ms. Jordan appears to be in a substance-induced psychosis. She was tox-positive for alcohol and a variety of illegal substances; however, her mental illness complicates her clinical presentation. As Dr. Etheridge has privileges at the hospital, she is supervising her care. Mr. Singleton reports that they plan to continue

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		<p>to monitor and work to stabilize her. They will continue with ongoing assessment to include a neurological assessment as they cannot determine at this time if she has been neurologically compromised. He said she will be in the acute unit of the hospital until such time that she stabilizes. Her prognosis at this time is undetermined. He recommended that she have no visitors at this time.</p> <p>I informed Mr. Singleton that there was a court hearing scheduled for Monday. Ms. Jordan had a court appointed attorney, Carrie O'Key, and I would notify her that Ms. Jordan had been found. Mr. Singleton stated that he did not recommend that Ms. Jordan be released to attend the hearing. Discussed the types of assessments that were needed and told Mr. Singleton that I would make those recommendations to the court.</p>
4-7-11	T/C	Notified Carrie O'Key, Ms. Jordan's court appointed attorney, that Ms. Jordan had been located and told her how to contact her.
4-7-11	H/V	<p>Met with Shawntese at the Samuels' foster home. Let her know that we had found her mother and spoken to her brother. Shawntese seemed relieved, but still concerned for her mother. She said that she and Mrs. Samuels went to see Grammie yesterday, and she brought Grammie flowers. Shawntese said that Grammie was much better than when she last saw her but could not walk very well and sometimes had trouble finding her words. Grammie said that she would have to go to rehab before she could take care of Shawntese again. Shawntese asked if she could be with Grammie in rehab.</p> <p>We talked about her mother, and I did explain to her that her mother was not in a good condition to see her at this time. This concerned Shawntese and she got teary. I also told her that her brother said to say hello. Shawntese said that she would be okay staying with Mr. and Mrs. Samuels and was glad she could remain at her school. She said that she felt safe in the foster home. She said that Mrs. Samuels spends a lot of time with her and is helping her catch up on the school work she missed. They went and talked with all her teachers. I explained that there would be a court hearing Monday where the judge would hear more about her and her family and try to make decisions about what to do next. I asked Shawntese what she would like to see happen. Shawntese said that maybe she should stay with the Samuels until Grammie got well. I asked her about her father. She said she didn't know him, and that he was just some guy that showed up before Christmas. She said he took her mom away.</p> <p>Spoke with Mrs. Samuels. She reports that Shawntese is getting along in the household and seems to need the attention of the couple. She tries to do many things for herself and has certain routines she likes to follow. If she isn't able to follow them she gets upset and anxious. Mrs. Samuels reported that she and her husband felt a strong connection to</p>

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		Shawntese immediately; they enjoy having the child in their home. At this time, there are no other children in their home. For the time being, they will accept no other placements as they feel Shawntese would benefit from her and her husband's attention. Mrs. Samuels has scheduled Shawntese for a physical on April 11, 2011. Mrs. Samuels asked where she could take Shawntese for a dental exam as Shawntese couldn't remember the last time she went or whom she saw. I told Mrs. Samuels that I had no information about who her dentist was, but would find out which dentist in the area accepted Medicaid and get back with her.
4-8-11	T/C	Call to Mock City Dental. Did not have Shawntese as an established patient, and they aren't accepting new patients at this time.
4-8-11	T/C	Call to Small Smiles pediatric dental clinic. Did not have Shawntese as an established patient, but they are accepting new patients.
4-8-11	T/C	Call to Mrs. Samuel. Left message about Small Smiles pediatric dental clinic.
4-8-11	-----	Completed Initial Assessment and Initial Assessment Case Plan for Court hearing. Reviewed with supervisor.
4-11-11	Custody Hearing	<p>Custody hearing before Judge Emmanuel Fowlkes. Mother did not appear, but was represented by her attorney. Ray Burr attended and asked to be released pending locating his client, Caleb Lewis. Court granted request. Continued custody ordered. Provided court with initial assessment.</p> <p>Assessment case plan ordered and signed by parties. Mother's attorney signed for mother. Adjudication and disposition hearing scheduled.</p>
4-11-11	T/C	Mrs. Samuels called and reported that Shawntese had a physical exam on this date with Dr. Vincent Turner. Mrs. Samuels said she spoke with Dr. Turner about Shawntese, her poor appetite, difficulties she was having sleeping, and that she seemed depressed, anxious, and sad. She has lost a little weight. Dr. Turner said that, given the child's circumstances, this might be normal and recommended that Mrs. Samuels continue to monitor. Arranged for visit tomorrow.
4-12-11	H/V	Met with Shawntese at the foster family home. Told Shawntese what happened in court and reviewed the assessments that the court had ordered. Shawntese said that she went to the doctor yesterday. She said that she talked with the doctor about not being able to sleep and not being hungry. She became tearful while we talked. I talked with Shawntese about staying in the Samuels' home as long as she had to be away from Grammie. She was good with that and said she felt safe.

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		<p>We discussed her feelings about her mom. Shawntese voiced fear about mother's erratic behaviors when at home and said she knows that her mother is ill. I told her that I would be setting up the other assessments and talked about her seeing someone to express her feelings. I told her that we would also be looking for her father. Shawntese asked "Why?"</p> <p>Met with Mrs. Samuels and reviewed what happened in court. Mrs. Samuels will be scheduling dental appointment at Small Smiles.</p>
4-12-11	T/C	<p>Received call from case manager at Holy Heavens Hospital. Was informed that Ruth Little was discharged and was going to receive rehab services at Local Rehab Center, a residential facility in town. She provided me with the contact information. The case manager said that Ms. Little requested that I call her.</p>
4-13-11		<p>Meeting at ODPH with the clinical team, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. O'Key, her attorney. The clinical team reported Ms. Jordan to be compliant and recovering, but progressing slowly. Ms. Jordan's attorney requested that the child be returned immediately following Ms. Jordan's release from the hospital. The team reported that Ms. Jordan had an adverse reaction to a street opioid, which she had taken to reduce anxiety. While she is beginning to medically clear, she still requires an extended hospital stay to stabilize her and for her doctors to re-evaluate management of her bipolar disorder. The neurological testing has not been conducted, nor has a full evaluation of her substance abuse been done. The clinical team would arrange for her psychosocial assessment to be updated, and Ms. Jordan was agreeable to reconnecting with Dolly Madison from the outpatient clinic for this purpose.</p> <p>Upon discharge, the clinical team is currently thinking that she enter into a transitional living housing arrangement before living independently. Discharge planning will be dependent upon the results of the other evaluations.</p> <p>The clinical team believed that Ms. Jordan could have supervised and limited contact with Shawntese. Ms. Jordan appeared somewhat anxious at the suggestion, but added that she did want to talk with her baby—but didn't want Shawntese to see her like this. We decided to arrange for a telephone call.</p> <p>I met briefly with Ms. Jordan after the clinical team meeting to assure her that Shawntese was safe. During our talk, she was tangential and had difficulty remaining still. I asked her about Caleb Lewis. Ms. Jordan shook her head and started to cry. She said that she did not know where he was. She said he brought her to the emergency room and left her on the sidewalk.</p>

