

Department of Child and Family Services

Foster Care Case Notes

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Social Worker: Brooke Tillman

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7/12/2021	H/V	I visited with the girls in their foster home. The girls were excited to be visiting with their paternal aunt and cousins. They said that they would see Mr. Capa while they were there as well. They said that next month, their grandmother would be healthy enough to see them. They like going to the Tribe. They also had a Skype visit with their maternal aunt and grandmother. They talked about the recent camping trip.
7/7/2021	T/C	I spoke with the Valencias following a Fourth of July camping trip with the girls. The girls had a good time. I let Mary Valencia know that Ms. Morgan has resurfaced and is in an out-of-state prison. I let her know she has asked for visitation.
7/7/2021	Supervisory Staffing	Informed my supervisor that we now have confirmed Ms. Morgan's location. She said she would fight a TPR. We have not yet heard back from the Tribe that the children are enrolled, nor do we know if the Tribe plans to intervene. The Valencias are taking the children to Tribal events and have been visiting with their paternal aunt and cousins.
7/7/2021	T/C	I spoke with Ms. Morgan by phone. She said that she is serving a 9-month sentence on fraud charges. I said I was confused as her sister said that it was 18 months, and the facility confirmed that. She said that the public attorney that defended her and got her the plea deal said that she would get out in half the time for good behavior. She explained that she got involved with her old group of friends, and everything got out of control. She was sober again and was attending NA groups that were offered at the correctional facility. She wanted to know if it was possible to have visitation with the girls. I explained that DCFS was considering filing for TPR and placing the children for adoption. Ms. Morgan said that she would fight it.

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6/28/2021	T/C	Contacted the New State Women's Correctional Facility. Emailed copies of court documents and my ID to verify who I was and purpose of my call. They confirmed that Janet Morgan was an inmate. They will schedule a call as soon as they have clearance.
6/28/2021	T/C	Received a call from Patricia Peppers. She said that Ms. Morgan had contacted her. She had been arrested for dealing drugs. She was able to plead the case down to some type of fraud charge. Ms. Peppers said she really didn't understand what Ms. Morgan was telling her. Ms. Peppers also said that Ms. Morgan told her that this all happened earlier this month, and she would be serving an 18-month sentence in New State Women's Correctional facility, which was about 300 miles from here. Ms. Peppers said she was really surprised to hear from Ms. Morgan. Ms. Morgan said that she called because she wanted Ms. Peppers to get her girls. Ms. Peppers said that she was just completing the home study process and still had to take the foster parenting pre-service classes.
6/24/2021	T/C	Contacted Mr. Burbank and asked him to pass on a message to Mr. Rogers. Told him that I would talk with him about relinquishment and open adoption when we speak in July.
6/22/2021	T/C	Mr. Rogers left a message for me. He said that he has been talking to people and doing some of his own research on open adoptions. He wanted to know if that was a possibility.
6/21/2021	T/C	I contacted the Valencias about the visit to the Tribe. They said they would be honored. I gave them the contact information for Ms. Nez.

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6/21/2021	T/C	Tribal social services contacted the agency. Layla and Kerry are eligible for membership and will be enrolled. The agency advised that the three girls were in placement together and gave them information about the foster parents. The Tribal social worker, Mary Nez, said that she would share this information with her supervisor and the Tribal court judge. The Tribe requested additional information about the case and explained that it was in the process of deciding whether or not it would intervene. Ms. Nez has spoken with Mr. Capa, Mrs. Capa, and Ms. Sumpter. They were all asking that the agency facilitate ongoing visitation between the girls and their aunt and cousins. Mrs. Capa could probably participate in visits later this summer when she was feeling stronger. Ms. Nez talked about opportunities for the girls to learn about their Tribe. She would welcome both girls, their younger sister, and the girls' foster parents as guests to the Tribal lands next weekend as it is a Tribal feast day. Their aunt and cousins would be there.
6/14/2021	H/V	I visited with the girls in the Valencia foster home. The girls appear to be happy and talked about swimming earlier in the day. I took them for ice cream, and they asked about their mother. They asked when they could visit with their aunt and grandmother by Skype again.
6/10/2021	O/V	Mr. Capa came back with me after the hearing. He said he spoke with the Tribal social worker. He said he wants the best for her daughters. He has remained sober. He thinks he will be ready to have visitation with them soon.
6/10/2021	Permanency Hearing	The permanency hearing was held on this date. The court ordered that the children remain in the custody of DCFS. The proposed case plan was adopted and made a part of the court order. Reunification is no longer a concurrent goal.
6/7/2021	T/C	Called Mock Tribal Social Services. They confirmed that they had notice of the upcoming hearing. They have not made a determination on Layla and Kerry's eligibility for membership.

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6/7/2021	Supervisory Staffing	Reviewed risk and safety assessment and proposed plan ahead of court hearing. Will propose to the court that we formally change the plan to adoption. Will contact Mock Tribe social services and make sure they know about the hearing.
6/1/2021	H/V	<p>Visited with Jessica, Layla, and Kerry at the Valencia foster home. Layla and Jessica are sharing a room, and Kerry has her own room. The Valencias said that the transition went really well. They had the Shanihans over for a BBQ on the weekend. Layla definitely wants to stay in touch with them and they with her. The GAL is stopping by later in the week.</p> <p>Talked separately with each of the girls. Met with the foster parents to find out if they needed any additional support. They reminded me that they are still interested in adopting the girls.</p>
5/24/2021	T/C	Called Mr. Capa. Told him that we were placing the girls together. He was pleased. He is still in counseling and still caring for his mother. She is responding positively to chemo. He said that he went to speak with the elders about his girls being in foster care.
5/24/2021	Transition Staff Meeting	In attendance: the Valencias, the Shanihans, Dr. Carol Peilter (therapist), Lucas Stephens (GAL), and Dawn Davenport (school counselor). The Valencias agreed to have Layla placed with them. Move will happen right before the Memorial Day weekend, on May 27th. Dr. Peilter will continue with family therapy for the girls. Layla will continue with her gymnastics as she is getting really good and enjoys the program. The school can work with the Valencias to explore summer school recreation programs. Layla can continue to receive speech and occupational therapy through the school over the summer. DCFS can assist with transporting Layla to the sessions over the summer. The Valencias said that they would be happy to coordinate the Skype visits with the children's aunt and grandmother.

