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Social Worker: Michael Stout

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4/4/2011	-----	Case assigned to this worker for investigation.
4/4/2011	O/V	This worker responded to the investigation at St. Vincent's Emergency Room. I saw David Clement in the exam room. I observed David's left arm was swollen, bruising to forearm and wrist. I also observed bruising on his left side. David told me he was in a lot of pain until a nurse gave him a shot. I asked David to tell me how he broke his arm. David stated, "I was fooling around with my cousins and fell." David stated one cousin is as old as he is, and the other two are younger. I asked David if they live in town. David stated they live out of town and went home yesterday. David shared that he lives with his father and grandmother. He said that his Grandma is old and sick and that the family has been coming to visit. Hospital staff came in and told David that the doctor looked at his x-rays and ordered a CT scan to take a better look at his arm. Staff took David for the CT scan, and our interview ended.
4/4/2011	C/C	This worker met with nurse, Felicia Robinson, at the ER nurse's station. Nurse Robinson first saw David and his father when they arrived at the ER. David was in immense pain and said he fell when fooling around with cousins. Nurse Robinson stated that as she prepped David for exam and x-ray, she asked him more and learned his cousins were not older than he was. David changed his story about how he was injured when he met with the doctor. David told the doctor that he and cousins were in the back of his Dad's truck, and he fell off. The father was present and was snappy with David. He interrupted David several times to provide information and gave David stern looks. The father was visibly irritated and made no attempts to comfort David. Nurse Robinson stated the x-rays show a spiral fracture consistent with intense twisting of the arm. The x-rays showed bone splintering, and the doctor ordered a CT scan to get a better look. She stated, "The x-rays show the fracture is not consistent with a fall." Nurse Robinson explained the humerus is the bone that extends from the shoulder to the elbow, and most fractures of the humerus are caused by a direct blow to the upper arm. She said spiral fractures usually have bone fragmentation that makes realignment and casting unfeasible. The CT scan will determine if surgery to pin the humerus is necessary and will also give us some information about possible nerve damage. Ideally, Nurse Robinson stated, "Treatment for a break like this should begin immediately."
4/4/2011	C/C	This worker met with ER doctor, Bob Sykes. Dr. Sykes stated David's fracture is not consistent with accounts of what happened. Dr. Sykes said that the injury did not happen yesterday. He stated he tried to explain this to the father, and he became defensive and argumentative. The bruising and x-ray indicate the injury is several days old. Dr. Sykes stated he ordered a CT scan to inform next steps for treatment. He stated, "Dad's lack of timely medical attention may mean he cannot be casted now and may require surgery."

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4/4/2011	O/V	<p>This worker met with Collin Clement, father, in a hospital consultation room. Mr. Clement stated he and David live with his mother, Louise Clement. He stated his mother is in her 50s and suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure, neuropathy, and circulation issues. He takes her to doctor appointments and to get medications. She is on so many medications that he helps her keep it all straight. Mr. Clement stated he has a sister, Jackie, who also helps out. Lately, his mom has not been doing well, and a constant stream of family is coming to visit. Mr. Clement says this causes a lot of stress in the house because he doesn't get along with some family members. There have been accusations made that he is taking advantage of his mom, and there have been arguments.</p> <p>Mr. Clement stated he lives with his mother because his job doesn't pay enough for him to pay rent and utilities. He receives public assistance for food. Mr. Clement stated he works for a contractor for cash, and work depends on the weather and if he is called to work. He helps his mother with utilities and supports his son with no help from David's mother, Jennifer. Mr. Clement said that he and Jennifer were married for a few years before David was born. After David was born, Jennifer was diagnosed with postpartum depression. It got so bad that she moved in with her parents across town. At first, Jennifer took David with her. Quickly, Jennifer's mother said it was too much for her to work and focus on both Jennifer and David, so David came to live with him and his mother. Jennifer has chronic depression. When she starts feeling good, she quits taking her meds and cycles right back down. She does make efforts to talk with David on the phone and comes to visit him. Jennifer's dad usually brings her over. He'll stay a little while and then go run errands. When David was smaller, the visits were more frequent, and they'd watch TV together. Now that David is older, he likes seeing his mom, but gets bored. Jennifer's dad isn't much of a grandpa to David. Mr. Clement said that they had not heard much from Jennifer recently, and he assumed it was because she was having a bad spell. He provided me with Jennifer's phone number and address.</p> <p>Mr. Clement said his son is a handful, and he can be hard to manage. He stated, "I have to set him straight time and again." I asked Mr. Clement what he meant by set him straight. He responded, "I have to yell a whole lot and, from time to time, have to get his attention with a whack." He said, "David's grandmother has undermined his child raising. David has learned to manipulate the whole situation." Mr. Clement asked what this was all about, and I again explained my responsibility for investigating alleged child maltreatment. Mr. Clement said that there was no child maltreatment here, and he didn't need some social worker messing around in his life.</p> <p>I asked Mr. Clement to help me understand how David's arm was broken. He stated his brother came to visit yesterday with his three boys. The boys were all playing outside and were told repeatedly to stop rough housing because someone was going to get hurt. "David fell and ended up with a broken arm".</p>

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(cont'd)	(cont'd)	I told Mr. Clement that x-rays revealed the arm sustained a spiral fracture that is inconsistent with a fall, and x-rays tell the injury is days old. I also asked Mr. Clement about the other bruises on David's torso. Mr. Clement became irritated and said, "I told you all what happened; David must have gotten those when he fell."
4/4/2011	T/C	Called the number Mr. Clement provided for Jennifer twice. There was no answer and no answering machine to leave a message.
4/4/2011	O/V	Went back to meet with Mr. Clement. He was pacing. I explained to Mr. Clement that I was concerned for David's safety as he had a significant injury and other bruising on his body, and the explanation just was not matching up with the medical reports. I told Mr. Clement that the Department would like to offer services to him and his family so that David would be safe. Mr. Clement became visibly agitated. I asked Mr. Clement if he would be willing to provide names of relatives that might be able to care for David temporarily while services were put into place. He said that he didn't want or need any services and didn't want the Department in his life. He just wanted to get David and leave.
4/4/2011	O/V	This worker met with Dr. Sykes and Officer Charles Blake of the Madison Police Department. Dr. Sykes stated the left arm has a spiral fracture that's about 3 or 4 days old. There is also some bruising to the left torso that is concerning. He stated the CT scan shows bone fragmentation that will not allow for casting. David will need surgery to realign the bone. There may also be some nerve damage that will require continued treatment to include physical therapy. He expressed concern about father's interaction with his son. Dr. Sykes observed sharp, tense interaction between father and son. He understands the father and child live with grandmother, who is in poor health. Dr. Sykes stated that in spite of providing definitive medical information to Dad about the injury, he would not shift from the original explanation for the injury. I described my conversations with the father and his refusal to accept assistance from the Department and that I was not able to contact the child's mother. Officer Blake advised he was taking David into emergency custody and placing with the Department.
4/4/2011	O/V	This worker met with Officer Blake and Collin Clement. Officer Blake advised that he was giving emergency custody of David to the Department to ensure his safety. Officer Blake told Mr. Clement that the 48-hour hold will give the Department time to sort through the medical information and inconsistent explanations while making sure David is safe. Mr. Clement said, "There ain't no inconsistent nothing here. David fell and broke his arm." I asked Mr. Clement if David was a member of or eligible for membership in a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and he replied no. Officer Blake also asked Mr. Clement for contact information for Jennifer Clement, and Mr. Clement reluctantly provided the same phone number and address he had given me.