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4-18-11	T/C	Call to Department of Mental Health to locate a therapist to conduct assessments for Shawntese. Department of Mental Health care coordinator said she would review available options and get back with me.
4-18-11	C/C	Stopped by Local Rehab Center and was able to talk with Ms. Little. She appears greatly improved and is able to move around with assistance although she says she gets tired easily. She has difficulty lifting her left arm and says sometimes she just can't find her words. She said that she has been taking care of Shawntese on and off since Shawntese was five. She said she was concerned when Caleb showed up in December. She tried to talk with Freda about it, but Freda just hated being alone and was worrying about what would life be like when Sylvester went to college. Ms. Little said that the last she heard, her ex-husband, Caleb's father, lived in Big Town, in the southern part of the state. She said that Caleb had family there, but cautioned that they weren't a good bunch and that, even when she was married to Caleb's dad, she didn't want anything to do with them. She said that Caleb's mother and older brother lived nearby as well, and they were good people. Ms. Little asked about Shawntese and wanted to know if the child could come see her.
4-21-11	H/V	Met with Mr. and Mrs. Samuels and Shawntese, all individually. Informally assessed safety at the Samuels; no safety concerns observed. Wonderful, supportive, child-friendly environment. Shawntese reported that she felt safe. Both Mr. and Mrs. Samuels individually verbalized their commitment to keeping Shawntese until she could return to her mother or to Grammie. They noted that, in spite of the fear she expressed about being with her mother, she also expressed concern for her mother and was very relieved when she learned that her mother was in the hospital and safe. We discussed setting up a telephone call for Shawntese with her mother on Monday, and the Samuels said they would be happy to take Shawntese to visit with Grammie. Shawntese was excited about going to see Grammie. Mrs. Samuels will bring Shawntese to my office, and we will place the call to her mother from my office. Shawntese has an appointment at Small Smiles for a cleaning and exam on April 22, 2011.
4-22-11		Meeting at ODPH with Ms. Jordan. Ms. Jordan discussed her history of mental illness and wanting to do better. She continues to have intense episodes of paranoia and mania and requires ongoing inpatient hospitalization. She also has a history of using alcohol and other drugs "to help me feel better." She appeared sad and depressed when speaking of Shawntese. She said that Shawntese could be pretty demanding, but then get clingy and act much younger—like a five year old. Ms. Jordan was sad to learn about Ms. Little and now she has no one to call on, and then switched to saying that someone in the

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		<p>neighborhood wants to take Shawntese from her and then she really will be all alone. She said she is glad Sylvester is gone and that he had been no help to her. We talked about the telephone call with Shawntese scheduled for Monday.</p> <p>Spoke with Anthony Singleton after meeting with Ms. Jordan. He stated that Ms. Jordan's prognosis is guarded, because of her history of medication noncompliance and polysubstance use. At some point, he thinks Ms. Jordan should consider alternatives (injectable medications) if she is willing. The neurological assessment has been completed, but results are not yet available. Substance abuse assessment is scheduled for next week, as well as updating the psychosocial assessment.</p>
4-22-11	T/C	Mrs. Samuels called. Shawntese had dental appointment. She needed two fillings. She does not recall ever going to the dentist before. Next cleaning scheduled in six months.
4-25-11	O/V	Mrs. Samuels and Shawntese arrived at the office. We called Ms. Jordan. Anthony Singleton was with Ms. Jordan when she took the call. Shawntese seemed nervous initially, but warmed up when she heard her mother's voice. This worker noticed that Shawntese assumed a parental role with her mother—telling her mother to take care of herself and to get well and assuring her mother that she was fine and her mother shouldn't worry. She also started to advise Mr. Singleton on care he should provide to her mother.
4-27-11	T/C	From Shawntese's school counselor, Grace Smith: Shawntese has been suspended from school for fighting. A peer said Shawntese was "crazy just like her mother," according to the school counselor. Counselor reports an in-school suspension for 1 day. Shawntese will resume regular programming on 4-28-11.
4-27-11	H/V	<p>Visited with Shawntese at foster parents' home, and spent some time with her alone. She expressed sorrow over her behavior at school today and said she was a terrible person. She was still angry at the other girl and admitted that sometimes she was scared that she would end up like her mother. I told Shawntese that she could learn to handle things differently, and I would follow up on finding her a therapist. Mrs. Samuels was empathetic and supportive of Shawntese and agreed to take her to counseling and participate in any manner that might be therapeutically indicated.</p> <p>Spoke to Mrs. Samuels privately. Mrs. Samuels reported that she was still concerned about Shawntese's lack of sleep, poor appetite, and anxiety. She found that although typically a sweet child she could explode over the simplest things. She would get easily frustrated and call herself stupid. She stated that she wanted to get Shawntese</p>

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		involved in something so that Shawntese could start just being a child. We discussed getting her back with her Girl Scout troop. Mrs. Samuels said that recently Shawntese has been talking more about her brother as well. I told her that I would reach out to Sylvester.
4-28-11	T/C	Follow up call to Department of Mental Health. I noted that the initial request had been made on 4-18-11. Department of Mental Health identified child psychiatrist, Dr. Lucy Ball, to conduct the assessment; she will also screen Shawntese for trauma, depression, and substance use.
4-29-11	T/C	Scheduled assessment with Dr. Ball. Provided background information.
5-2-11	O/V	Mrs. Samuels brought Shawntese to office for telephone call with her mother. Call went well. Shawntese moved again into the caretaking role with her mother. Told Mrs. Samuels about the assessment for Shawntese with Dr. Ball.
5-9-11	O/V	Supervised telephone call between Shawntese and her mother.
5-10-11	T/C	Called to Sylvester Jordan. Told him that his sister had been asking about him. He said he has been really busy at school, as he had to keep his grades up to keep his scholarships. Finals were approaching, and he had to figure out what he was going to do over the summer. He said to tell Shawntese hi and said he would think about calling her.
5-11-11	T/C	Call from Ms. Jordan. She was very upset. She just learned that her landlord had evicted her. She blamed the hospital for losing her apartment.
5-12-11	C/V	Transported Shawntese and Mrs. Samuels to appointment with Dr. Ball. Dr. Ball included Mrs. Samuels and me in the last part of the session. Dr. Ball said she would prepare her evaluation. She thought that Shawntese could benefit from weekly therapy. She suggested that Shawntese also might benefit from low dose of an antidepressant, however she was not recommending at this time as she and Shawntese had been discussing alternatives. Shawntese said that Dr. Ball had talked with her about other things she might do, and Shawntese wanted to try those before starting any medication. Since Shawntese enjoys writing, Shawntese will start keeping a journal as a way to express her feelings. Confirmed with Dr. Ball that the need for medication was not immediate. Mrs. Samuels agreed to transport to therapy appointments or call me for assistance if for some reason she could not make it. Dr. Ball said that she would work with Mrs. Samuels on how to be supportive of Shawntese and asked whether Mrs. Samuels would be willing to help Shawntese in therapy. Mrs. Samuels

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		<p>said that both she and Mr. Samuels would be available.</p> <p>Dr. Ball further indicated that she believed Shawntese benefits from the telephone contact with her mother and that face-to-face contact should be initiated if possible. She stated that if it were acceptable, she would contact the mother's therapist, Anthony Singleton, to see how to set that up so that it would be beneficial for Shawntese and the mother. She also felt that maintaining contact with Grammie Little was important for Shawntese.</p> <p>After the session, Dr. Ball spoke with Mrs. Samuels about monitoring Shawntese's behavior and what she needed to look for. She described some of the cognitive behavioral practices she had already begun to work on with Shawntese. She said that Mrs. Samuels could remind Shawntese of these if Shawntese seemed anxious.</p>
5-16-11	O/V	<p>Supervised telephone call between Shawntese and her mother. Stayed on the call with Ms. Jordan and let her know about Shawntese—how she was doing in the foster home and that she would be going to therapy. Ms. Jordan said she hoped her baby wouldn't have the same problems as she did.</p>
5-16-11	T/C	<p>Contacted Officer Doodie. No information on Caleb Lewis.</p>
5-23-11	Case Planning Mtg.	<p>Held case planning meeting at Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital. Ms. Jordan in attendance along with her therapist, Anthony Singleton, and her attorney, Carrie O'Key, and Shelia Smith, guardian ad litem. Mrs. Samuels also attended. Dr. Etheridge came in for part of the meeting. Dr. Ball participated by telephone. Ms. Jordan has been transitioned to injectable medication. Ms. Jordan still does not believe that she has a substance abuse issue and stated that people should be more worried about where she is going to live when she gets out. Mr. Singleton reported that the psychosocial assessment has been updated and said that he and Ms. Jordan have been discussing what it would take for Ms. Jordan to be a successful parent and the types of supports she needed in addition to accepting responsibility for herself and her actions. Dr. Ball shared that Shawntese has started cognitive behavioral therapy and that she has been working closely with Mrs. Samuels. She also said that Shawntese did not need to take on the parental role and that message needed to come from her mother. She also noted that the Samuels were reinforcing that message in the foster home. Discussed structuring supervised in-person visitation to begin next week. Until that time, Mrs. Samuels would supervise the telephone calls. Participants agreed that upon discharge from the hospital, Ms. Jordan would enter the 30-day inpatient substance abuse treatment facility. Ms. Jordan was willing to consider that maybe substances had a negative impact on her life. She would participate in supervised visitation with Shawntese. Dr. Ball would continue to work</p>