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		We brought the girls into the last part of the meeting to let them know what we were talking about. When we told them Layla would be moving to the Valencias, they squealed with excitement.
5/18/2021	T/C	Spoke with Mr. Rogers after his phone call with Jessica. Talked about Jessica needing permanency, and, given that he would still be incarcerated for at least 3 years, I was wondering how he saw that play out. He said that he was thinking about it. Jessica seemed really happy with her foster parents. I shared with him that the Valencias had expressed an interest in adopting.
5/17/2021	Supervisory Staffing	Will place Layla with the Valencias. Will set up a transition staff meeting.
5/14/2021	T/C	Supporting Healthy Families informed me that, based on Layla's most recent re-assessment, she no longer qualifies for therapeutic foster care, and, therefore, at the beginning of next month, Medicaid will no longer pay for the placement. Layla can continue with behavioral health services on an outpatient basis if it is deemed necessary. They will document all of this in their May progress report.
5/11/2021	T/C	GAL called. He visited with the girls today in the foster home. GAL stated the girls continue to want to be placed together and have asked about their mother. Told him that I have no new information on her location and that I had notified the Mock Tribe social services. The GAL said he had no idea that the children might be Native American. He asked to be kept informed. I explained that Layla and Kerry's father is a member of the Mock Tribe, as is their grandmother.
5/11/2021	T/C	Called Ms. Morgan's court-appointed attorney, Xavier Marcus. He had not heard from his client for quite some time and did not know her location. Told him that I notified Mock Tribe that Layla and Kerry were in state custody.

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5/10/2021	H/V	Traveled to Mrs. Capa's home to meet with Mr. Capa. We met outside on the front porch as Mrs. Capa had just had a treatment and was resting inside. Told Mr. Capa that I had notified the Tribe that Layla and Kerry were in state custody. He asked why I did that as he and his mother did not want their elders to know just yet. He said that part of the work he was doing in his counseling was around his relationship with his Tribe. He said that he had not shared his Tribal customs with his children, partly because Ms. Morgan was uncomfortable with them, and, at the time, he just wanted to get away from "his people." He was doing some spiritual work, and he has been able to remain sober for 2 months. That is the longest he has been sober. I told Mr. Capa that all the girls needed permanency and shouldn't stay in foster care for a long time. He agreed.
5/10/2021	-----	Made copies of Layla and Kerry's birth certificates and all court documents. Sent to Mock Tribe social services.
5/10/2021	T/C	Called Mock Tribe social services. Informed them that Layla and Kerry Morgan were in the physical and legal custody of the state and provided their dates of birth and information about their father and grandmother.
5/10/2021	Legal Staffing	Reviewed case with attorneys. The permanency hearing is scheduled for 6/10/21. Discussed moving towards TPR given case circumstances. Attorneys questioned whether there were grounds to file for TPR on Mr. Rogers and Mr. Capa and said worker should explore whether the fathers were willing to relinquish. During the legal staffing, the agency attorney, Alex Lassen, advised DCFS to immediately provide notification to the Mock Tribe that Layla and Kerry were in the agency's physical and legal custody as the girls may be eligible for Tribal membership. We would wait to hear back from the Tribe before figuring out next steps.

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5/6/2021	H/V	Met with Jessica and Kerry together and then separately. Both expressed some concern. They were looking forward to the sleepover with their sister. The Valencias were ordering pizza, and they were going to binge watch Disney movies.
5/6/2021	H/V	Met with Layla. She was worried about her mom but also a bit angry at her. She wanted to know if she could still have the sleepover at her sisters' house tomorrow night.
5/5/2021	T/C	Called the Valencias. Shared that we would be talking internally about moving towards TPR. Helen Valencia reminded me that she and Mary were still very interested in adopting all three girls. She said that Jessica asked about her mom, and Kerry said that she probably was out partying like before. Told Helen I would stop by tomorrow and visit the girls.
5/5/2021	T/C	Called Layla's foster parents. Shared that we would be talking internally about moving towards TPR. They will let the treatment team know. They said that Layla has been asking about her mom. Told them I would stop by tomorrow and talk with Layla.
5/5/2021	Supervisory Staff	Shared the information about Ms. Morgan with my supervisor. Will set up a staffing with attorneys to discuss filing termination of parental rights (TPR).
5/4/2021	T/C	Called Jacksonville adult probation office. Flynn Rider, Ms. Morgan's probation officer, said that Ms. Morgan had failed to show for last UA. He would verify that she has, in fact, moved from her apartment, as she is required to notify him if she does. He said that this would constitute a violation of her probation, and the court would be notified. He agreed to contact me if he learned of her whereabouts.
5/4/2021	H/V	Went to Ms. Morgan's apartment. She was not there; however, her roommate, Melody Mae, was. Ms. Mae informed me that Ms. Morgan ran into old friends and began using again. Ms. Mae said that Ms. Morgan had moved out and left no forwarding information.