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(cont'd)	(cont'd)	I gave a Notice of Custody to Mr. Clement and told him the department makes every effort to place children in care with relatives when appropriate. I asked Mr. Clement if there were maternal or paternal relatives that could provide relative placement for David. Mr. Clement was upset and asked how long his son would be taken away. He stated, "How can you just take him like that?" Mr. Clement said, "Here's my mom's number, talk to her about my sister, Jackie Wright, and her husband, Mark. I let Mr. Clement know that I would make a home visit tomorrow to speak with his mother. I explained to Mr. Clement that a family team meeting (FTM) would be scheduled in the next couple of days to develop a plan for providing services to the family. I let him know that I would be in touch with him as quickly as possible to schedule the FTM. Mr. Clement became belligerent and said, "I don't see what you think you'll accomplish with a family team meeting." Mr. Clement had to be escorted out of the hospital by Officer Blake and security.
4/4/2011	T/C	Spoke with Louise Clement and obtained contact information for Jackie and Mark Wright, paternal aunt and uncle, for purposes of possible relative placement. I also asked Ms. Clement if she knew any relatives on the mother's side of the family. Ms. Clement stated she knows Jennifer has a brother, and he's a fireman. She didn't have any other information.
4/4/2011	T/C	This worker called Sarah Niles, Supervisor, to advise the Department had just obtained emergency custody of David Clement due to physical abuse and medical neglect. Ms. Niles will be in touch with Mark Rogers, placement worker, to give him a heads up on the Wright family and the need for a home visit for initial assessment and approval of relative placement.
4/4/2011	T/C	I contacted Jackie Wright, paternal aunt, by phone and explained the Department has emergency custody of David due to physical abuse and medical neglect. Ms. Wright stated she has been pretty busy with their twins who have asthma. She said she is working night shift right now at a nursing home. I asked if she and her husband would consider relative placement, and she responded they would step up and provide care for David. Ms. Wright advised that David has a maternal uncle, Sam Kolbe, that David is close to. I asked Ms. Wright for contact information, and she said she'd get the information for me, but did not have it on hand. I let her know my colleague, Mark Rogers, placement worker, would be going by to make a home visit and determine if placement can proceed. I advised Ms. Wright that David and I would likely be here at the hospital for another hour or so.
4/4/2011	T/C	I again attempted to contact Jennifer Clement by phone, and there was no answer.

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4/4/2011	T/C	Mark Rogers, placement worker, called me for a briefing on the investigation. I briefed him and gave him contact information for the Wright family. Mr. Rogers will run a police records check and go to the Wright home to determine possibility of initial approval of relative placement.
4/4/2011	T/C	Mark Rogers called with initial approval of the Wright home for placement of David. Mark has completed the visit at the home, and the Wrights have passed the local/state criminal records and safety checks. He ran an agency central clearance, and the Wrights do not have a record. He has collected reference information and explained to the Wrights that they will be required to attend foster parent training to be licensed. The Wrights indicated they hadn't had a physical in over a year. Mark advised them that they will have to get physicals completed.
4/4/2011	O/V	Officer Blake and I met with David. Officer Blake let David know that he is in emergency department custody. I let David know that I was working to place him with his Aunt Jackie and Uncle Mark. David asked if his dad was ticked and left. He asked how long he'd have to stay with his Aunt Jackie. I let David know that his Dad left the hospital, and I would be taking him to his aunt's home. I also let David know that his Uncle Mark will be going to get a few of his things from his house to make it more comfortable. David asked for his X-Box and games.
4/4/2011	C/C	I met with Nurse Robinson and David to review the discharge plan. David is being discharged with a temporary splint/air cast. She provided name and contact information for the orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Land, scheduled to see David on 4/6/2011 at 9:00 a.m. She explained to David and me that David had a complete fracture with multiple fragments. The surgery will reattach the bone together with wires or pins. Nurse Robinson gave me two doses of pain medication for David and explained how they should be administered and possible side effects. She stated the pain medication David received in the emergency room will be wearing off by early evening and suggested the prescription for pain medication be filled to avoid discomfort.
4/4/2011	H/V	David and I visited on our ride to his aunt's home. David said he didn't want to talk about how he got hurt. David was tired and said he couldn't believe his dad just took off without even a word. He asked if his mom knew about all this, and I let him know I tried calling her and would keep trying. I let David know it's been a long day for everyone, and I would make every effort for him to see his dad soon. I also discussed the abuse incident with David and asked him how he felt about having a visit with his dad. David indicated that he wanted to see his dad and was not afraid of him, but did not want to talk about the situation with him right now. I assured David that a plan would be worked out to have the visits at the agency first so that he would be okay. I let him know that I would help to find a counselor for him and his father to talk to separately. David appeared to be fine with that plan and reiterated that he was not afraid of this father.

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4/4/2011	T/C	Contacted Madison Elementary School. Notified the school that David Clement came into foster care yesterday. Jackie and Mark Wright are already listed as emergency contacts for David, and the school had all necessary information. School counselor will inform David's teacher. David is an average student. He is not receiving special education services. The counselor reports that he hasn't had any reports of serious issues about David, but does know the teacher has challenges with his behavior. The teacher reports David's behavior is disruptive in the classroom at times, and it takes him an extended amount of time to complete assignments. David does not have any attendance issues.
4/5/2011	H/V	I attempted to make a home visit with Jennifer Clement this morning at her parent's home. No one answered the door after my repeated knocks. Left copy of Notice of Custody in the mailbox on the porch.
4/5/2011	H/V	I visited with Louise Clement at her home. Collin Clement was at work. Ms. Clement is 55 years old and the mother of four grown children. Ms. Clement was a single parent and raised her children alone and with little support from fathers. Her adult children all live in town. She said that she relies on Collin the most, but that her daughter, Jackie, is a help as well. She says she has suffered with diabetes for the past 10 years. She also has high blood pressure and neuropathy makes it hard for her to do much due to pain and the tremor she has developed. Ms. Clement stated sometimes it is stressful listening to Collin and David bickering. At times she stated she used to intervene and side for David, but she doesn't have the strength anymore. I asked Ms. Clement to tell me about David's injury. Ms. Clement stated she really didn't know what happened because she spent most of the weekend in bed. She said, "I know a few days ago, Collin was mad at David because of a call from the school that he was acting up and not doing his work. Collin and David have their squabbles." Ms. Clement stated, "Collin and David have lived here for quite some time. David's mom is a sweet gal, but she suffers depression. David loves his mom, and I am glad Collin doesn't bad mouth her. It is a sad situation, but we do the best we can."