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		<p>with Shawntese and the Samuels and felt that we should assess for initiating family therapy after Ms. Jordan completed the inpatient substance abuse treatment. Mrs. Samuels said that she thought it would be important for Shawntese to reconnect with her brother and asked that efforts be made. Ms. Jordan was upset and voiced that she didn't understand why Sylvester had abandoned the family. Mrs. Samuels said that they continued to visit with Grammie Little. She was going to be discharged home in a few days.</p> <p>Established reunification as goal. I will document our decisions in the case plan and have prepared for disposition hearing next week to review and sign in court.</p> <p>Safety and risk assessments were conducted this date showing risk as very high, with Shawntese being unsafe due to inability of her mother to care for her.</p>
5-31-11	H/V	<p>Visited with Shawntese at the foster home. Informally assessed for safety. Shawntese asked again about her brother. She said she was writing in her journal and was also trying some of the techniques that Dr. Ball had taught her but she wasn't sure if any of it was helping. She said that she knew Grammie was getting out and wanted to know when she could go back and live with her. She is participating in Girl Scouts. Talked about court tomorrow. Shawntese said that she was going with the Samuels and was nervous. She wanted to continue seeing Dr. Ball.</p> <p>Transported Shawntese to Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital for supervised visit with Ms. Jordan. Mr. Singleton had arranged a private meeting space for our visit. The two greeted each other warmly and hugged. Shawntese again moved into the caretaking role. Mr. Singleton attempted to coach Ms. Jordan. He was not successful.</p>
6-1-11	Court Hearing	<p>Adjudication and Disposition Hearings. Ms. Jordan was able to get a pass to attend the hearing. Mr. and Mrs. Samuels attended along with Shawntese. Parties stipulated. Adjudicated neglected child. Parties agreed to case plan and signed at hearing. Court report and case plan reviewed and adopted by court.</p>
6-6-11	T/C	<p>Call to Sylvester Jordan. He is taking summer classes and working. Updated him on what was happening with his family. Sylvester agreed to call Shawntese at the foster home.</p>
6-9-11	T/C	<p>Spoke to Anthony Singleton at Open Doors Psychiatric Hospital. He reported that he supervised visit with Ms. Jordan and Shawntese yesterday. Ms. Jordan has not been responsive to his coaching and still looks to Shawntese to care for her. They are addressing it in individual counseling. Ms. Jordan will be transitioning to the inpatient substance abuse treatment facility on Monday. I will attend the</p>

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		treatment team meeting on Monday and later visit with Ms. Jordan at the facility.
6-10-11	T/C	Spoke with Mrs. Samuels. Sylvester called, and Shawntese was thrilled. They have plans to phone each other weekly. The Samuels will work out the schedule and monitor Shawntese's reactions to the calls and discuss any issues with Dr. Ball. They are happy for her to have contact with her brother. Mrs. Samuels further stated that if it continues to go well, he was welcome to spend time in their home if he came home before starting the fall college semester. Also discussed Shawntese attending Girl Scout camp in July. It is a one-week camp. She will be attending with her troop. Mrs. Samuels said that Shawntese has been working with other girls in the troop to raise funds for camp, and the Scout Leader said there has been some difficulties related to Shawntese getting upset with some of the girls when they didn't listen to her. I told Mrs. Samuels I would discuss request to attend camp with the mother and Shawntese's guardian ad litem.
6-13-11	Case Planning Meeting	<p>Ms. Jordan, as planned, moved to Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment Facility today; I attended the first treatment team meeting. Dr. Etheridge would be able to continue supervising Ms. Jordan's psychiatric care and medication management. Lola Finn would be her primary counselor while at the facility. Anthony Singleton from ODPH and Ms. Jordan also attended. Reviewed previously conducted assessments and developed treatment goals. Also ensured that facility could accommodate weekly visitation and the goals for the visitation.</p> <p>After meeting, spoke with Ms. Jordan privately. She still is somewhat reluctant about being in treatment for substance abuse issues as she doesn't believe she has any. She wanted to know when I would find her some place to live. Told her that Shawntese would like to go to Girl Scout camp in July. Ms. Jordan thought that would be a good idea.</p>
6-16-11	H/V	Visited with Shawntese in the foster home. Shawntese was excited to be talking with her brother. She likes living with the Samuels, but still wanted to go back to Grammie's house. She said she still is not sleeping very well and sometimes feels scared or anxious for no reason. She says that she is trying all the things that Dr. Ball suggested but doesn't think any of it is helping. Transported Shawntese to visit with her mother and supervised visit. Lola Finn, Ms. Jordan's counselor at Serenity, will be taking over supervision of the weekly visitations. Discussed that, in addition to maintaining the parent-child relationship, I was also hoping that visitation would be an opportunity for Ms. Jordan to practice appropriate parenting skills and reduce the time/effort she spends wanting Shawntese to take care of her.

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6-17-11	T/C	Call to Shelia Smith, guardian ad litem. She supported Shawntese attending Girl Scout camp.
6-17-11	T/C	Told Mrs. Samuels that Shawntese could go to camp. Mrs. Samuels reports that things are going okay, although she is still concerned that Shawntese is not sleeping well, anxious and tearful at times. Mrs. Samuels said that she and Mr. Samuels have been working with Dr. Ball to reinforce the cognitive behavioral work they are doing in sessions and are practicing relaxation techniques. Shawntese is writing in her journal as well. They continue to visit Grammie. Mrs. Samuels was a little concerned that Shawntese is talking about going back to live with Grammie, and Mrs. Samuels doesn't believe that Grammie is up for that.
7-7-11	T/C	Call to Dr. Ball. She said that Shawntese is making slight progress. She is beginning to express some anger with her mother's behavior and is not so willing to immediately engage in care-taking behavior. The symptoms of depression and anxiety still persist and Dr. Ball is reconsidering the need for short term medication. Dr. Ball believes that the contact with Sylvester has been positive for Shawntese. Dr. Ball asked whether the agency was considering placement with Grammie Little, as Shawntese talks about it.
7-20-11	T/C	Call to Shawntese to wish her happy birthday. Shawntese said Sylvester called earlier to do the same. She is scheduled to see her mother later today. She got a card and call from Grammie as well. She and the Samuel's are going out to eat for her birthday.
7-25-11	T/C	Call with Lola Finn from Serenity Substance Abuse Treatment facility. She is pleased with the progress that Ms. Jordan is making. Ms. Jordan was confronted by some of the other clients in the facility, and it appears to have been effective in breaking down her resistance. Ms. Jordan has also begun to work on her history of loss. The treatment team is recommending that she stay an additional two weeks in the program. The team then believes that Ms. Jordan should transition into the supervised living center run by Serenity and available for women who have successfully completed the inpatient program. It is a group living situation for adult women to address substance abuse issues and accepts dually diagnosed. It also provides an opportunity to learn living skills. Lola Finn said that given the lack of social support network, it would be important to create one for Ms. Jordan. She said that Ms. Jordan is agreeable to this plan.
7-28-11	T/C	Received call from Mrs. Samuels. She was called by Scout Leader to come and get Shawntese from camp. Apparently there was a disagreement involving other girls in the troop and Shawntese got very upset. She continued to escalate and the Scout Leader had to