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5/3/2021	T/C	Called Ms. Morgan. Got a message that the cell phone was no longer in service.
5/3/2021	T/C	Called the foster parents. They have not heard from Ms. Morgan. I told them that if Ms. Morgan does show up, please have her call me immediately and not allow any unsupervised visitation.
5/3/2021	H/V	Stopped by Ms. Morgan's apartment. She was not there. Left note.
4/29/2021	T/C	Called Ms. Morgan. Voicemail was full.
4/29/2021	T/C	Got a call from Helen Valencia. She said that Ms. Morgan did not show for her visitation with the girls. The girls are handling it okay and visiting with one another.
4/29/2021	H/V	Stopped by Ms. Morgan's apartment. She was not there.
4/28/2021	H/V	Stopped by Ms. Morgan's apartment. She was not there.
4/26/2021	H/V	Met with Ms. Morgan at her apartment. Visits with the girls are going well, and she enjoys the time she has with them. She also said that their foster parents have all been really great and have invited her to the girls' school conferences. She has not been able to attend, however. Ms. Morgan said she was getting frustrated because she can't figure out some other way to support herself and the girls, and her back has been acting up. She says that she goes to most of her NA meetings. Told Ms. Morgan I would stop by in a few days and see if together we could come up with an alternative plan.
4/26/2021	H/V	Visited Jessica and Kerry at the foster home.
4/26/2021	H/V	Visited Layla at the foster home.

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4/21/2021	H/V	Met with the Valencias. Told them as Ms. Morgan was making so much progress, we were not planning on making any changes to Layla's placement at this time. Told them we appreciated their interest in adopting all three girls. Visited with Kerry and Jessica while I was there.
4/20/2021	Case Staffing	Met with supervisor. There has been no word on the status of the ICPC home study request for Ms. Peppers, who also confirmed no one has been in touch with her. Ms. Peppers had continued to visit with the girls through Skype and said the children's grandmother joins when she is able. Ms. Peppers said she doesn't have resources to travel for visits. Given the progress that Ms. Morgan was making, it was decided to hold off on making any decisions regarding the Valencias' request to adopt but agreed that the agency would continue to support frequent sibling visitation.
4/19/2021	T/C and O/V	Supervised call between Mr. Rogers and Jessica. Call went well. Mr. Rogers also had a chance to speak with Helen Valencia when she came to the office to pick up Jessica. He thanked her for taking care of Jessica.
4/15/2021	T/C	Helen and Mary Valencia, foster parents for Kerry and Jessica, called the agency to express that they had talked and would be interested in having Layla live with them. If the girls became free for adoption, they wanted to adopt all three. Layla has had a number of overnight and weekend visits with her sisters at their home, and the Valencias believed they could provide a good home for the three girls. I thanked them and let them know I would talk with my supervisor and be back in touch with them soon.
4/6/2021	H/V	Stopped by the Valencia foster home. The girls were visiting with one another and doing homework together. Met with each of them individually and in a group. They were looking forward to their first unsupervised visit with their mother. She said they would go to the local park.

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4/6/2021	T/C	Called Mr. Capa. He has started counseling with Mr. Youngblood. He will sign a release so I can get a report. He said that he still has a lot of work to do and doesn't think he should see his girls just yet. His mother is still undergoing treatment, and the chemo is pretty challenging. Her immune system is really compromised, so she shouldn't be around a lot of people. He said that his mother is incorporating some of the Mock Tribe's spiritual aspects into her treatment, and he is participating with her. He said that he didn't realize how much he had missed this aspect of his life. I questioned Mr. Capa on this, and he shared that he and his mother were members of the Mock Tribe, and his mother's home was on Tribal land.
4/5/2021	H/V	Met with Ms. Morgan at her apartment. We reviewed her progress and established a new visitation plan for unsupervised visitation. Ms. Morgan will pick up the girls at the office and is allowed to take them for 1½-hour visits twice weekly.
3/29/2021	H/V	Visited with Kerry and Jessica at the foster home.
3/29/2021	H/V	Visited with Layla at the foster home.
3/16/2021	H/V	Visited with Kerry and Jessica at the foster home.
3/15/2021	H/V	Visited with Layla at the foster home.
3/8/2021	O/V	Jessica's foster parents brought her to the office, and we called her father. Jessica was very excited throughout the entire call. Mr. Rogers got a bit tearful as he spoke to his daughter.
3/8/2021	T/C	Called Mr. Youngblood. He is accepting new clients and does accept DCFS payment. Provided him with background information on the case and payment information. Mr. Youngblood will contact Mr. Capa to set up the first appointment.

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3/8/2021	O/V	Ms. Morgan visited with her girls at the office today. The girls were happy to see their mother. Mother was appropriate and brought popcorn and some books for the girls. The girls also invited Ms. Morgan to their school spring concert.
3/2/2021	T/C	Ms. Morgan was in touch with me by phone this date. She has been successfully discharged from the treatment facility and remains on probation for 6 months. She is sharing an apartment with another woman in recovery and is still collecting disability. She wants to look for work to supplement her income. She reports she has to participate in random drug testing, individual counseling, and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings. She wanted to set up visits with the girls now that she is no longer at the facility. We will arrange for weekly supervised visits at the DCFS office. We also talked about other opportunities for her to be involved in her children's lives. I let her know about a school spring concert that the girls would be participating in and invited her to attend.
2/22/2021	T/C	Spoke to Ms. Morgan and Richard Davis. She is scheduled to be discharged at the end of the week. Mr. Davis will send me the discharge summary and the recommendations. They have identified housing for Ms. Morgan. She will be sharing an apartment with another woman, who is also in recovery and will be participating in some of the program's outpatient programs.
2/18/2021	O/V	Met with Mr. Capa at the office. He said that he is back living with his mother. She is undergoing her cancer treatment, and he is helping her out. He said that he saw Candy Beckwell twice and he just didn't like her. He thought about it and is willing to go to counseling, just not with her. He said that he heard about a therapist named Dennis Youngblood and would like to see him. I told Mr. Capa that I would contact Mr. Youngblood and see what we could set up. I gave Mr. Capa an update on the girls. He was glad they were doing well. He did not ask to see them.