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4/5/2011	T/C	<p>I spoke with David's teacher. Ms. Lopez stated David is an average student. She said he is everyone's friend, and no one's close friend. She has challenges with his behavior. He can be easily distracted and distracts others, so she sends him to the principal's office several times a week. Lately, David has had difficulties completing tasks assigned, and she isn't sure if it is related to things at home. He can be hyperactive at times and have a difficult time focusing, possibly because of his high energy level. David also leaves books or materials at home needed to complete assignments at school. Ms. Lopez knows David lives at home with his dad and grandma. Ms. Lopez overheard David telling a classmate he thinks his grandma might be dying. Ms. Lopez says that she suspects that David is doing his best to maintain at school, but is really struggling with his behavior and work. She shared her concerns with the school counselor earlier in the school year and suggested an evaluation for an IEP to assess David's needs for learning supports.</p> <p>Mom and dad both attended the most recent parent/teacher conference together. Mom's affect was flat, and she said very little, but David was happy his mom attended. She has observed dad being rather harsh in his interaction with David when he picks him up after school. David often dilly dallies and keeps dad waiting.</p>
4/5/2011	O/V	<p>Legal Staffing: Affidavit and 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 1:00 PM</p>
4/5/2011	mail	<p>Sent letters to Collin and Jennifer Clement advising them of continued custody and upcoming initial custody hearing scheduled for 4/11/11 at 1 p.m.</p>
4/5/2011	T/C	<p>Telephone calls with Collin Clement and Jackie Wright to let them know the FTM is scheduled for 4/11/2011 at 9 a.m. I also let them know the District Court Judge signed an ex parte order, and the hearing is scheduled for 4/12/11 at 1 p.m. Collin is scheduled to visit with David at the Department today at 4 p.m., and this worker will supervise.</p>
4/5/2011	O/V	<p>Collin visited with David at the Department. This worker supervised the visit. David did not attend school today. David and his dad interacted minimally. They watched some videos on Dad's phone and laughed. David asked when he could have a phone, and Dad did not respond.</p> <p>I let Collin and David know that we'd be having a FTM on 4/11/11 in the morning and that we'd have an initial custody hearing next day in the afternoon. David asked about his grandma, and Collin let him know that she was ok. David said he wanted to see his grandma and asked if I got ahold of his mom yet. I let David know that I would work on making arrangements for him to see his grandma. I also let him know that I had not been able to contact his mother.</p>

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4/6/2011	T/C	I spoke with Jackie Wright. Ms. Wright worked graveyard shift last night, but made it a point to take David for his orthopedic appointment. Dr. Land examined the x-rays and CT scan and took a look at David's arm. Swelling has come down considerably, and Dr. Land will be scheduling surgery for tomorrow or Thursday. He will likely reattach the bone with both wires and pins and indicated David would need physical therapy for what appears to be some nerve damage associated with the fracture. She will let me know when appointment for surgery is confirmed.
4/6/2011	T/C	Ms. Wright phoned to confirm that David's surgery is scheduled for tomorrow, 4/7/2011, at 1 p.m. Mr. Wright will be taking David for surgery because she will be taking the girls for follow-up appointments for asthma. She asked if I could be in touch with Collin to share this information, and I let her know I'd phone him. I let her know that I would be at the appointment if Collin would be there.
4/6/2011	T/C	Spoke to Dr. Land's office. Notified the office that David Clement was in the custody of the state. I let the office know that I would be present tomorrow to complete required paperwork.
4/6/2011	T/C	I spoke with Collin Clement to advise him about David's scheduled surgery. Collin said he was scheduled to work and would not be able to be there.
4/6/2011	T/C	I attempted phone contact with Jennifer Clement again today, and maternal grandfather answered. I asked Mr. Kolbe to please have Jennifer be in contact with me as soon as possible about her son. He indicated his daughter was not doing very well with her depression, and he would give her the message.
4/6/2011	mail	Sent letters to Collin and Jennifer Clement inviting them to FTM at Department on 4/11/11 at 9 a.m. Letters ask that they bring any family, etc., that will be of support to them in planning services.
4/7/2011	O/V	I went to the hospital and met with Mr. Wright and David to assist with completion of intake for surgery. David was nervous, and Mr. Wright made efforts to make David feel comfortable. The intake was completed, and David was prepped and taken in for surgery. While waiting, Mr. Wright shared that it's been an adjustment having David with them. He stated, "David is a tall order, but we love him. We may need some help with transportation for appointments. It just so happened that I was able to take off today, but that's not always going to happen, and Jackie usually sleeps some because she works nights now." David's surgery went well, and he was discharged with a follow-up appointment scheduled for tomorrow, 4/8/2011, at 2 p.m.
4/7/2011	T/C	Spoke with School Counselor to advise that David had surgery today. I asked for assistance in getting David's school work together so that I might pick it up for his completion at home. David will not be attending school for the rest of this week.

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4/7/2011	T/C	Spoke with Collin Clement to advise him that surgery went well for David today. I shared that it was day surgery, and the bone has been both wired and pinned, and the arm is in a cast. A follow-up appointment is scheduled for tomorrow at 2 p.m. Mr. Clement asked if he could visit his son tomorrow about 4:30 when he finished work. I confirmed a visit for father and son at the Department. Mr. Clement said that he missed his son and could not wait to see him. I attempted to discuss the incident involving David with him, but he stated that he wanted to work things out with a counselor. Mr. Clement acknowledged that "something" happened in anger and he definitely regretted it. He assured me that he understood why his visits would be supervised until he can get some help with his temper.
4/8/2011	T/C	Attempted phone contact with Jennifer Clement. Maternal grandpa said he gave Jennifer last message. He stated she showed him the letter about FTM and confirmed he will be attending and bringing her. He said he will also take her to court hearing. I asked Mr. Kolbe about relatives for purposes of possible placement and to make sure David stays connected to maternal family. Mr. Kolbe stated that his son, Sam, is Jennifer's only sibling, and he's got a pretty demanding job.
4/8/2011	T/C	Jackie Wright called to brief me on David's follow-up appointment this afternoon. Collin did not show up for the appointment. Dr. Land says David can go back to school on Monday. Stitches are scheduled to be removed on 4/22/11, at 3:30 p.m., and they will replace the cast at that time. After casting is complete, Dr. Land will be recommending physical therapy. Ms. Wright stated they will definitely need assistance with remaining appointments for David because it will be difficult to juggle his appointments with the appointments she has for the twins along with work. I told Ms. Wright that I would begin working on a plan for support with transportation. I also let Ms. Wright know that the upcoming FTM scheduled for 4/11/11 at 9 a.m. will be a good time for this discussion. Ms. Wright confirmed that she and Mark will both be attending the FTM.
4/8/2011	O/V	Father and son visited at the Department. Dad teased son about being bionic now with pins in his arm. David snickered. Dad asked David if he was doing schoolwork at home. He told him he better be treating his aunt and uncle and the girls right. David seemed to disregard the statement and said he was going to do some schoolwork this evening. Dad told David he was sorry he couldn't be there for his surgery and appointments as he had to work.