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		separate her from the other girls. Mrs. Samuels said Shawntese worked herself up to a point of exhaustion. She fell asleep on the drive home. The Scout Leader expressed concern about being able to manage Shawntese's behavior in the troop. Told Mrs. Samuel's that I would call Dr. Ball and inform her.
7-29-11	T/C	Dr. Ball returned my call from yesterday. I explained what happened at camp and Shawntese's reaction. Dr. Ball said she would contact the foster mother. They have their standing appointment scheduled for next week but will see if Shawntese needs to be seen sooner. Dr. Ball said that Shawntese is not making the level of progress that she had hoped for and that she would discuss next steps with Shawntese and the foster mother. I am not able to attend the session in person, but will call in. Per the agency protocol, Dr. Ball will consult with Dr. Turner, Shawntese's primary care physician.
7-29-11	T/C	Left message for Dr. Turner letting him know that Dr. Ball would be consulting with him re: medication for Shawntese Jordan.
7-29-11	T/C	Left message for Guardian ad Litem re: Shawntese and that we were exploring use of medication.
8-1-11	H/V	<p>Visit with Shawntese in foster home. Sylvester is coming next weekend for a visit and she was pleased about that. Turns out Mr. Samuels went to Mock State University as well, and he said he would drive to get him. She is eager to see her mother.</p> <p>She said she wasn't sure what happened at camp last week and began to cry. She has her appointment with Dr. Ball tomorrow. We talked about the possibility of trying other options such as using some medication to help her. Told her that I would be calling into her session and together all of us would discuss.</p> <p>Spoke privately with Mrs. Samuels. Confirmed that I would be calling into the session tomorrow. Mrs. Samuels said Shawntese has had a rough couple of days. Mrs. Samuels said that Dr. Turner had called her to talk about Shawntese.</p>
8-2-11	T/C	Called into Shawntese's session with Dr. Ball. Mr. and Mrs. Samuels were at the session with Shawntese. Dr. Ball and Shawntese discussed her symptoms and what was helping and not helping. Shawntese described what she was experiencing and how she felt that things were just getting worse. Dr. Ball explained medication options, including the potential benefits and side effects. Shawntese asked questions and wanted to know how long she would have to be on medication. Dr. Ball said that she wanted to try short term—six months—but that they would re-evaluate every thirty days. Dr. Ball confirmed that she had spoken with Dr. Turner to explore for any

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		<p>potential allergic reactions. Dr. Ball said that she would write a prescription for fluoxetine (Prozac). I will work with the panel to schedule the review.</p> <p>Shawntese agreed to try medication. Dr. Ball talked with us about how to appropriately administer the medication and how to monitor. She asked us all to be on the lookout for new and worsening symptoms include deepening depression and thoughts of suicide.</p> <p>I said that I would submit the request for review to the panel and let everyone know as soon as I heard something back. If the panel does not provide consent we will regroup.</p>
8-2-11	T/C	Received notification from the panel—panel consultation call scheduled for 8-4-11 at 10:00 am. Provided conference call in number to Dr. Ball, Dr. Turner’s office, the Samuels, and the GaL. GaL said she was in court and not able to participate.
8-4-11	T/C	Psychotropic Medicine Panel Meeting. On the call were Dr. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, and nurse practitioner Mac Bride from Dr. Turner’s office. Panel members present were Drs. McDougal and Winn from Children’s Psychiatric Hospital. Dr. Ball provided an overview of the clinical picture and rationale. Nurse Bride reviewed Shawntese’s health care information. The panel asked Mr. and Mrs. Samuels to describe Shawntese’s behavior and their concerns. Panel granted consent and will document on consent form for case record.
8-4-11	T/C	Call to GaL re: consent granted and Mrs. Samuels will fill the prescription today.
8-5-11	H/V	Visit with Shawntese in the foster home. She started the prescription. She is hopeful that it will help her.
8-5-11	H/V	Visit with Ms. Jordan. We discussed Shawntese and her beginning medication. Ms. Jordan said that she was concerned that Shawntese would struggle like she has. Ms. Jordan is preparing for her move to Serenity Women’s Home.
8-8-11	-----	Ms. Jordan moved into Serenity Women’s Home today, a structured and supervised independent living center for recovering women, in order to continue her treatment.
8-10-11	C/C	Met with Freda Jordan at Serenity Women’s Home, where she has been only two days thus far. She reports that she has really stabilized on her medication for her bipolar disorder, and the injectable administration works much better for her. Ms. Jordan said she has come to face something that has been really difficult and that she just didn’t want to deal with. She said that before she had trouble staying

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		<p>on her medication, and Edward, her husband, would sometimes nag her about it. They got into an argument, and he left. He was killed in a car accident, and she felt guilty about that. She lived with her mother who looked after her and Sylvester. One night she went out partying and met Caleb, Shawntese's father. They moved in together when she found out she was pregnant with Shawntese. Ms. Jordan said that her mother died around that time, and, even though Caleb was in and out of jail and had problems controlling his temper, she didn't want to be alone. She said that sometimes when Caleb got angry, she was really afraid and was worried about how all the yelling affected the kids. She said that Ruth Little seemed to always be there for her and the kids. Ms. Jordan said that Ruth seemed to understand as she was married to Caleb's father for a time and was a stepparent to Caleb for a while when he was about 10 years old. Ms. Little told Ms. Jordan that even then, Caleb was a handful. He was in juvenile hall more than he was in school and involved with drugs. Ms. Jordan said, "I've got a lot of work to do to get myself together and be able to stand on my own and not hook up with whoever happens to show up." Ms. Jordan asked about Shawntese. Met Ms. Jordan's counselor at Serenity Women's Home, Maria Jackson.</p>
8-16-11	T/C	<p>Call from Officer Doodie. Caleb Lewis was arrested two nights ago for possession with intent to distribute, as well as parole violations. He is currently at the county jail.</p>
8-16-11	C/C	<p>Met with Mr. Lewis at the county jail. Told him about Shawntese being in foster care, discussed her health and behavioral health issues, and the plan for reunification with Ms. Jordan. He was not interested. He didn't ask about Freda. He said that he was being sent to New State Correctional Facility as he might have messed up on his probation. He said he had too many other things to worry about. I informed him that if he could not afford an attorney to represent himself in this dependency matter, one would be appointed for him. He asked if that attorney could help him with his criminal case. I said that it would be a separate matter. He said that he didn't need anything from me. Left my contact information for him.</p>
8-24-11	C/C	<p>Met with Mr. Lewis at the county jail. He said that they were doing the paperwork to transfer him to New State Correctional Facility where he was looking at serving ten years. I talked with him again about Shawntese and what was happening in her life and what the plans were for her. He said that we should do whatever we could to help Shawntese and her mother because there wasn't much he could do from inside a cell. He said that Shawntese would be a young woman by the time he got out and that he wouldn't even really get a chance to know her. He said that he would like to have a chance at having some kind of relationship with his daughter, and maybe I could help him with that.</p>

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		<p>In light of the fact that Mr. Lewis would not be able to provide a family home for Shawntese and his involvement in her life would be limited, we discussed his involvement in the case plan and what type of services he might need to work on his relationship with Shawntese. We spent some time discussing how Shawntese does not have a very positive perception of him based on his relationship with her mother and the kind of life he has been leading. Mr. Lewis acknowledged that and said he hoped that he will change since prison will sober him up and keep him out of trouble. He said he had a rough childhood and didn't want Shawntese to have the same kind of experience he had. He said that thought he would get a case manager in prison and would look into the kind of services he can do while he is in prison to better himself. He asked if I can just keep him updated on the case and help him establish contact with Shawntese. We talked more about what that would look like and I encouraged him to be patient as we would need to consider Shawntese's needs in terms of her reaction his interest in having a relationship with him. He agreed and said, "I hope she gives me a chance."</p>
8-29-11	T/C	<p>Call from Otis Watchman, New State Correctional Facility. He identified himself as the case manager for Mr. Caleb Lewis. Mr. Lewis had told him he had a daughter in foster care and that I was her worker. Mr. Watchman said that Mr. Lewis was sentenced to 10 years for repeated parole violations and substance abuse charges. Earliest he might be able for release was in 8 years. I asked Mr. Watchman about opportunities I might have to meet with Mr. Lewis. Mr. Watchman explained that prison policy was fairly restrictive. As an inmate, Mr. Lewis's visitation privileges were limited to his attorney and immediate family members and only after they cleared security screening. Mr. Watchman said he would fax me the release Mr. Lewis signed asking Mr. Watchman to help him with his daughter—which was the reason for his call. I told Mr. Watchman that I appreciated hearing from him as Mr. Lewis had also spoken with me about developing a relationship with his daughter and having contact with her. I asked Mr. Watchman for more information about the facility's policies on family visitation concerning children. Mr. Watchman said that the prison did not allow children under the age of 16 to visit in person, but allowed telephone or written contact. I told Mr. Watchman I would speak to the child's guardian ad litem and therapist about the request. I did not know whether Shawntese would be receptive to the idea.</p>
8-29-11	Legal staffing	<p>Notified Peter Dubin, Children's Court attorney, that Mr. Lewis has been located and is serving a 10 year sentence at New State Correctional Facility. Also notified him of Mr. Lewis's request to have contact with Shawntese. Mr. Dubin will notify the court and request the reassignment of counsel. Will arrange to have Mr. Lewis served.</p>