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2/18/2021	T/C	Spoke with Mr. Rogers and Mr. Burbank. Mr. Burbank said that the facility could support telephone calls between Mr. Rogers and Jessica but could not support Skype. Mr. Burbank would be available to be with Mr. Rogers in the facility, and I will call with Jessica.
2/15/2021	Judicial Review Hearing	<p>Ms. Morgan was represented by her attorney, Xavier Marcus. Mr. Rogers was represented by his attorney, Jackson Stewart. Mr. Capa was represented by his attorney, Finley Johnson. The state was represented by Alex Lassen.</p> <p>Court has adopted the concurrent plans of reunification and adoption. Ms. Morgan will continue in her inpatient program and follow all discharge recommendations. Mr. Capa will continue to participate in outpatient therapy to address his mental health condition and substance abuse. He shall avail himself to random drug testing. Mr. Rogers will continue counseling and parenting classes at the correctional facility.</p> <p>Mr. Rogers can continue be in touch with Jessica by mail. DCFS was ordered to explore with the correctional facility whether Jessica could participate in supervised calls with her father.</p> <p>Permanency hearing is scheduled for 6/10/2021 at 10:00 a.m.</p>
2/8/2021	Case Staffing	Reviewed safety and risk reassessments and proposed case plan with supervisor.
2/5/2021	T/C	Spoke to Mr. Capa. He has scheduled a counseling appointment with Candy Beckwell for next week.

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2/4/2021	H/V	Met with Layla at the foster home. She is really enjoying gymnastics and got invited to a birthday party for one of the girls in her class. She is doing well in school and says that the kids at this school are nicer than the ones at her old school. They don't tease her. I told her that we would be going to court soon, and I was wondering what I should tell the judge about what she wanted. Layla got really quiet and then asked if the judge would make her go home. She said that she liked seeing her mother but didn't want to live with her just yet.
2/4/2021	H/V	Met with Kerry and Jessica together and individually at the foster home. We talked about the upcoming court hearing and what they wanted to happen. Kerry said that she was glad her mother seemed to be getting better but thought she needed more time before any of the girls should go back and live with her. Kerry showed me what badges she was working on for Girl Scouts and asked me if I wanted to buy cookies. Jessica said she enjoys writing her dad and getting letters from him. She asked if it would be possible to talk on the phone with him or Skype like she does with her aunt and grandma. She loves karate and showed me some of her new moves.
1/20/2021	H/V	Visited with Kerry and Jessica in their foster home.
1/19/2021	H/V	Visited with Layla in her foster home.
1/14/2021	-----	Met with Ms. Morgan at the treatment facility. She is in the step-down program, which means that she is preparing for discharge. While she is able to leave the facility during the day to attend classes at the community college, she must return each evening and do UAs. She has received alternative treatments to manage her pain. She said while it is helping, she still is not pain free, and there are still some physical activities that she cannot do. She is exploring options at the community college to determine if there is some other way she can earn a living supporting herself and her children. She believes she will be discharged at the end of February 2021.

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1/14/2021	T/C	Spoke to Sammy Burbank, Mr. Rogers' case manager. He apologized but said that the facility would not be able to provide written documentation on the services Mr. Rogers had and was receiving. He said that the documents could potentially be released if a court specifically requested the facility to do so. Mr. Burbank reported that Mr. Rogers was a model inmate who was focused on doing his time and just getting out. Mr. Burbank said that Mr. Rogers appears to have been a recreational user of marijuana and used alcohol in moderation. He was sentenced for drug dealing, which he says was something he became involved in to help support the family so the children's mother didn't have to work. Mr. Rogers is an active participant in the fathers parenting group and is taking classes to earn his degree in business. Mr. Burbank says that Mr. Rogers really looks forward to writing and receiving letters from Jessica.
1/14/2021	T/C	Spoke with Mr. Rogers. We talked about the upcoming court hearing.
1/14/2021	T/C	I reached Ms. Sumpter by telephone. She has four children and expressed that she wants visits with her nieces and their sister. She said that the last time she saw the girls was shortly after Layla was born. She has not met Jessica. She also said that her children would be excited to meet their cousins. The recent news about her mother's cancer diagnosis and her own children would make it very difficult to commit to anything more than visitation.
1/7/2021	O/V	Met with Mrs. Capa, paternal grandmother. She is happy about the prospects of seeing her granddaughters and their sibling. I asked Mrs. Capa about being a placement resource for the girls. Mrs. Capa shared that she has recently been diagnosed with cancer and will begin treatment within the next few weeks. She is not sure how she can be a resource to the children but does want to see them. She suggested that her daughter, Autumn Sumpter, might be a viable placement option.

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1/5/2021	O/V	<p>Mr. Capa came to the office to meet with me. He reported that he was no longer drinking. He expressed apologies and wants to see his children. He asked to resume visitation and said that his mother and his sister would also like to visit with them. I told Mr. Capa that we had temporarily suspended visitation as it was very hard on the girls to be around him when he was drinking. I talked with him about beginning counseling and parenting classes. He said he would think about it.</p>
12/23/2020	----	<p>The girls had a supervised visit with their mother at the Live Again treatment facility today. The facility provided a parenting coach to supervise the visit, and I attended as well. Will do weekly visits.</p>
12/22/2020	H/V	<p>Visited the Valencia foster home. The Valencias are ensuring the physical and mental health needs of Jessica and Kerry are being met. Kerry has joined Girl Scouts and is loving it. Jessica is participating in karate classes.</p> <p>Met with each girl separately. They are both looking forward to Christmas. Jessica said she made a card for her mother and was glad to see her. She did ask if she would have to leave the Valencias and go back and live with her mother. Kerry was vocal about being angry with her mother and even questioned if she would go to the visit tomorrow. She also said that she was glad that she didn't have to visit with "Raymond" anymore. I noted that she did not refer to him as father.</p>