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(cont'd)	(cont'd)	He knew Aunt Jackie would be there for him. This worker met with David following the visit to talk about case planning and the upcoming FTM. I asked David if he had ideas about he'd like to see happen for himself and his family. David stated he wants to go home and get along better with his dad. He wants to do better in school and he'd like to be in sports. David also said he'd like to spend more time with his mom.
4/10/2011	O/V	Investigation substantiated. Risk and safety assessments were completed 4/4/11 showing the child at high risk and unsafe. Filed to retain custody and hearing is scheduled for 4/12/2011 at 1 p.m. Met with supervisor to plan for FTM that is scheduled for tomorrow at 9 a.m. Case will transfer to foster care services at completion of FTM.
4/10/2011	Supervisory staffing	This worker completed Initial Assessment and draft Initial Assessment Case Plan for FTM and court hearing. Reviewed with supervisor.
4/11/2011	FTM	Family team meeting held this date. In attendance: David Clement, child; Collin Clement, father; Jennifer Clement, mother; Sam Kolbe, maternal grandfather, Sam Kolbe, Jr., maternal uncle; Louise Clement, paternal grandmother; Phil Clement, paternal uncle; Jackie and Mark Wright, paternal aunt and uncle/relative placement; Michael Stout, Investigation Worker; Sarah Niles, Investigation Supervisor; Timothy Riggs, Foster Care Worker; and Sara Perry, Foster Care Supervisor. This worker facilitated discussion centered on moving forward with next steps for visitation, ameliorating risk, and enhancing safety and next steps to focus on reunification of David with his father. Discussed current placement and explored whether other relatives might be available if needed. Sam Kolbe, Jr., indicated he'd love to be able to provide care for David, but he is single and a fireman and often stays at the fire station. He asked if he might have visitation. This worker asked about other maternal relatives. Mr. Kolbe, Jr., shared that he is Jennifer's only sibling. I asked about other extended maternal family. Mr. Kolbe, Sr., stated the only other family they have do not live in town. He has two sisters that live in other states and that they had been close when the children were little, but drifted apart as the kids grew and moves occurred. He also stated that his kids really did not form relationships with cousins that lasted past childhood due to the distance. Mr. Kolbe shared that on his wife's side of the family, her three siblings have passed away. Maternal relatives will not be a viable placement option. Phil Clement said he is unable to provide care for David because he and his wife have their hands full with their own children. He, too, wants to maintain contact with David. See Initial Assessment Plan in case record. Informed family that case would transfer to Timothy Riggs and his supervisor, Sara Perry, after the initial custody hearing.
4/12/2011	Initial Custody Hearing	Initial custody hearing before Judge Gene Sanchez. Mother did not appear, but was represented by her court-appointed attorney. Collin Clement attended and was represented by his court-appointed counsel. David's GAL, Nancy Richards, was present. Court granted continued custody to the Department.

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4/12/2011	New Worker Assigned	Case assigned to Timothy Riggs, worker for ongoing foster care services.

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4/12/2011	O/V	David had vision exam. 20/20 vision and no treatment required.
4/13/2011	T/C	Attempted phone contact with Jennifer Clement. Left a voicemail asking to meet her in the office or her home on April 15th.
4/14/2011	T/C	Jennifer Clement left this worker a voicemail to confirm that she is available to meet in the office tomorrow afternoon.
4/15/2011	O/V	Supervised visit between David and his father. Scheduled a time for visitation for next week. We had also scheduled a visit for David and his mother on this date; however, Jennifer failed to show for the visit.
4/15/2011	O/V	Jennifer Clement did not show up for her meeting today. This worker followed up with her by telephone an hour after the scheduled meeting. Ms. Clement stated that she overslept and would call back to reschedule their meeting. She also stated that she missed her son and wanted to work out a plan to visit him soon.
4/20/2011	T/C	Attempted to phone contact Jennifer Clement to schedule a meeting. Left a message with her father, Sam Kolbe. He assured that Jennifer would get the message. Mr. Kolbe mentioned that his daughter was tired and appeared to be "sad" all the time.
4/21/2011	O/V	Supervised visit between David and his father.
4/22/2011	T/C	Mark Wright, relative placement, called to request removal of David. Mr. Wright stated that in addition to the impact of having David living with them, they found the process for licensure overwhelming and cannot commit to the classes, physicals, and home study process. Mr. Wright stated he and his wife have talked it over, and they really hoped David would have been returned to Collin at the initial custody hearing. Work demands continue for Jackie, and their main focus right now needs to be on their twins. I told Mr. Wright that I had transportation supports in place that would help with their schedules. Mr. Wright stated, "It isn't just transportation; David is really testing us, and we're just not up for the challenge of keeping him until that June hearing or even longer." Mr. Wright took David to his follow-up appointment, and stitches are out. David was really acting out on the way to the appointment and embarrassed him with rude backtalk during the appointment. The doctor did say that it was healing nicely and scheduled a visit in 2 weeks to check progress. He stated he will give me all information so that it gets taken care. He apologized and said it is important for them to continue to have contact with David. He shared that he and Jackie have already had a conversation with David about him going to another home. I asked if they'd be comfortable with removal on Monday, and Mr. Wright agreed.

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4/25/2011	H/V	I visited the Wright family and David at the home after school today. David was all packed for new placement. When I entered the home, he stood up and said, "I'm all set, let's get going." David then grabbed his duffel bag and walked out onto the porch. Jackie Wright went after him and gave him a hug and said she hoped he would agree to stay in touch with them and to visit them. She explained the girls needed a lot of attention, and work was hard for her. David nodded and walked to my car with bag in hand. Mr. Wright carried a box with other belongings to the car and said goodbye to David. On the way to the Thompson foster home, David stated that he wants to visit with his aunt and uncle even though it was too hard for them to keep him.
4/25/2011	H/V	David was placed Maria and Daniel Thompson, licensed foster parents. The Thompsons have no other children in the home. They showed David to his room and began settling him in. I let the Thompsons know there is no school tomorrow for David due to an in-service training for school staff. David has an appointment for his behavioral health assessment tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at Town Center Psychiatric Associates (TCPA). I will meet them there for the appointment to assist with the intake. David will remain in his same school, and I will meet David and the Thompsons at the school on Wednesday so that they might meet his teacher and the counselor. I shared a calendar with Maria Thompson detailing David's physical therapy appointments and schedule of visitation with parents.
4/26/2011		David completed the behavioral health assessment today. TCPA will send the report with recommendations to me in the next week or so. David also completed a physical today with no issues to address other than those for his arm.
4/28/2011	O/V	Supervised visit between David and his father. Mr. Clement showed genuine concern for David and asked about how it was at the new foster home for him. At the end of the visit, I was able to introduce Mr. Clement to David's foster family. The Thompsons and Mr. Clement talked for a quite a bit, and Mr. Clement was able to share with them some of David's likes and dislikes. Mr. Clement asked the Thompsons to good care of David until he could get David back home.
4/29/2011	H/V	I attempted an unannounced home visit with Jennifer Clement, but there was no answer. Left a note and contact information in an envelope for Ms. Clement.
5/2/2011	T/C	Received call from TCPA letting me know that Jennifer Clement completed a court-ordered psychological evaluation today at their facility. TCPA will send the report with recommendations.
5/3/2011	T/C	Call from TCPA with verbal report on David Clement's behavioral health assessment. Assessment showed that David is successfully managing trauma related to his entry into care. However, he has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). This diagnosis is in line with David's difficulty staying focused and paying attention, difficulty controlling behavior, and hyperactivity (over-activity).