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8-31-11	T/C	<p>Call to foster home. Spoke to Mr. Samuels. He said the visit with Sylvester went really well and that he "is a fine young man" and welcome back to the home anytime. They have already talked about him coming up for fall break and the possibility of visiting him at school.</p> <p>Asked Mr. Samuels how Shawntese was doing on the medication. He said that he and Mrs. Samuels have been attentive—looking for changes in symptoms and side effectives. Shawntese really seemed to perk up—but that might have been more about her brother visiting than the meds. She has complained of slight stomach upset and they are going easy on her diet. I also asked if they needed anything to get Shawntese ready to start school next week. He said that Mrs. Samuels had already gotten the school supply list, and she and Shawntese were out shopping for some new school clothes. Told Mr. Samuels I would send a clothing voucher. Also informed Mr. Samuels that Shawntese's father was located and of his desire to have contact with her. This concerned Mr. Samuels. Agreed to hold off talking to Shawntese about this until I could update Dr. Ball.</p>
8-31-11	T/C	<p>Consulted Dr. Ball regarding Mr. Lewis's request for contact with his daughter. Dr. Ball said she would explore in therapy with Shawntese, but questioned whether it would be in the child's best interest at this time especially since we are just starting medication. Dr. Ball reported that side effects have been limited to upset stomach, and Shawntese is reporting less anxiety and sleeping a little better. Dr. Ball recommends continuing medication with re-evaluation in 30 days and continuing individual therapy. Dr. Ball asked again whether the agency was contemplating placement of Shawntese with Grammie as Shawntese needed some resolution on this.</p>
8-31-11	T/C	<p>Notified Guardian ad Litem of Mr. Lewis's request for contact with Shawntese. Ms. Smith said that she would be interested in hearing what Dr. Ball thought about it.</p>
9-6-11	C/C	<p>Received letter from Mr. Lewis. Copy in file.</p>
9-6-11	C/C	<p>Met with Grammie to discuss her relationship with Shawntese and explore whether she wanted to be a placement resource for Shawntese. Grammie said that she never fully recovered from her stroke and would need a lot of help taking care of a pre-teen girl. She did say that she very much enjoyed visiting with Shawntese and the Samuels. She thought they were good people.</p>
9-9-11	T/C	<p>Call to school counselor at Target Community School to review and update information for Shawntese Jordan. School counselor reported that Shawntese was having some difficulties in the classroom. She was alienating some of her friends and having difficulty following teacher directives.</p>

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9-9-11	T/C	<p>Called Mrs. Samuels. Asked her if she was aware of difficulties Shawntese was having in school. Mrs. Samuels said that she was not. I shared with her what the counselor had told me. Mrs. Samuels was puzzled as to why the counselor had not shared this with her. We agreed that Mrs. Samuels would contact the counselor to follow up.</p>
9-12-11	H/V	<p>Met with Shawntese at the foster home. Discussed medication with Shawntese. She said that she still sometimes has an upset stomach but it isn't too bad. She said that she is sleeping better and that has really helped her feel better during the day since she's not feeling sleepy all the time. She feels safe in the foster home and feels that the Samuels are really helping her. Mrs. Samuels joined us and I observed their interactions. Shawntese and Mrs. Samuels appear to have a caring relationship. We discussed how Shawntese was doing. Mrs. Samuels said that she thinks that maybe Shawntese needs to get her eyes checked as she noticed that Shawntese keeps her face really close to books that she reads and her paper when writing. Will find eye doctor who accepts Medicaid.</p> <p>Shawntese continues to see Dr. Ball weekly and recently had some blood work done and results were shared with Dr. Turner and Dr. Ball. Shawntese continues in Girl Scouts, and there have not been any other problems with behavior like before. There is an open house at the school next week, and Shawntese was thinking of inviting her mother to meet her teachers but wasn't sure it was a good idea. Mrs. Samuels said that she would be happy to take Shawntese and her mother, and they would all be there together. It seems that some of the other children were teasing Shawntese about her mother being crazy and that one group of girls in particular was bullying Shawntese. Mrs. Samuels said that she spoke to the school counselor and included Shawntese in later discussions to come up with how they would help Shawntese deal with the other children and how the school would ask the teachers to be more aware of what was happening so they could more effectively intervene.</p> <p>I transported Shawntese to visit with her mother. I supervised the visitation. Shawntese talked with her mother about school, and scout activities, and invited Ms. Jordan to the school open house. Her mother listened appropriately and said she would be proud to attend.</p>
9-13-11	T/C	<p>Provided Mrs. Samuels with the name of eye doctor, Iris Blind, who accepts Medicaid.</p>
9-13-11	T/C	<p>Spoke with Dr. Ball to review ongoing need for medication including discussion of side effects. Shawntese is making more progress in therapy now that she is on medication. She has been able to talk through more of her feelings, and has been able to implement the behavior modification techniques that they have been working on. Recommended maintaining medication and evaluating in 30 days.</p>

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		Discussed the option of beginning family therapy to start working through issues with her mother.
10-4-11	Case Plan Review	Met with Ms. Jordan; Mrs. Samuels; Maria Jackson, counselor for mother; Shelia Smith, guardian ad litem; and Dr. Ball. Ms. Jordan continues to make progress, although she says that some days are more difficult than others. She has begun attending church services and says that she has made a friend. Ms. Jordan and Maria Jackson have been talking about seeking part-time employment as well. Ms. Jordan said that she has been thinking that it is time that she made amends with Sylvester. She realizes that she made it very difficult for him and depended on him too much, and that she was doing the same with Shawntese. She said she needed to learn to be a different kind of mother. Mrs. Samuels said that she thought she could help with that and suggested that Ms. Jordan join her when she takes Shawntese to the dentist week after next. Maria reported that she has spoken to Dr. Etheridge, and Dr. Etheridge believes no modifications to current medications are needed and that Ms. Jordan is doing well. Dr. Ball reported that Shawntese is also making progress, benefiting from the medication, and suggested that family therapy be initiated. Informed the group that I had spoken with Grammie. Grammie very much wanted to continue to be a part of Shawntese's life but did not feel that she could take her on as a placement. Mrs. Samuels said that she thought Shawntese could understand that, and she and Mr. Samuels were committed to maintaining a relationship with Ms. Little. Discussed Mr. Lewis's request for contact with Shawntese. This upset Ms. Jordan. Dr. Ball said that she had reservations about introducing this new element given that Shawntese has no relationship with her father and does not appear interested in having one. Reminded everyone of the court hearing 11/30/2011.
10-5-11	T/C	Call to Otis Watchman. Let him know that I have discussed Mr. Lewis's request with parties, including the GaL and the child's therapist. Mr. Watchman will pass on that information to Mr. Lewis as he is still interested in contact with Shawntese. Mr. Watchman also said that Mr. Lewis told him that he thought it was good that people were helping Freda get to a place where she could care for Shawntese.
10-5-11	_____	Shawntese had an eye exam today with Dr. Iris Blind; corrective lenses will be needed for close vision.
10-11-11	H/V	Met with Shawntese at the foster home. Sylvester had been visiting for the week because of fall break. I reviewed the case plan with Shawntese and asked her what she thought about starting some family therapy with her mother. Shawntese said that it was probably a good idea, as they had to talk about a lot of stuff. Shawntese said that she loved her mother a lot, but lately had been thinking about how scary it