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12/21/2020	H/V	<p>Visited the Shanihan foster home. The Shanihans are ensuring all Layla's physical and mental health needs are being met. Medications are under control and are being monitored by the therapeutic foster parents and the team. The Shanihans continue to host Skype meetings with the aunt and grandmother.</p> <p>Met with Layla. She said she met with Dr. Peilter last month, who explained her conditions and how the medication helps. She also explained things that Layla should look out for and how Layla should report these or any other concerns to the Shanihans.</p> <p>We also talked about the upcoming visit with her mother. Layla said that she was excited and nervous to see her.</p>
12/21/2020	H/V	<p>Stopped by the Taylor Halfway House to visit with Mr. Capa. Apparently he was in but relayed a message to the person manning the desk that he didn't want to see anyone. Left my card with a note asking him to contact me.</p>
12/16/2020	T/C	<p>Call with Mr. Rogers. He thanked me for sending Jessica's report card. He said he asks her about school in his letters. He also said that in their parenting class, they made a recording of the fathers reading books for their children. He said he recorded <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> and will be sending it to Jessica.</p>
12/15/2020	Case Staffing	<p>Discussed placing Layla with her siblings. Decided that because so much was going on with the children and their parents around visitation and the placements provided each of the girls with the support that they needed, we would make no placement changes at this time. We will revisit the decision later.</p>
12/11/2020	H/V	<p>I attempted to meet with Mr. Capa at the Taylor Halfway House, but he was not there either time. The staff report he has resumed drinking.</p>

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12/10/2020	T/C	Follow-up call with Dr. Peilter, who is providing the family therapy for the girls and overseeing Mr. Capa's visitation with Layla and Kerry. Mr. Capa has participated in two therapeutic visitations with Layla and Kerry. Layla's behavior deteriorated after each visit, and her treatment team worked with her. Both Layla and Kerry have expressed they want to see their grandmother and aunt but not their dad. At Dr. Peilter's recommendation, visitation for the girls with Mr. Capa was suspended.
12/10/2020	T/C	Conference call with treatment team, GAL, Shanihans, and Valencias. As Supporting Healthy Families is working with all three girls in family therapy, they will begin to prepare the girls to resume visitation with their mother. In addition to the onsite supervision provided by the mother's treatment provider, I will attend the first few visits.
12/9/2020	T/C	Called Quest Diagnostics for results of Mr. Capa's UA. Results were negative.
12/3/2020	T/C	Called Quest Diagnostics for results of Mr. Capa's UA. Results were negative.
12/3/2020	T/C	Spoke to Dr. Peilter. Let her know that Ms. Morgan has been found. Dr. Peilter will discuss with the treatment team, noting that, at least for Layla, having both her mother and her father back is a lot to process. Will set up a conference call to discuss and will include the GAL.
12/3/2020	T/C	Called the GAL and left message about Ms. Morgan and starting visitation.
12/2/2020	Supervisory Staffing	Informed supervisor that Ms. Morgan has been found, and she has been in treatment for the last 6 weeks. She is requesting visitation. Her facility can provide structured supervised visitation. Will consult with the GAL and Layla's treatment team before proceeding.
12/1/2020	T/C	Spoke with Ms. Morgan's treatment counselor, Richard Davis, at the Live Again Substance Abuse Treatment Center. Mr. Davis

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		reported that Ms. Morgan had been in treatment for 6 weeks. She was initially obstinate and wanted to participate in treatment "on her terms." Mr. Davis also reported a relapse early in her treatment. While Ms. Morgan has been making progress, she still has a great deal of work to achieve. Mr. Davis agreed that visitation between Ms. Morgan and her girls would be beneficial for the family and confirmed visitation can occur at the facility.
12/1/2020	T/C	Ms. Morgan contacted me today. She reported she was picked up on the bench warrant and sentenced to an inpatient drug treatment facility for assessment and treatment. She is in a facility and can have visitors. She asked to see her children. I provided Ms. Morgan with an update on the children and let her know the agency had established a concurrent plan of adoption. Ms. Morgan was upset by this and questioned how the agency was supposed to work with her to get her girls back if it was planning to have someone adopt them. She was further upset to learn that her sister Patricia was being studied as a possible placement. I requested the name of her treatment facility to confirm Ms. Morgan's admittance and eligibility to receive visitors.
11/30/2020	T/C	Called Quest Diagnostics for results of Mr. Capa's UA. Results were negative.
11/30/2020	O/V	Met with Mr. Capa. Reviewed the results of his substance abuse assessment. Mr. Capa reported that he has not been drinking for 3 weeks. He agreed to report for a UA upon leaving the office. Mr. Capa said that he wasn't interested in completing inpatient treatment again. He had tried it before and didn't see why it should work this time. Presently, he was attending daily AA meetings, sometimes going to multiple meeting a day. Told him that we would begin visitation with the girls. He would have to do a drug test the morning of the visit. If positive, the visit would be cancelled. He said he understood.

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11/13/2020	T/C	Spoke to Mr. Rogers. He is enjoying his parenting classes. He said it helps him when he writes his letters to Jessica. She has begun to write back. She sent him a picture she drew in class and her school picture. He was shocked to see how much she has grown. Told Mr. Rogers I would send him copies of Jessica's mid-semester report card.
11/13/2020	T/C	Provided Mr. Capa with Dr. Alvin Burrows' contact information and let him know of his appointment. Mr. Capa said he would need a ride to and from the office. Told him that I would have one of the client service aides transport him. They would pick him up at 8:30 a.m. and wait for him at the office until the evaluation was completed.
11/12/2020	T/C	Contacted Dr. Alvin Burrows. He can see Mr. Capa for his psychological evaluation and substance abuse assessment on 11/23/20 at 9 a.m..
11/11/2020	T/C	I spoke with the GAL for the girls. The GAL was initially against allowing Mr. Capa visitation with his two daughters until such time that he had demonstrated 4 weeks of clean urinary analysis tests (UAs). The GAL agreed to begin visitation in a structured therapeutic environment with the understanding that if Mr. Capa arrived at a visit impaired, the visit would be cancelled.
11/10/2020	----	Met with Mr. Capa at Taylor Halfway House. He said that he wanted to have a relationship with his daughters but did not feel that he was in a position to work toward having full-time parenting responsibilities. Mr. Capa said that he has spoken to his mother and sister, Autumn Sumpter, and both are interested in taking all three children. He requested visitation with the girls. I said that because the girls had not seen him in years, I would need to speak with my supervisor, the therapeutic foster parents and team, and the GAL before scheduling any visitation.
11/9/2020	T/C	Received a call from Raymond Capa. Arranged to meet tomorrow.