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5/3/2011	T/C	This worker spoke with Maria Thompson to share David's behavioral assessment findings and recommendations. Ms. Thompson will pick up the prescription so that David can start taking it. She confirmed that she will keep a journal starting today to note any physical differences in appetite and sleep patterns along with behavior and mood changes. She has the 5/17/2011 appointment on her calendar. Ms. Thompson will let David's teacher know about medication and ask her to note any differences.
5/4/2011	T/C	Call from TCPA confirming that Collin Clement completed his court-ordered psychosocial assessment today at facility. TCPA will send the report with recommendations.
5/4/2011	H/V	<p>I picked David up at school after a brief visit with his teacher, and we drove to Dairy Queen for ice cream. I asked David how placement was going, and he said it was OK. He said, "It's kinda weird getting used to a new place where I am not related." I asked him about school, and he didn't offer much information. We continued our visit at the office, and David asked me if the meds he is taking will zonk him out like his Mom. I assured David that his medication is not like what his mom has taken. I explained his diagnosis to him, and he seemed to be all right with continued meds to see if there would be a difference in his behavior. I talked with David about the case plan. David asked if the meds will help him with his school work, and I let him know that we would all be monitoring it and hope it will help him focus more easily on tasks. David seemed pleased and said he really wants to get into the spelling bee and there's a science project he has ideas about. David stated he wants to go home and get along good with his dad. I explained to David that the evaluations completed will help his family get services so that he can go home and be safe.</p> <p>We arrived back at the Thompson home, and the four of us met together. Mr. Thompson asked David if he might be interested in joining baseball. David said he always wanted to join baseball, but he didn't want to bug his Dad for the money. He asked if his arm will be healed and out of the cast by the time summer baseball starts. Mr. Thompson said they will talk with the doctor when they go for the follow up on Monday.</p>

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5/6/2011	T/C	Maria Thompson phoned to share that they are hopeful they will see a difference in David. The nurse that gave her the script at TCPA said we'd likely see differences in about 2 weeks, but he already seems more focused and less flustered with limits set for him. Yesterday he was assigned a weekend science project, and that will be a test regarding his ability to stay on track. His appetite and sleep don't appear any different. Ms. Thompson will follow up with TCPA to schedule David's first counseling session.
5/9/2011	T/C	Call from Mr. Thompson. Had follow-up with surgeon. Removed old cast and x-rayed. Arm healing nicely. Re-casted. Mr. Thompson said that David will need to have cast 2 more weeks and then should be done. Doctor recommended physical therapy to start after out of cast. David was thrilled that doctor said that he didn't see a problem with David participating in baseball summer league in June. Mr. Thompson will be taking David to register for the summer league later this week.
5/10/2011	T/C	Phone call with TCPA following David's first individual counseling session. Foster parent, Maria Thompson, sat in on first portion of the session to provide intake information. Counselor was pleased to hear that David will be involved in baseball. Items discussed in session with both David and foster parent included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Setting fair, clear, and consistent expectations, direction, and limits 2. Following a regular (while not rigid) schedule and limiting distractions 3. Acknowledging success and positive behavioral choices 4. Creating a home system to help David stay on schedule with regard to school work and projects 5. Establishing a regular feedback loop with David's teacher 6. Discussing how David and foster parents can stay calm during disagreements Next session scheduled for 5/16/2011.
5/11/2011	T/C	Jennifer Clement called this worker and stated that she can visit this afternoon. I offered Ms. Clement assistance with transportation, and Ms. Clement declined. Ms. Clement will come to the office for the meeting.
5/12/2011		Jennifer Clement did not show up for the meeting yesterday afternoon. She left a message to apologize and stated that her transportation plans fell through.
5/17/2011	T/C	Spoke with Maria Thompson. Individual counseling session for David held yesterday, but she was not a part of today's session. David reported to her afterward that they played a game about feelings. Next session scheduled for 5/24/2011. Discussed David's medication review appointment at TCPA. This medication and current minimum dosage seems to be working for David, so TCPA is prescribing a Quillivant XR patch for time-released dosage.

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5/24/2011		Received Jennifer Clement psychological evaluation. Ms. Clement has a diagnosis of major depressive disorder. Ms. Clement has received TCPA services intermittently for years. Previous treatment included Prozac regimen and individual counseling. Ms. Clement's compliance with meds and counseling were sporadic at best. This evaluation/report recommends combination therapy in the form of a prescription for Symbax. This medication has been effective with treatment-resistant depression. Since TCPA is familiar with Ms. Clement, report recommends an in-home monitoring component to ensure medication compliance and consistent counseling sessions. TCPA has a new in-home monitoring program, and she is a good candidate.
5/24/2011	T/C	Maria Thompson called to say David had an individual session after school today at TCPA. The counselor told her that David's individual sessions are over, and he and his Dad will begin the parent coaching program on Monday, May 30, 2011.
5/25/2011	T/C	Called Jennifer Clement and left message re: scheduling a home visit. Ms. Clement returned call and left a voicemail to say that she will be home for a visit on May 27 th in the evening.
5/26/2011		Received psychosocial assessment report on Collin Clement. He disclosed that he had physically abused his son. Mr. Clement is enduring chronic stress as the result of family- and job-related events and demands. He admits this chronic stress results in anxiety. He eats poorly and has gained weight, has digestive problems and sleep problems, and admits to memory and concentration impairment. Mr. Clement would benefit from assistance in reducing stresses associated with caring for his mother. The report recommends short-term therapy, an intensive and structured parent coaching program with his son, and time for exercise and/or socialization. The next wave of their parent coaching program begins on May 30, 2011.
5/26/2011	O/V	Collin Clement came by office this afternoon to review results of psychosocial assessment. Mr. Clement stated, "By now you've heard that I hurt David." I let Mr. Clement know that the report discussed the injury and his chronic high level of stress. We spoke at length about the physical abuse incident. He stated that he had found himself at the end of his rope and expressed deep regret about hurting David. Mr. Clement was choked up and said, "I can't even believe what I did. I feel so bad." He went on to say he had never hurt David like this before. He said he typically yelled a lot at David and would swat him. Mr. Clement shared the major stressors in his life, citing his mother's health, work and finance issues, single parenting, and sadness about Jennifer Clement's inability to be there for David.