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		<p>was to live with her before, and, even though her mother seemed to be getting better, she was worried things would go back to how they were before. Shawntese said that she and Dr. Ball talk about the medication each time they meet and how she is doing on it. Shawntese said that she feels better and the upset stomach only happens on occasion. She no longer has any problems falling asleep and does not “freak out” so much anymore. When she does start to feel herself getting anxious, she is able to use the techniques Dr. Ball has taught her—something she wasn’t able to do before. She also said that Dr. Ball was talking with her about Mr. Lewis. Shawntese said, “He had his chance. He only wants to talk to me now because he’s got nothing to do in prison.”</p> <p>Shawntese was also excited to show me her new glasses. She said that she needs them for reading.</p>
10-13-11	T/C	<p>Call to Dr. Ball. Dr. Ball is recommending continuation of medication, re-evaluating in another 30 days. Dr. Ball will initiate family therapy next week. She will coordinate with Ms. Jordan and Ms. Jackson. She will revisit discussions with Shawntese about Mr. Lewis and his request after she has maintained stability longer. Would like to focus right now on her relationship with her mother since the goal is reunification.</p>
10-14-11	T/C	<p>Call to Freda Jordan. Family therapy to begin next week. Dr. Ball will provide the therapy. She will coordinate with Ms. Jordan and Maria Jackson.</p>
10-21-11		<p>Shawntese had a dental exam and cleaning today; no needs were identified.</p>
10-28-11	T/C	<p>Call from Mrs. Samuels to let me know that Ms. Jordan would be joining them on Halloween, and she and Ms. Jordan would be supervising Shawntese while she went trick-or-treating in the neighborhood. She also said that Ms. Jordan came with them to the dentist. Mrs. Samuels said that she used it as an opportunity to show Ms. Jordan what questions she should ask and how to schedule the next appointment. School is going well. The plan is being implemented successfully. There have been no other altercations with other girls, and Shawntese feels supported by her teachers.</p>
11-14-11	T/C	<p>Call with Dr. Ball. Shawntese continues to make progress. Dr. Ball says that she will begin talking with Shawntese and the Samuels about tapering Shawntese off her medication next month and is targeting the winter break. Dr. Ball has already been in contact with Dr. Turner on this plan.</p>
11-22-11	C/C	<p>Met with Ms. Jordan at Serenity Home for Woman. She believes that family therapy is going well, although sometimes it is difficult. She has been getting a little pushback from Shawntese when she acts like the parent. She said she reached out to Sylvester, and she was pleased</p>

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		<p>that he didn't "shut her down" immediately. She has been substance free and she "takes one day at a time." She continues to go to church and has expanded her group of friends there. She said that she was getting some job training in food service. She said that it would be good for her to work a little and be out with people.</p> <p>We talked about the upcoming court hearing. Together we reviewed the safety and risk assessment conducted today; risk for Shawntese remains high, and she remains unsafe because the mother's protective capacities are still limited, and she has no home to provide Shawntese. Ms. Jordan and I talked about housing options as Ms. Jordan realizes she needs to be thinking about making a home for herself and her daughter. I told her that the Department had a contract with the local housing authority to prioritize families we served, and we could start the process. She was agreeable to that. We will include family therapy and believe we are ready for unsupervised visits to begin. Ms. Jordan shared that the Samuels had invited both her and Sylvester to share Thanksgiving dinner, and she was looking forward to that. Grammie will also be joining them.</p>
11/22/11	T/C	<p>Called to Otis Watchman. Discussed upcoming court hearing and agency's recommendations. He said he would share with Mr. Lewis and get back with me.</p> <p>Received phone message later this same day. Mr. Lewis is in agreement with the proposed plan.</p>
11/22/11	T/C	Call to public housing authority. Referred Freda Jordan for priority housing.
11-28-11	-----	Prepared court report and updated case plan.
11-30-11	Court Hearing	<p>Judicial/Periodic Review Hearing. Ms. Jordan attended the hearing along with her attorney. Mr. and Mrs. Samuels attended along with Shawntese. Shelia Smith, GaL, attended. Mr. Lewis was represented by his attorney, Ray Burr. Maria Jackson, mother's counselor, and Dr. Ball provided testimony to progress being made and request for contact between Mr. Lewis and Shawntese. Reviewed court report and all parties signed case plan; court adopted case plan as presented by the Department.</p>
11-30-11	T/C	<p>Called Otis Watchman. Told him that Mr. Lewis could send letters to Shawntese, but Shawntese may or may not choose to read them. She may or may not choose to write back. Mr. Watchman said that he would let Mr. Lewis know. He said Mr. Lewis has been participating in the education programs offered at the facility and working on getting his GED. He knows that he has also been in contact with his court-appointed attorney.</p>

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12/5/11	T/C	Received call from public housing. Even with priority housing, next opening is not anticipated to be until February of 2012 because of wait list.
12/6/11	T/C	Called Ms. Jordan and updated on status of housing referral. She was disappointed it wasn't sooner. Ms. Jordan reported that she would begin working two lunch hours a week at a nearby restaurant. Also confirmed that unsupervised visitation would begin this weekend. Mrs. Samuels would bring Shawntese over on Saturday afternoon and pick her up after two hours.
12/6/11	T/C	Confirmed visitation plans with Mrs. Samuels.
12/6/11	T/C	Called into Shawntese's session with Dr. Ball. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel's were present. We discussed the plan for tapering Shawntese off her medication later this month. Shawntese was a little apprehensive. She was concerned that she would start feeling bad again. Dr. Ball said that she couldn't promise that Shawntese wouldn't ever again be depressed or anxious but that she believed Shawntese had more ways of dealing with things and had people in her life that could assist and support her. Dr. Ball will send me the notification of discontinuation of medication so I may notify the panel.
12/12/11	C/C	Received response from panel. They are not requiring clinical staffing. Provided notification to Dr. Ball and foster parents.
12/19/11	T/C	Call from school counselor. Shawntese doing well in school, performance and grades have improved this semester. Parent-teacher conference scheduled.
12/19/11	T/C	Invited Ms. Jordan to the parent-teacher conference school meeting. Mrs. Samuels and Shawntese will also attend.
12/22/11	C/C	Meeting at Target Community School. Ms. Jordan, Mrs. Samuels, and Shawntese met with school counselor. Shawntese's grades and school performance have improved. Ms. Jordan really praised Shawntese for her hard work. The school has been monitoring the bullying concern, and Shawntese agreed that it was no longer an issue. Spoke with Shawntese privately after the meeting before she had to go back to class. She was looking forward to Christmas. Sylvester was coming up to spend a couple of days with them, and her mother was coming over for Christmas dinner with them. She was happy her mother was working. Her mother was going to bring a pie from the restaurant.
1/16/12	H/V	Met with Shawntese at the foster home and spoke with her alone and in Mrs. Samuels' presence. She reports doing well and is slowly

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		tapering off her medication. She said that she doesn't miss the side effects and is glad that she still feels good even without the medication. She spends most of Saturdays with her mother on unsupervised visits, which she says have been going well.
1/24/12	C/C	Met with Ms. Jordan at Serenity Women's Home. She is anxious to get her own place. Family therapy is going well and, not only has her relationship with Shawntese improved, but things are going better with Sylvester as well. She is working lunches three days a week, but that might be her max. She said that with her disability checks and her wages she has saved some money to help get things for her own place. She continues to work with Maria Jackson on home management and budgeting.
2/13/12	T/C	Call from housing authority. They will have a small two bedroom apartment available at the end of the month. The apartment is not in Shawntese's school district however. This worker believes an inter-zone school transfer might be possible.
2/14/12	C/C	Met with Ms. Jordan at Serenity Women's Home. Told her about the housing. Ms. Jordan was familiar with the area, and it was nearby where she was working and near the church.
2/20/12	T/C	Call to Dr. Etheridge. Confirmed that Ms. Jordan continues to do well.
2/20/12	T/C	Call to Dr. Ball. She has reduced individual therapy to once every three weeks. They have family therapy every week. Making good progress. Suggests that overnight visits be considered once Ms. Jordan has housing.
2/20/12	T/C	Call to Ms. Jackson. Confirmed progress. Ms. Jordan has stayed sober. She is working on a limited basis, and the peer support that she gets at church is critical to her success. Ms. Jackson also noted that Mrs. Samuels and Ms. Jordan have seemed to really bond, and Mrs. Samuels is a big support to Ms. Jordan as well.
2/27/12	H/V	Visited with Shawntese in the foster home. She was excited that her mother was going to get a place of her own. Visits have been going very well. She said that she thought her mother was getting ready to care for her. She said that it would be really sad to leave the Samuels' home but wondered when she could go and live with her mother. School is going well. Shawntese had no concerns. Shawntese said that she got a letter from her father. She talked with Dr. Ball about it. She still didn't know if she would write back, but it was okay if he wanted to continue to write her.