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11/5/2020	Case Staffing	Staffed case with supervisor. In consultation with the permanency review team, we established a concurrent plan of adoption for Kerry, Layla, and Jessica.
11/3/2020	T/C	Called Taylor Halfway House. While they wouldn't confirm that Mr. Capa resided there, they agreed to take a message for him.
11/3/2020	T/C	<p>Contacted Gloria Capa who said that her son was at the Taylor Halfway House associated with one of the local substance abuse treatment facilities. She stated her son has had problems with drugs for many years. He recently transferred to the halfway house after completing court ordered treatment for alcohol abuse. He has been in trouble with the law off and on for a long time. He had been in inpatient treatment three prior times. The most recent treatment resulted after being arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving without a license. Mrs. Capa stated her son had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder a long time ago and struggles with alcoholism like his father did.</p> <p>She knows he has also used other drugs in the past.</p> <p>Mrs. Capa said she would really love to see her grandchildren as she had not seen them since he and Ms. Morgan broke up. Kerry was a toddler and Layla was just a baby. She hasn't ever met Jessica.</p>
10/30/2020	H/V	Visited with Layla at her foster home. She showed me her Halloween costume. Layla is also going to the Halloween carnival at the school. She is excited because she has some friends that want her to go trick or treating with them.
10/30/2020	H/V	Visited Kerry and Jessica at their foster home. They showed me their Halloween costumes. They are going to the Halloween carnival at the school.
10/19/2020	C/C	Attended Layla's IEP

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10/16/2020	T/C	Called Quality Builders and learned that Mr. Capa was no longer employed there; however, it did have the name and phone number of his mother, Gloria Capa, which he had provided as an emergency contact.
10/16/2020	T/C	Spoke with Mr. Rogers at the correctional facility. He is happy he received a card from Jessica and asked about a phone call. I said I would staff this with my supervisor and let him know. Mr. Rogers also shared that he remembered that Layla and Kerry's father used to work for a construction company called Quality Builders.
10/12/2020	T/C	Telephone call from Ms. Shanihan regarding Layla. She is now enrolled in gymnastic classes as an opportunity for added social interaction with peers. It'll also help with motor skills and concentration. Ms. Shanihan said that she finally heard from the school, and Layla has an IEP scheduled for 10/19/20 at 8:30 a.m.
10/9/2020	T/C	Called Lilly Rogers, Mr. Roger's mother. She said that her husband's health precluded her from fostering the children. She also said that she would only want to foster her own grandchild as "she was blood and her siblings were not." She was certain that the other family members would feel the same.
10/9/2020	H/V	Visited Kerry and Jessica at the Valencia foster home.
10/9/2020	H/V	Visited Layla at the Shanihan foster home. The Shanihans said that Layla enjoys seeing her sisters and liked Skyping with their aunt and grandmother. They said they would be happy to host Skype calls in the future.
10/6/2020	T/C	Facilitated a Skype visit between Ms. Peppers, the grandmother, and the children at the Shanihan foster home while the girls were visiting. The girls seemed happy to see and talk with their aunt and grandmother as it has been a long time since they have spoken to one another. Ms. Peppers told the girls she wants to see them in person. The grandmother said she would like to see them as well, but travel is too difficult.

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10/6/2020	-----	Prepared and submitted the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) paperwork to have a home study done on Ms. Peppers for possible placement of her nieces.
10/1/2020	T/C	Maternal aunt, Patricia Peppers and maternal grandmother Jesse Morgan, spoke with me today. Ms. Peppers inquired about the possibility of visitation and placement of her nieces. She said that she hadn't been in communication with her sister or the children for the past few months as she was busy with work and helping care for their mother. She recently helped her mother move into a senior living community. Ms. Morgan said that she would like to talk with the children as well. She said that her daughter had been hard to get a hold of. She said that her community would allow the children to visit, including occasional overnights, but that she couldn't have the children live with here.
9/28/2020	H/V	I visited with Kerry and Jessica in their foster home. Saw the girls both together and separately. Each child expressed sadness at not being with Layla and worry about their mother. Kerry said that she thought Layla was doing better at school and that she hasn't seen anybody teasing her. Kerry was not happy she had to change schools. I asked Kerry if she'd like me to help her be in touch with friends. She said she'd sure like that. Jessica stated she has begun to make new friends.
9/28/2020	H/V	I visited with Layla at the foster home today. She was still sad about not being with her sisters and worried about her mother. She does like seeing her sisters at school and said that sometimes they eat lunch together. Layla did share that sometimes she eats lunch with her new friend.
9/21/2020	Adjudicatory and Dispositional Hearings	Adjudicated as neglected. Custody to continue with the agency. The court ordered the agency to make efforts to locate Ms. Morgan and Mr. Capa. Once located, Ms. Morgan is to participate in a