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(cont'd)	(cont'd)	<p>Along with disclosure of the abuse, Mr. Clement said he recognizes he needs help and that he is ready to do "whatever it takes to get David back."</p> <p>I told Mr. Clement that I looked forward to helping him reduce some of the stressors in the home. I asked if he and his mom may be open to the idea of a home health program that she could access with her Medicare. I also suggested Meals on Wheels and the Senior Center for Ms. Clement to help make sure she is eating well and engage her in some activity. Mr. Clement stated, "All that sounds good and might even give me some time to hit the track or something and work on my own weight. I hope you don't hold it against me that I hurt my son." I assured Mr. Clement that we will move forward with services so that David can return home.</p>
5/27/2011	H/V	<p>I visited with Jennifer Clement at her home. I thanked her for following through with the psychological evaluation. She said she hoped this new psychological evaluation would get her back on track. She talked about previous attempts with meds and counseling and how difficult it is to concentrate. Ms. Clement says she feels sad most days. She wants to be in touch with David. She is thin, and when I asked about her diet, she stated she often doesn't feel like eating. She says she suffers from insomnia and has little energy during the day. Ms. Clement says she has felt worthless and guilty for a long time and wants to get better. I reviewed the evaluation recommendations with her, and she is amenable to begin a new course of treatment.</p> <p>We then shifted our discussion to David. I explained to Ms. Clement that because of her circumstances, the Department will be focusing work to reunify David with his father. I clarified that it is important to David, the Department, and the court that services be provided that will strengthen her ability to be a parent to David even though he does not live with her. We talked about visits with David, and she said she just feels ashamed asking her dad for rides. I told her I would look into bus passes, and she thanked me. Ms. Clement stated she understood that she hasn't been in any position to bring up David, and she wants to get better so she can be a mom to him. I let Ms. Clement know that I would work with TCPA to arrange for services for her. Ms. Clement stated that she wants to follow through with TCPA this time. I then shifted the discussion and asked Ms. Clement if she was a member of or eligible for membership in a federally recognized Indian Tribe, and she replied no. I also asked Ms. Clement about maternal relatives. Ms. Clement said Sam Kolbe, Jr., is her only brother, and he practically lives at the fire station. She mentioned that when she was a child, she was close to one of her dad's sisters, but lost touch when the aunt moved away, I asked Ms. Clement if she was close to any cousins or any other extended family, and she indicated she was not. Ms. Clement asked me to please see about David visiting with his Uncle Sam because "he's a good, strong example for David." I told Ms. Clement that once her visits were happening regularly, we could look at inviting Sam to some of the visits. Ms. Clement said she liked that idea.</p>

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5/30/11	T/C	Call from TCPA to confirm that David and Collin Clement attended the first session of their structured parent coaching program. Sessions will be held approximately every 2 weeks with homework in between.
6/1/2011	Case Planning Meeting	Case planning meeting held with mother, father, and David in attendance. Supervisor Sara Perry was also in attendance. Reviewed Initial Assessment Plan and noted mom has completed psychological evaluation. Dad has completed his psychosocial assessment. Visitation for Dad has occurred as per plan. Dad visits once a week at the Department. Visitation for mother has not occurred. Mom has missed all scheduled visits as she says transportation has been an issue. I has now provided her with bus passes. This worker, the parents, and David developed the case plan together. Supervisor approved the plan for presentation to the court.
6/1/2011	H/V	I visited with Maria Thompson and David at the foster home. David's GAL, Nancy Richards, came by to visit earlier in the day. I met with David alone in his room. David said it was kind of cool to know he had an attorney, and he likes talking to Nancy Richards. He shared that he told Ms. Richards he wants to go home and live with his dad and grandma. I asked David if he felt safe visiting with his dad. David stated that even if his visits were not at the Department or with someone watching, he is not scared of his dad. David said his dad "lost it" the day he broke his arm, but that doesn't mean he is scared of him. David said he wants to see his mom more now that she is back on her meds. He wants to do better in school and shared that there's a tutor program his teacher wants him to get into that happens during the lunch hour. Ms. Richards visited with Ms. Thompson briefly to get a sense of how the placement is going. David showed me that Ms. Richards gave him a business card in case he ever wants to talk with her. I asked David how it was going living with the Thompsons. He replied, "Maria and Daniel are cool." I asked him if he felt safe, and, without hesitation, he said, "Sure I feel safe; they are good people, and I am used to being an only child."
6/3/2011	Adj/Disp	Adjudicatory and Dispositional Hearing held this date. Mother attended and was represented by counsel. Collin Clement attended and was represented by counsel. David was present in the courtroom and represented by his GAL, Nancy Richards. Mother and father both stipulated. The Department will focus on reunification efforts between Collin and David Clement. The Department will also focus on providing services to the mother to strengthen her relationship with David. David Clement was adjudicated abused and neglected. Parties agreed to case plan and signed at hearing. Safety and risk assessments were completed in anticipation of the hearing. Please see file. Court report and case plan reviewed and adopted by court.
6/6/2011	T/C	TCPA staff called to confirm that Jennifer Clement completed her intake process today. Jennifer was administered Symbyx. Her individual sessions are set to begin on 6/20/11. The in-home monitoring program begins tomorrow, and she will be administered medication daily with documentation of how the meds seem to be working for her.

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6/6/2011	H/V	I visited with David in the foster home. In conversation, I reviewed the case plan with David, and he said he really hoped his mom could get better. We talked about the parent coaching program, and David liked the idea of doing the sessions with his father. David seemed eager about the parent coaching program and said he wants to work on acting better so it can be all good when he goes home.
6/13/2011	T/C	TCPA staff called to confirm that David and Collin Clement attended second session of parent coaching program. Father and son are working on formulating their own goals that focus on dad's practical strategies to help with parenting and gaining more enjoyment in parenting. This program helps parents discover their own answers while providing family support and guidance. David liked the ideas presented about helping his dad slow down and enjoying time together more. David asked if his dad could come to his upcoming baseball games, and TCPA staff advised they'd relay the request to the Department. I learned that TCPA will also be recommending increasing visits consistent with father and son participation in the program. TCPA can provide supervision for additional visits and gradually adjust the amount of supervision during visits based on progress in the parent coaching program. TCPA will provide verbal and written documentation of visitation. I let TCPA staff know that Mr. Clement could attend David's baseball games.
6/13/2011	Supervisory Staffing	I staffed the case with my supervisor to share information from TCPA about the parenting coaching program and visitation. Supervisor concurred with father attending David's upcoming baseball games and also approved additional visitation at TCPA. Visitation between father and son will increase gradually to include visits at the Department and visitation at TCPA that will increase commensurate with progress in the parent coaching program.
6/19/2011	T/C	I spoke with Jennifer Clement today in anticipation of her first counseling session tomorrow. I asked her how the in-home monitoring was going, and she responded, "So far, so good." I offered her transportation to go to the session, and she indicated the program would be picking her up for the session.
6/20/2011	T/C	TCPA called to confirm that Jennifer Clement attended individual counseling today. Next session scheduled for July 7, 2011. TCPA staff stated that their focus in today's session was in formulating goals with Ms. Clement. Ms. Clement expressed that she wants individual counseling to concentrate on addressing her depression in order to strengthen her relationship with her son. She appears committed to the medication therapy and accompanying, in-home monitoring program. She expressed that she is hopeful with this new monitoring component because this was never offered in past treatment.
7/5/2011	T/C	I visited with David at the foster home this morning. He shared that 4 th of July was a fun day spent at the park with Thompson family. I let David know that I thought it was a good idea for his dad to attend his baseball games and would get the schedule from Mr. Thompson and share it with his dad.