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3/1/12	TC	Telephone call from Ms. Jordan to inform me that she is moving into her new apartment today.
3/2/12	H/V	Visited with Ms. Jordan in her new apartment. She said that the woman from Serenity and her friends from the church helped her move. She said, "I know it's not much to look at, but it is mine." She showed me the room that she had prepared for Shawntese and said, "I left some things out so she could decorate it and make it her own." Scheduled a case planning meeting at the office in 2 weeks.
3/16/12	Case Plan Mtg	<p>In attendance were Ms. Jordan, Mrs. Samuels, Shawntese, Maria Jackson from Serenity, and Shelia Smith, GaL. Dr. Etheridge, Dr. Ball, Ruth Little. Ray Burr and Otis Watchman (Mr. Lewis was unable to attend) participated by telephone. Ms. Jordan remains sober. Now that she is out of the group living situation, she has begun to attend NA meetings three times a week. She is working three days at lunch in her job as a waitress. She is doing random UAs. She obtains weekly injections of her medication. Ms. Jordan asked when Shawntese could come live with her now that she has her own place and was stable. Dr. Ball reported that Shawntese has effectively treated her depression and has skills to manage her anxiety. Dr. Ball congratulated both Shawntese and Ms. Jordan on the progress that they have been making in family therapy. Ms. Jordan is more comfortable being the parent and Shawntese is respecting her in that role. Dr. Ball also said it was time for the family to start thinking about developing a plan for when they came back together. She would begin working on this with them in therapy. Mrs. Samuels said that she and her husband would like to be part of that plan, and Shawntese, her mother, and her brother have become family to them. Ms. Jordan became overwhelmed and told Mrs. Samuels how much she appreciated everything she and her husband have done for them. Ms. Little said that she also wanted to be part of the plan.</p> <p>Shawntese is doing well in school. She continues in individual therapy once every 2 weeks and is participating in family therapy. Will recommend continuation of these. Also recommend unsupervised overnight visitation to begin and discussed the possibility of these eventually extending to weekends. Both Ms. Jordan and Shawntese were excited about this possibility.</p> <p>Mr. Watchman said that Mr. Lewis would like to continue to write Shawntese and he hoped one day Shawntese would write back. Mr. Lewis is still serving his 10 year sentence, and there isn't a possibility of parole for 8 years.</p> <p>Met with Shawntese privately after the meeting. She said that she thought the meeting went well. She is glad that her mother and Mrs. Samuels like each other, and it sounds like even when she goes home she will still have the Samuels in her life. She said, "With Grammie and</p>

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		the Samuels, it is kind of like having the family I never had before." School continues to go well. Sylvester is coming up for spring break and he promised to take her to a movie, so she is excited. Shawntese also wanted to know if I wanted to buy some Girl Scout cookies.
3/28/12	-----	Prepared court report and wrote up case plan to reflect decisions made at case planning meeting. Reunification established as permanency plan to be presented to the court. Risk and safety assessments completed this date; risk remains high, although Shawntese is no longer considered unsafe because her mother has demonstrated protective capacities and has the desire and skills to function in the parental role.
4/2/12	Court Hearing	Permanency Hearing. Ms. Jordan attended the hearing along with her attorney. Mr. Burr attended representing Mr. Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Samuels attended along with Shawntese. Shelia Smith, GaL, attended. Ms. Jackson, mother's counselor, and Dr. Ball provided testimony to progress being made. Court adopted permanency plan of reunification. Reviewed court report, all parties signed the case plan, and court adopted case plan presented by the Department.
4/9/12	H/V	<p>Visited with Shawntese at the foster home. She told me that she has her annual physical coming up next week, and both her mother and Mrs. Samuels were going to take her.</p> <p>Spoke to Mrs. Samuels. She said things continue to go well, although she and Mr. Samuels both know that Shawntese is going to be able to go home soon, and they will miss her terribly. She said "I think this is the hardest part of being a foster parent."</p>
4/13/12	H/V	Visited with Ms. Jordan at her apartment. Shawntese's room has been decorated. Ms. Jordan says that things are going well. Told her I would check in with Dr. Ball and Ms. Jackson, but it seemed like maybe we should think about starting overnights next weekend.
4/16/12	T/C	Dr. Ball supported overnight visitation this weekend.
4/16/12	T/C	Ms. Jackson supported overnight visitation this weekend.
4/16/12	T/C	Spoke with Mrs. Samuels about overnight visitation. Will be Friday to Saturday. Mrs. Samuels said she will work out the arrangements with Ms. Jordan as they are taking Shawntese to her annual physical later today, again with Dr. Turner.
4/23/12	H/V	Met with Shawntese at the foster home. We talked about the overnight visit she had with her mother. Shawntese said that it went well. Her mother made dinner, and they talked about school, and Shawntese said her mother had her do some of her homework. They watched a

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		little TV. In the morning, she had breakfast before Mr. and Mrs. Samuels came for her. She said it was kind of nice as the Samuels hung around, and they all talked. Shawntese said she had her physical. She had grown almost an inch since last year. She has a dentist appointment later this week.
4/25/12	H/V	Met with Ms. Jordan at her home. The apartment is neat and clean. Ms. Jordan stated that with her work at the restaurant, she has become interested in cooking. The cook there has been teaching her a few things, and she has volunteered to help at the church cookout next weekend. She plans on taking Shawntese with her and inviting the Samuels as well. She said that it was still hard at times, losing Sylvester's dad, losing her mom, and getting pregnant with Shawntese. "I think I just was scared all the time. Maybe that is why I hid with the drugs and let my old boyfriends boss me around." She said that she wished she had started the injections years ago as it is so much easier. She said she was nervous and excited about Shawntese coming back full time and "wanted to do it right."
4-26-12	-----	Shawntese had a dental exam and teeth cleaned today; no issues were identified.
5/1/12	T/C	Call to Dr. Etheridge. Dr. Etheridge is pleased with Ms. Jordan's progress. No change in medication recommended. Discussed reunification at the end of the school year. She said with in-home support during the transition, it would be possible.
5/2/12	T/C	Call to Dr. Ball. She believes family is doing well. She has reduced appointments to once every two weeks. She continues to see Shawntese individually once a month. She said that the focus of that work has moved away from issues with her mother and is now more on what type of relationship she wanted with her father and on typical pre-teen issues. She says that Shawntese has solid support from her foster mother, her older brother, Grammie, and, more recently, her mother. Also felt that reunification at the end of the school year was possible.
5/2/12	T/C	Call to Ms. Jackson. Ms. Jordan continues to attend multiple AA and NA meetings each week, and Ms. Jackson believes that she does it because she recognizes that it is helpful to her—not because the court is ordering her to do so. UAs continue to come back clean. Ms. Jordan has done a lot of work on her past trauma issues. Her relationship with her son has greatly improved. Ms. Jackson was supportive of reunification at the end of the school year and said that she would explore whether Serenity's Family Support Program could assist, as it would provide for better coordination of services.

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5/14/12	HV	<p>Met with Ms. Jordan at her apartment. Discussed reunification at the end of the school year. Will expand visitation to weekends to include Ms. Jordan getting Shawntese to school on Monday morning. Ms. Jordan said she could figure out the bus route. Ms. Jordan stated that she heard about this day camp at her church that happened over the summer and she was thinking that Shawntese could attend the older youth group. I commended Ms. Jordan for thinking about that opportunity for Shawntese. Ms. Jordan said she would find out more about it and plan to enroll Shawntese. She said that she, Shawntese, Mrs. Samuels, and Dr. Bell had talked about safety planning. It was a plan about what the family should do if she felt a strong need to use, or if there were problems with her medication. She said that she felt strong and didn't think it would happen, but she also said that having a plan was best as she had a chronic mental illness and pretending it wasn't there was just stupid.</p> <p>Risk and safety assessments were completed; risk remains high, but due to the mother's progress and increase in protective capacities, there are no current safety threats.</p>
5/15/12	H/V	<p>Visit to the foster home. Met with Mrs. Samuels before Shawntese arrived from school. Discussed reunification after the completion of the school year. Mrs. Samuels agreed that it was time. School ends on June 5, 2012, and we would target after that. Mrs. Samuels said that she would talk to Sylvester as his finals would be over and maybe he would like to come up that weekend as well.</p>
5/17/12	Staffing with Legal	<p>Met with Peter Dubin, children's court attorney, and Max Livingston, supervisor. Reviewed progress. Supports reunification. Discussed time frames. Peter agreed to file motion for hearing for the purpose of reunification. Would confirm with Maria Jackson that Serenity could provide family support services during and after reunification.</p>
5/21/12	T/C	<p>Maria Jackson confirmed that Serenity could provide family support services.</p>
5/23/12	T/C	<p>Call from Peter Dubin. He filed motion; hearing is scheduled for June 14.</p>
5/24/12	H/V	<p>Met with Ms. Jordan and told her we had a court hearing on June 14 to recommend reunification. She was disappointed it wouldn't be earlier.</p>
5/25/12	H/V	<p>Met with Shawntese at the foster home. Talked about recommendation to the court for reunification. Shawntese said she would come to the hearing on the 14th and tell the judge that she was ready.</p> <p>Spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Samuels. They will prepare for reunification.</p>