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		substance abuse assessment and follow any treatment recommendations. Mr. Capa is ordered to participate in both a substance use assessment and mental health evaluation. Mr. Rogers is ordered to continue in counseling and parenting classes available at the correctional facility. Mr. Rogers is allowed to write to Jessica; however, all letters are to be reviewed by DCFS before being given to the foster parents to share with her. The first judicial review is scheduled for 2/15/2021 at 1:30 p.m.
9/21/2020	O/V	I facilitated a visit between the girls and the GAL before the adjudicatory hearing. The GAL shared that the girls all stated they want to be placed together.
9/11/2020	T/C	I contacted Officer Henry who said that Ms. Morgan still had an outstanding warrant.
9/11/2020	T/C	Contacted the leasing company for Ms. Morgan's home as, while driving by, I saw a "for rent" sign in front. They said that Ms. Morgan terminated the lease about a month ago, and they had no forwarding information.
9/11/2020	T/C	I spoke with Mr. Rogers. He is involved in counseling and parent support groups. He mailed a letter to Jessica and hopes to hear back from her. I told him we would review the letter before sharing with Jessica. He expressed he wants to be involved in his daughter's life. Mr. Rogers provided the names of his brother and mother as possible placement resources for Jessica; however, he did not believe that either would want to take Jessica's siblings.
8/17/2020	C/C	Met the girls and their foster parents at their new school. The principal greeted us as we came in. We toured the school and visited with each of the girls' teachers. They saw where they would have lunch and where recess was held. The school said that, on the first day, each of the girls would be given a class buddy that would help them.

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8/11/2020	C/C	I went to the girls' former school and got copies of their records. I brought them to their new school, Franklin Elementary. Also let the school know that Layla would need an Individualized Education Program (IEP) as she had previously been receiving services through her former school. Made arrangements for me to take the girls on a field trip to their new school on Friday before school started up for the fall. The school said that I can take each of the girls to meet their teachers.
8/6/2020	H/V	Met with Layla at her foster home. She was shy at first but eventually started talking with me. She says she likes her foster parents, and she enjoys seeing her sisters. She wishes that they could be together. She says her foster parents and her aide are helping her. She asked about her mother. Layla said she was a little scared about starting a new school but was also excited because she hoped that there would be no bullies like there are at her old school. I asked Layla about what we could do to help her feel more comfortable with that and we came up with some ideas.
8/6/2020	H/V	Met with Kerry and Jessica at their foster home. Both girls appear to be doing well. They said they felt safe. They miss their sister but like that they Skype and get to visit her. They asked about their mother. When asked, Kerry shared information about her maternal aunt, Patricia Peppers, and her maternal grandmother, Jesse Morgan. Both the aunt and grandmother live in a neighboring state. Kerry said that it has been a while since they saw their aunt and grandmother. They came to visit when Jessica was born. She said that they sometimes talk on the phone with them but even that hasn't happened in a long time. Kerry did not have any contact information for paternal relatives.

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8/5/2020	T/C	<p>Spoke to Dr. Carol Peilter from Supporting Healthy Families. They have finished the psychological evaluation for Layla and will send me the report as soon as it is completed. She said that Layla is making some progress. The ongoing sibling visitation helps, and the agency is working with Jessica and Kerry's foster parents to find additional opportunities for the girls to spend time together. They are also working to decrease Kerry's need to "parent" during those visits and will be beginning family therapy for the girls. The Shanihans would like to accommodate Layla's siblings but cannot do so at this time. In 90 days, they may be able to look at placement of the girls in their home. Dr. Peilter asked if Ms. Morgan had been located. I told her that I haven't heard from her.</p>
8/3/2020	T/C	<p>Call with Mr. Rogers at the correctional facility. He said he was serving time for dealing drugs and has about 4 years left on his sentence. He said that he was just trying to bring in extra income for the family and got mixed up in something he shouldn't have. He stated he heard that some of his so-called former friends continued to be in touch with Ms. Morgan and had her over-using pain medication and that she might have even tried heroin.</p> <p>He said that he hasn't had a chance to be a good father and hopes someday to have the opportunity. He said he misses her and the other girls terribly. Ms. Morgan did not want the girls to visit him in prison. He is in counseling and asked if attending a parenting group there would help any. I told Mr. Rogers that a parenting group may be helpful. He asked if he could be in touch with Jessica by mail, and I let him know all correspondence would be reviewed before it was shared with his daughter. He stated he would write a letter to Jessica. He also agreed to sign a release so I could get records from the facility.</p>

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7/30/2020	H/V	I visited with Kerry and Jessica in their foster home. The girls expressed sadness that they are not with Layla. Kerry was concerned that Layla's foster parents wouldn't know how to take care of her or made sure she took her meds. Jessica was crying, and Kerry comforted her. Spoke with Helen and Mary Valencia. They confirmed that they had arranged for daily Skype visits and would have the in-person visit tomorrow. Helen said that they would call me if they had any concerns.
7/30/2020	H/V	I visited with Layla in her foster home. Layla's affect was flat. I spoke briefly with Ms. Shanihan, foster parent, and she stated Layla has been crying for her sisters, and they have arranged daily Skype visits and have an in-person visit scheduled for tomorrow.
7/29/2020	HV	Picked up Layla and drove her to Shanihan foster home. Met with therapeutic staff at home. Made arrangements to meet next day to check in and discuss visitation.
7/29/2020	T/C	I contacted the Supporting Healthy Families private agency to find a placement for Layla. It will place her today with Lupe and Josh Shanihan, therapeutic foster care parents in a neighboring community because no therapeutic homes were available locally. Supporting Health Families will arrange for a psychological assessment for Layla. They also agreed to support weekly, in-person, sibling visitation in the Shanihan home.
7/29/2020	Supervisory Staffing	Supporting Healthy Families will identify a placement for Layla; however, given that this is an emergency placement, they are not able to identify a family that can take all three girls. The placement unit has found a home for Kerry and Jessica. They will be placed in the foster home of Helen and Mary Valencia in the same neighboring community as where Supporting Healthy Families will find a placement for Layla.