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7/6/2011		Jennifer Clement and her father visited with David today at the Department. Grandpa brought some dice, and they played Farkle and ate popcorn. Ms. Clement made visible efforts to be attentive to David. She told David that she is in counseling again. She also told him she knows he will be going home with his dad, and she wants to be a better mom and be there more for him. David hugged his mom and said, "I love you, Mom."
7/7/2011		TCPA called to report that Jennifer Clement was not home when in-home monitor went by to administer meds and give her ride to today's session.
7/8/2011	T/C	I spoke with Jennifer Clement. She explained that yesterday she went with her dad to an eye appointment, and it took longer than they anticipated. I asked if she had followed up to make a new appointment, and she said she would do that today. She thanked me for the recent visit with David. I let her know I could arrange for another visit on 7/20/11, and she said she would try a bus pass for that day.
7/11/2011	T/C	TCPA called to report that Jennifer Clement attended individual counseling today. In-home monitoring program is continuing. Ms. Clement inquired about the possibility of parenting sessions once she makes enough progress with individual counseling. TCPA shared information with Ms. Clement about the positive parenting program and other groups currently underway.
7/2/2011	T/C	I spoke with Jennifer Clement. I shared that TCPA is reporting progress in the monitoring program, as well as counseling sessions. Ms. Clement stated that in the past when she began feeling better with meds, she would begin not taking them resulting in sliding back into depression. She expressed that she is hopeful about the in-home monitoring component and that she likes the woman, Paula, assigned to her. She provides the medication to her and then spends time tracking feelings, reviewing her goal to be a better mom, and they have even begun working on a vision board. I encouraged Ms. Clement to continue with the program and scheduled another visit for her with David. I also encouraged her to call David at the Thompsons as another way to stay in touch.
7/13/2011	H/V	I visited with Collin Clement at his home this afternoon. We talked about visitation, and he asked how the visit between David and his mom went. I let him know it went well. Mr. Clement stated he knows David needs his mother, and he hopes she continues with the meds and counseling for David's sake. Mr. Clement and I talked about the parent coaching program. He really likes the information about how to enjoy his son.
7/20/2011	O/V	Jennifer Clement and David visited today. She brought David potato chips and coke. They found a puzzle on the bookshelf in the visitation room and worked together to complete the puzzle while talking about the heat and baseball.

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7/25/2011	O/V	I attended the last portion of the parent coaching session with David and Collin Clement today. The session centered on Mr. Clement practicing new skills for managing David's behavior when he doesn't accomplish tasks. David seemed to enjoy role-modeling situations where he was not doing what he was told. Father shared that it feels a little artificial using new skills. The coach reinforced both father and son and said that with time and practice it would come automatically. Mr. Clement shared that he notices a change in David now that he is on meds. Mr. Clement shared he really enjoyed going to David's game. TCPA staff provided supervision for an hour visitation following this session.
7/27/2011	T/C	TCPA called to report continued progress for Jennifer Clement today. Following her individual counseling session today, Ms. Clement attended an informal parent group get-together. Ms. Clement is making marked progress as the result of the in-home monitoring component.
8/1/2011	H/V	I facilitated a visit for David's birthday. Collin Clement, Louise Clement, the Thompsons, David, and I met at Pizza Hut. I gave David a birthday card from his mother. I visited with David and the Thompsons in the home afterwards. I also spoke with David alone in his room. He was upbeat. He likes the parent coaching meetings, and he is happy with baseball.
8/2/2011	T/C	Maria Thompson called to share that Jennifer Clement called David last night to wish him happy birthday. David also spoke with his grandparents and his Uncle Sam. David thanked his mom for the card and was happy to talk with her on the phone. David is looking forward to seeing her later in the week.
8/8/2011	T/C	TCPA called to confirm that Collin Clement and David attended parent coaching session. Father and son visited following the session with TCPA staff supervising. Visit was for an hour and half.
8/10/2011	T/C	Attempted a telephone contact with Jennifer Clement to schedule a meeting and visit with David. Left a voicemail message requesting Ms. Clement return my telephone call.
8/29/2011	T/C	Maria Thompson called to share that David attended parent coaching session at TCPA today. She also reported that Mr. Clement attended David's game. They sat with one another in the stands, and all went well. Wednesday, August 31 st , is the last game. Ms. Thompson says they've planted the seed with David about signing up for soccer because she feels physical activity makes a big difference.

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8/30/2011	T/C	Left voicemail messages for Collin Clement and Jennifer Clement to provide details about back-to-school night on September 7 th at David's school. I encouraged both parents to attend as it would be a great opportunity to connect with David's teachers and to learn about his classroom experience.
9/8/2011	T/C	Teacher called to report parents and foster parents attended back-to-school night with David. David enjoyed the science activities at different tables and the ice cream. David, Mr. Clement, and Mr. Thompson enjoyed the gravity science demonstration.
9/9/2011	H/V	Home visit with David today. I brought David a new backpack and supplies, and he was thankful. He likes his teacher. David was happy that both mom and dad went to school last night. David shared that the parent coaching program is fun because his dad is trying out different ways of talking with him, and sometimes they laugh a lot in the session. I asked David if he felt safe with his dad. David reiterated that he was never scared of his father. He said, "Now that we're in this program, my dad is cool. He told me in a visit one day that he really felt bad about my arm, and he was super stressed out." David said he and his dad like the coaching program, and his father tells him things will be good when he goes home. David and I talked about school, his view on visits with his parents, his ADHD meds, and generally how he is getting along at school with peers and when things don't go his way. David stated that he never thought he had needed meds, but he feels like the med patch has been a change for the better. He stated, "Sometimes kids at school would call me a jerk, and I probably was kinda a jerk. Now I can think a little instead of saying or doing stupid stuff." I asked David if he felt like he was getting along better at school, and he said, "Shoot, that's easy! I'm way better at school, and I have friends."
9/12/2011	T/C	TCPA called to confirm that Collin and David Clement attended the parent coaching session. The pair is doing well, and the coach has asked if they'd like to be mentors for a newly forming group that will begin in October. Mr. Clement stated he was interested. TCPA staff intermittently supervised the visit following the session. TCPA recommends that all further visitation at TCPA be lightly monitored as there are no observed needs for supervised visitation.
9/20/2011	T/C	Spoke briefly to Jennifer Clement to schedule a visit. Ms. Clement is available to meet at TCPA after her counseling session with her therapist. I agreed to meet her there and confirmed a time.
9/22/2011	O/V	This worker met with Jennifer Clement at TCPA following her individual counseling session. TCPA therapist, Anthony Gonzales, Ms. Clement, and I spoke about her progress in treatment. Mr. Gonzales shared that Ms. Clement has made significant progress in addressing her depression. This headway, due largely to Ms. Clement's commitment to the in-home monitoring component, is now allowing for the space to address how she can strengthen her relationship with David.