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6/6/12	Case Planning Mtg	Met with Ms. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, Ms. Jackson, and Shelia Smith, Guardian ad Litem. Dr. Ball, Ms. Little, Mr. Watchman, and Mr. Burr attended by telephone. Also attending was Gabby Ellis from Serenity's family support services program, who would be the worker assigned to Ms. Jordan and Shawntese. We discussed the progress that has been made and reviewed the crisis plan that has been developed. At the upcoming court hearing, will recommend that Shawntese be returned on trial home visit. Family support service provided for 90 days. Serenity can continue to provide services to mother. Ms. Jordan said she would continue with AA and NA meetings and thought that this would just be a part of her life. She would continue with Dr. Etheridge. Mr. and Mrs. Samuels and Ms. Little are part of the family's crisis plan. Not only would they visit with the family, but any of the family could contact them if troubles happened. Mrs. Samuels would be the emergency contact for Shawntese's school and Girl Scouts. Mr. Lewis would continue to be able to write to Shawntese. Shawntese had written and mailed him one letter in response. If things went well, the Department would request end of custody at the end of the 90 days.
6/7/12	-----	Prepared court report and wrote up case plan to reflect decisions made at case planning meeting. Reunification continues to be permanency plan. Trial home visit recommended.
6/14/12	Court Hearing	Judicial Review. Ms. Jordan attended with her attorney Ms. O'Key. Shelia Smith, GaL, and Mr. Burr attended. Mr. and Mrs. Samuels attended with Shawntese. Ms. Jackson and Dr. Bell provided testimony. Judge rejected trial home visit and returned full custody to Ms. Jordan. Judge ordered Department to continue to monitor the family and to retain court jurisdiction. Family support services ordered for 90 days, as well as mother's ongoing participation in family therapy, individual therapy, UAs, and attendance at AA/NA meetings. Department to conduct a minimum of monthly home visits. Case plan was signed by all parties this date.
6/14/12		After the court hearing, met with Ms. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, and Shawntese. Ms. Jordan asked how what happened in court was different from what we discussed in the case planning meeting and wondered what this meant for Shawntese's return. I explained that the judge had returned full custody of Shawntese to Ms. Jordan and that Shawntese would be going to live with her mother as soon as we could make the move happen. We discussed options. We agreed that the Samuels would assist Shawntese in finishing gathering up her belongings. Much of this was done as we all had anticipated the reunification. Made arrangements to meet at the Samuel's house tomorrow and assist with moving Shawntese back with her mother.

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6/15/12	H/V	Assisted in moving Shawntese to her mother's home. Ms. Jordan, Shawntese, Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, and Sylvester were going to eat dinner together that evening to celebrate reunification.
7/9/12	H/V	<p>Met with Shawntese and her mother. Talked with them separately and together. Things are going well. Ms. Jordan continues to attend NA and AA meetings on a regular basis and feels that she gains a lot of support from her participation. She says that she and Shawntese are doing well together, with Shawntese being a "typical adolescent," but otherwise not hard to handle. She and Shawntese are receiving Family Support Services from Serenity, and feel that it's been helpful. Ms. Jordan spoke of how much she's learned and how happy she is to have the family back together again.</p> <p>Shawntese is enjoying church camp and is a junior counselor. She said she misses the Samuels some, but is really happy to be back at home with her mother. She stated that her mother is "happier than I ever saw her," and is "being a really good mom." Shawntese said that she feels safe, and that her mother watches over her and takes good care of her; she hopes that her mother never stops taking her medication again or gets involved with "bad people." Shawntese and her mom see the Samuels family once or twice a month, and they talk with them at least weekly by phone. She also sees Grammie at least once a week. She says she writes to her father once in a while, and he writes back. She says that it is okay for now.</p> <p>Dr. Ball continues to provide individual therapy for Shawntese every 3 weeks and family therapy for Shawntese and Ms. Jordan.</p>
7/30/12	T/C	Spoke with Maria Jackson and Gabby Ellis from Serenity. Reunification is going well. Ms. Jordan is fully engaged in services and seems grateful for the help. No issues to report.
8/13/12	H/V	<p>Met with Shawntese and her mother. Talked with them separately and together. Things are going well. Ms. Jordan says that they have eased back into family life with no big problems. She continues to attend NA and AA meetings, and she and Shawntese receive family support services from Serenity; at Serenity's last visit, they stated that things were going so well, they would probably close their case soon.</p> <p>Ms. Jordan and Shawntese speak with Sylvester regularly; he's working this summer and taking two college courses. He hopes to be able to come for a weekend visit soon.</p> <p>Shawntese recently returned from Girl Scout camp. She said that it was a great experience, and she hopes she can do it again next year. Shawntese said she missed her mother while she was at camp, though, and is glad to be home. She and her mother continue to talk with the Samuels family weekly and will be getting together with them this weekend. Shawntese is looking forward to school starting soon.</p>

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		She said that she feels safe and that her mother is looking after her in a very responsible way.
8/30/12	T/C	Spoke with Maria Jackson and Gabby Ellis from Serenity. Reunification is going well, and they are planning to close their case soon on Ms. Jordan and Shawntese. No issues to report. Ms. Jordan is employing the parenting and other skills that she learned, is setting appropriate limits for Shawntese, is very cognizant of the need to take her prescribed medication and stay away from other drugs, and seems very stable at this time.
9/10/12	T/C	Spoke with Ms. Jackson and Ms. Ellis from Serenity. Reunification continues to go very well. No issues to report. Ms. Ellis stated that Ms. Jordan and Shawntese have successfully completed services and are ready for discharge from the program.
9/10/12	T/C	Spoke to Dr. Ball. Therapy goals for Shawntese have been achieved, and therapy can end. She said that she would be happy to resume therapy if need arises. Family therapy continues; however, it can be scaled back to once a month, and she projects being able to terminate in December. Concurs with recommendation of closure of case.
9/11/12	T/C	Dr. Etheridge reports that Ms. Jordan is doing well. This is the longest time she has been asymptomatic. Long-term prognosis is good.
9/11/12	T/C	Spoke to Mr. Watchman. Mr. Lewis continues to engage in the education program at the facility and has begun attending some NA and AA meetings. Looks forward to receiving letters from Shawntese.
9/25/12	H/V	<p>Met with Shawntese and Ms. Jordan. They report that things are going well. Ms. Jordan was able to get an inter-zone school transfer for Shawntese so she could continue in same school. School is going well; Shawntese likes her subjects this year, and her grades so far have been very good. Shawntese is trying out for the volleyball team.</p> <p>I told Ms. Jordan and Shawntese that I would be recommending case closure. Ms. Jordan thanked me for our help. Shawntese said she would miss me. Shawntese said that the Samuels got another foster child last week and that she was glad that she still gets to see them often. She said that Mr. Samuels helped Sylvester get a fall internship, and he is really excited about it.</p> <p>Risk and safety assessments were completed; risk remains high due to past circumstances, but the Ms. Jordan is demonstrating appropriate protective capacities, has successfully completed family support services, and is continuing with other services that address presenting risk factors.</p>

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9/27/12	-----	Prepared court report and recommended case closure and dismissal. Children's Court attorney drafted and circulated the dismissal order.
9/28/12	T/C	Peter Dubin called. Judged signed the order yesterday. Case dismissed. He will get me copy of the order for my files.