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7/29/2020	H/V	I went to the foster home. Kerry was visibly upset, and all belongings were packed and waiting at the door. Jessica clung to Kerry, and Layla had a flat affect with little response to questions.
7/29/2020	Supervisory Staffing	Explained that the Jacksons wanted the girls removed. Supervisor will work with placement to identify a new home while I get the girls and bring them to the office.
7/29/2020	T/C	The Jacksons phoned to say Layla became very upset after there was no visit from her mother today. Before dinner, she began crying and screaming and threw dishes on the floor. She grabbed a broom and broke the light fixture in the kitchen before Mr. Jackson was able to stop her. The girls are safe at this time. Paula Jackson requested immediate removal of all three girls from her home. I offered in-home support, and Ms. Jackson refused saying they gave it their best shot, and Layla needs much more than they can give. She said all girls should be removed so that they can be placed together, and she'll have all their belongings ready.
7/29/2020	T/C	I contacted Officer Robert Henry and learned that Ms. Morgan had failed to appear at her criminal court hearing, and the judge had issued a bench warrant for her arrest. Officer Henry said that he would make a note in the file to contact this worker should they pick up Ms. Morgan.
7/29/2020	-----	Ms. Morgan missed a scheduled visitation with her daughters.
7/27/2020	T/C	Contacted Dr. Alvin Burrows. He can see Ms. Morgan for her substance abuse assessment on 7/31/2020 at 10 a.m.
7/27/2020	-----	Visit between mother and girls. An agency client service agent supervised this visit and reported all was ok.

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7/24/2020	T/C	Contacted Child Support Enforcement Division. They confirmed that they had an open case on Raymond Capa. His account was delinquent and they didn't have current contact information for him or name of his current employer.
7/23/2020	O/V	Visit between mother and the girls. The girls talked about crafts they've been making with their foster mother. Ms. Morgan was distant with the girls and, after the visit, said she was overwhelmed with her situation.
7/20/2020	H/V	After the court hearing, I visited with the Jacksons in their home. They state Layla continues to be a challenge. She refuses to interact with them and their children. She engages in repetitive behaviors; they've discovered she is wetting the bed and has had a couple of pretty intense tantrums. Layla is refusing to take her meds, which is when tantrums happen.
7/20/2020	Custody Hearing	<p>Initial custody hearing held this date. Each parent was represented by his or her respective court-appointed attorneys: Ms. Morgan by Xavier Marcus, Raymond Capa by Finley Johnson, and Justin Rogers by Jackson Stewart. Mr. Stephens, GAL, was also present. The state was represented by Alex Lassen. Mr. Johnson asked to be recused from the case until such time as his client was located, and the judge denied the request.</p> <p>Court granted continued custody to the DCFS. DCFS was ordered to supervise visits between the mother and girls. DCFS will schedule substance abuse assessments for Ms. Morgan, and Ms. Morgan will comply with the recommendations. DCFS will continue efforts to locate Mr. Capa. He will be scheduled for a substance abuse assessment once located. DCFS will make efforts to get records from Mock State Correctional Facility concerning any treatment or programs Mr. Rogers has participated in while incarcerated, as well as his targeted release date. Adjudicatory hearing scheduled for 9/21/2020.</p>

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7/20/2020	C/C	Introduced Ms. Morgan to the Jacksons prior to the court hearing. The Jacksons talked with Ms. Morgan about how the girls were doing. Ms. Morgan shared with the Jacksons the girls' likes and dislikes.
7/20/2020	-----	Completed the medication authorization form documenting that Layla Morgan is on prescribed medication and submitted
7/17/2020	O/V	I met with Ms. Morgan to develop the assessment plan that we would be presenting to the court on Monday. We talked about a plan for supervised visitation at the DCFS offices. A permanency goal of reunification was established.
7/17/2020	T/C	Called Sammy Burbank at Mock State Correctional Facility. He confirmed that Justin Rogers is on his case load. He said that Justin is pretty much a model prisoner and has participated in substance abuse treatment services and is taking online classes in business and marketing. Asked Mr. Burbank to tell Mr. Rogers that his daughter Jessica was in DCFS custody. I sent a letter to him, and the agency will send all paperwork to the facility. Mr. Burbank will facilitate a phone call so that I can speak directly with Mr. Rogers.
7/17/2020	H/V	I facilitated a visit between the girls and the court-appointed Guardian ad Litem (GAL), Lucas Stephens, in the foster home in preparation for the upcoming hearing. While the GAL visited with the girls, I visited with the Jacksons. They indicated Layla's behavior is difficult and described her as sad, angry, and, at times, expressing she is unhappy and wants to be home. We reviewed previous foster care parent training key points and explained that these were not uncommon for children when they first come into care. They said that Jessica and Kerry are having a much easier time. Kerry helps out a lot—maybe too much at times.
7/17/2020	T/C	I received a voicemail from maternal grandmother, Jesse Morgan, asking about the girls. I returned the call and left a voicemail.

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7/17/2020	O/V	I facilitated a visit between mother and girls today at the office. The girls cried and clung to their mother. I gave them snacks, and they enjoyed the patio area. Mother promised the girls they'd be home soon. Kerry assured her mother she was watching her sisters.
7/16/2020	T/C	Called Mock State Correctional Facility. Confirmed that Justin Rogers was an inmate. Got the name of his case worker, Sammy Burbank, who would be available tomorrow.
7/16/2020	H/V	Ms. Morgan posted bond with the help of her mother and was released from jail. I visited with her at her home. She appeared remorseful and wants her children back. I scheduled a visit with them for tomorrow at the office.
7/16/2020	-----	Sent letter to Ms. Morgan advising her of continued custody and upcoming initial custody hearing scheduled for 7/20/2020 at 1 p.m.