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(cont'd)	(cont'd)	Ms. Clement recently joined an informal, positive parenting group and is interested in continuing conversations with others who face similar challenges. Ms. Clement stated that she previously felt isolated and embarrassed about her depression. She went on to say it gave her energy to see and talk with others that have similar issues. I encouraged Ms. Clement to continue working on her goal to strengthen her relationship with David.
10/3/2011	O/V	<p>I visited with Mr. Clement in my office. Mr. Clement thanked me for making the connection for home health, Meals on Wheels, and Senior Citizen days with transportation for his mom. He shared that his mom likes the home health aide, and "It sure is a relief to have someone to help take care of her. She seems to like the food, and it's a good support for me to know that she's getting a meal when I am working." She doesn't so much like the idea of leaving home because it is so hard for her to get around, but she did share that recently she saw an old friend there, and they played Bingo.</p> <p>I let him know that TCPA confirmed his attendance at the parent coaching session last Friday. Mr. Clement shared that he likes the idea of being a mentor for the new group. He also shared that the videotaping allows him to see that he actually looks normal using the new skills because he still feels kind of uncomfortable with some of the strategies. Mr. Clement shared that he really did enjoy it when he was attending community college. He regrets that he couldn't continue with school and that so many things went bad for him. He said, "There's nothing I can do about all that now, and I just need to focus on this program and my life ahead. Maybe one day I can do some online school again."</p>
10/19/2011	H/V	I visited with David in the foster home today after school. We met in his room, and he showed me some entries in a journal he was keeping for an English assignment. David has good writing skills. We talked about progress in the parent coaching program, and he says it is fun.
10/24/2011	O/V	I met with TCPA coach today to review the Clements' progress in the program. Coach Blea stated that David and Collin Clement have come a long way. What used to be very negative interaction is now replaced by a more comfortable interaction. He continued to share that he believes a melding of the program and David's medication for ADHD have proven to be good for their relationship. There are only two more sessions for the pair before successful completion. Coach Blea stated his report will reflect the gains made, and he looks forward to Mr. Clements' participation as a mentor for the next group. Kickoff for the new group will be on Wednesday night.
11/14/2011	T/C	TCPA called to share that Mr. Clement phoned to say he couldn't attend the parent coaching session today due to car trouble. Coach Blea met briefly with David and Maria Thompson. Jennifer Clement was also at TCPA and had just completed an individual session. She, David, and Maria Thompson visited briefly.

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11/17/2011	H/V	I visited with David in the foster home today. We reviewed the case plan for the upcoming hearing. David asked when he would go home. I let David know that he and his dad were making good progress, and his return home could be discussed soon. I also let David know that based on positive progress, we were looking at his starting extended visits at his home. David said he really wants to go home, and he is glad he gets to talk with his grandma on the phone. He is excited to be able to go home and be with his grandma and his dad. He asked how soon he could start visiting at home, and I let him know we would be asking the court to approve these visits at the next court hearing. In addition to visits, we discussed school and generally how he felt as the result of his medication for ADHD. David stated that he feels like the meds "cool him down." He said, "I can chill out easier, and school work doesn't seem as hard as it used to be." David shared that before meds he felt like everything was coming at him at once. David seemed pleased to say his grades are better. He talked about having a friend he feels he can count on now.
11/25/2011	Case Planning Meeting	Case planning meeting held this date. Presented the updated case plan and reviewed court report with father and mother.
11/29/2011	Court Hearing	Judicial Review Hearing held this date. Based on progress, the District Judge approved the Department's plan to begin overnight visits in the father's home. The Department submitted a plan for full-day visits at the family home on December 10 and December 18, 2011. This worker will check in at random with the Clements on both these dates. On December 21, Mr. Clement will pick David up after school, and he will be on an extended visit until December 26. The Department will make random visits to the home during this time. The Thompsons will pick David up at the Clement home on December 26. He will remain with the Thompsons on December 26 and 27, 2011. I will take David to the Clement home on December 28, and he will visit until Sunday, January 1, 2012. David returns to school on January 3, 2012. If all goes well with trial home visits, David will be returned home on January 4, 2012.
12/5/2011	O/V	Attended the last session of parent coaching program with David and Collin Clement. We viewed a montage of videotaping that showed clear gains in Mr. Clement's ability to demonstrate a wide range of skills for managing David's behavior. Most notable in the review was a significant change in how the two interacted with one another. Father displayed an ability to have fun with David, and, when correction was needed, he showed new skills in being able to discipline David without yelling. After the video review, they gave each other a high five, and Mr. Clement said, "I think we nailed this, son." Collin and David Clement successfully completed the parent coaching program. Father and son continued with a 2-hour visitation at TCPA. They played ping pong and video games.

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12/10/2011	H/V	I picked up David at the Thompson home and transported him to his home for day-long visit. Mr. Clement was waiting for David, and grandma made sure he knew his favorite cookies were on the kitchen table. I made an unannounced visit to the home mid-afternoon, and David was helping his Dad move furniture around so they could begin to think about getting a Christmas tree.
12/18/2011	H/V	I picked up David at the foster home for his day visit with dad and grandma. When I arrived, Jackie and Mark Wright and the twins were there. It was a little awkward at first for them since they had not seen each other since David's removal, but quickly they fell into easy conversation. David began playing with the girls, and Ms. Wright was beginning to make a crockpot stew for later in the day. I visited mid-morning, and David was outside with Collin and Mark. Collin was showing David how to change the oil on their vehicle.
12/19/2011	O/V	Supervisory staffing to review day visits at the home. Based on observed interaction and individual discussions with Collin and David Clement, this worker recommends that the extended visit proceed as planned. Supervisor approved.
12/21/2011	T/C	Collin Clement called me to confirm that he picked David up after school. They drove to the Thompson residence and got his clothing, X-Box, and games. I let him know that I would make random visits.
12/21/2011	T/C	Phone call from Maria Thompson to let me know that David and Collin Clement came by for clothing, etc. David was excited to be with his dad. They do not have plans during this visitation period and can be available if need be for any needs.
12/22/2011	T/C	Maria Thompson called to share that David called her. He said he was having a good time. She also spoke with Mr. Clement. He asked Ms. Thompson if they could continue to be in touch once the case was closed. She told him that she and Mr. Thompson would really like to stay in touch and see David.
12/23/2011	H/V	Dropped by Clement home with gifts and a food basket for the Clement family. David showed me a gift under the tree with his name on it. Grandma has not been well for the past 2 days and was in bed. Mr. Clement said her blood levels have been pretty high, and the doctor recommended an increase in insulin with a follow-up visit scheduled for December 26.
12/26/2011	T/C	Mr. Clement called to say he was taking his mom to doctor appointment, and David would be going with him. He contacted Maria Thompson, and they've arranged for David to be picked up at 4 p.m. today.
12/27/2011	O/V	This worker arranged for Jennifer Clement, Sam Kolbe, Jr., Sam Kolbe, Sr., and David to visit at TCPA. The family had gifts for David and brought Christmas cookies and juice. Ms. Clement told David she was happy he had been at home for a few days. David talked about the visit and said he was looking forward to going home.

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(cont'd)	(cont'd)	He told his mother he wanted to continue to see her at the house when he went home for good. Ms. Clement told David she looked forward to that. David played ping pong with his Uncle Sam and grandfather. Maria Thompson came to pick David up and visited briefly with the family before taking David home.
12/28/2011	H/V	I transported David from the Thompson home to his home for visit. David was excited to go back home. He said he was going to miss the Thompsons and asked if he could stay in touch with them somehow.
1/1/2012	T/C	Call from Mr. Thompson to let me know he picked David up from Clement home. It seems they had another good visit, and David is settling in and will be going back to school Tuesday.
1/2/2012	Legal Staffing	This worker, supervisor, and children's court attorney met. Based on progress and successful extended visits, CCA will circulate an order of dismissal and take it to the District Court for signature and filing.
1/4/2012	O/V	CCA advised this worker that all attorneys have signed off on order of dismissal, and she will advise when order is signed. David will be reunified today, and case will be closed.
1/4/2012	H/V	I picked David up at school, and we drove to the Thompson home. I let the Thompsons know that the dismissal order has been signed, and the case is dismissed. Maria and Daniel Thompson hugged David and told him how happy they were for him. The Thompsons let David know that they'd be in touch with his Dad so that they could visit with him.