

Complete with the primary household family within the first 4 weeks of case opening to prepare for the development of the Social Service Plan to be finalized by the 30th day following case opening date. Attach additional Parent/Caregiver/Guardian assessment forms as needed, one per P/C/G household by utilizing the Initial Family Assessment Attachment (CD-301a). If the Case Manager is unable to complete this assessment with the P/C/G's, the Case Manager must seek alternate options such as relatives, the children/youth, natural supports and collateral contacts to complete the assessment.

Family name:	Baker	Case #	2020000000
Name(s) of P/C/G's in the primary hhd this assessment is completed with:	Melinda Baker, Matt Baker		
Case Manager:	Crystal Wenger	Supervisor:	Marla Pritzel
Case open date:	12-10-20	Case type:	AC
Initial 4 weekly contact dates and Parent/Caregiver/Guardian signatures during which timeframe this assessment was completed:			
Date of visit:	Signatures of family members participating in this assessment during each date:		
12-11-2020	Matt Baker Melinda Baker		
12-18-2020	Matt Baker Melinda Baker		
12-27-2020	Matt Baker Melinda Baker		
1-6-2021	Matt Baker Melinda Baker		

Incarcerated Parent, Caregiver, Guardian(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
Name:	Role:	Location:	
Matt Baker	Father to Brooklyn Baker Step-Father to Alex Hudson	Nodaway County Jail, Maryville MO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provided the Notice to Incarcerated Parent (CS-2)		Date:	12-11-2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provided the Incarcerated Parent Response Form (CS-2att)		Date:	12-11-2020

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PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN(S) VOICES:

Case Manager should capture the information below as voiced by the P/C/G.

What is your understanding of why Children's Division is involved?

Please describe specifically as possible the incident(s) that caused Children's Division's involvement.

Melinda: because Matt went to jail for drugs and for beating me up, also hurting Alex.

Matt: because Melinda and I got into a fight and the drugs and because Alex got hurt.

What are some of the most important things you think I should know about your family?

Melinda: I love my kids and I don't hurt them. I know what happened was bad but I want my family back together so I'll do whatever I need to do to make that happen. I love Matt too and he doesn't hurt the kids either, what happened to Alex was an accident, he loves the kids very much. We don't even fight that much, Matt just got really wasted and then we started fighting and things just got really out of hand. I was trying to leave and that's when Matt got really mad. I just want you to know that I know things need to get better and I just need some help but I'm going to make it better.

Matt: I love my family. I feel really horrible about all of it. I need to be out of jail so I can help get everything back together. I know all of this looks really bad but it's not something that will ever happen again.

What do you feel are your strengths as a parent? What would others, including your children, tell me you do best as a parent? Tell me about times you managed challenging situations successfully.

Melinda: that I love my kids, they are my whole world. Others would tell you that too. I've always taken care of my kids even when Alex's dad left and when Matt was in jail before. I work and I provide for them. I usually make sure the kids don't see us fighting. I know how to take care of my kids, it's just been really hard lately.

Matt: I make sure that my kids have a roof over their head and I take care of my family. Others would tell you that I love those kids, we play a lot.

What do you feel that you struggle with the most?

Melinda: I feel like it's hard to keep the bills paid. We keep getting things shut off. I feel like Matt and I can't even be near each other some days. It's really hard to keep up with everything. The house is a mess and I just don't even have the energy to do anything about it. Matt doesn't help, the kids don't help.

Matt: I can't get a job, my assault and drug charge I had, nobody wants to hire me. I've gotten away from drugs in the past but it's hard when it keeps showing up right in front of you. It's like I'm mad all the time, I can't help it.

If I asked your child(ren) what they worry about most, what do you suppose they will tell me?

Melinda: probably that they are worried about me. They were freaking out when they saw Matt hitting me.

Matt: Brooklyn is probably worried that I won't be coming back home. Alex is probably worried that we will fight again.

If you had three wishes that you could use to improve your situation, what would they be? How would they help?

1. **Melinda:** To have more money to fix up the house and get the heat back on. That way we could have the kids back in their bedrooms and we could get stuff out of the living room again.
Matt: To win the lottery, that would solve a lot. I could get the house fixed up and wouldn't have to worry about finding a job.
2. **Melinda:** For Matt to get a job so he could be out of the house more and have something to do and to focus on so he's not sitting around all day just thinking.
Matt: To get out of jail. I can't do much from jail.
3. **Melinda:** For us not to fight anymore. I wouldn't have to worry about what Matt might do and I don't want the kids to get hurt.
Matt: I wished I never started using drugs. I know it's a big problem and I just wish I never would have started. I know we wouldn't probably fight as much either.

What do you think needs to happen differently moving forward to reach your goals? What would need to change?

Melinda: Matt needs to get some counseling to work on his anger. He's needs to stop hurting me and he needs to stop using. He also needs to help keep up the house.

Matt: Melinda needs to pick up the house and stop nagging me all the time. I need to get a job.

Who could help you reach those goals and how could they help? How do you think that Children's Division could help you with that? What services might be able to help?

Melinda: If we could get some help with getting the heat back on that would be great. If anyone wants to help me clean, I'd take that too. Matt and I both need to stop using drugs. I don't think it's that hard for me but will probably be harder for Matt because he's used off and on for years. Maybe NA meetings would help. Maybe we could do some family counseling too. If you could find some NA meetings and counselors, maybe ones for free that would help. We've got some family and friends that have helped us before. My Aunt Linda and Matt's mom have been big supports. I don't know if they would be willing to help us anymore though.

Matt: Someone could buy me a lottery ticket. If I could get some help with fixing the house that would be great. I know I need to probably go to drug treatment again too. If someone could help me get a job that would be good and maybe we can do some counseling. Just let me know what I need to do to get my kids back. I don't really know who would help us.

What else would you like us to know or to keep in mind while working with your family?

Melinda: I just love my kids and I'll do whatever I need to get them back.

Matt: I am just really stressed out and this is just really hard. I just want my kids back.

NATURAL SUPPORTS:

Who does the family identify as their current natural supports who they are willing to allow to be involved?

Consider asking: Who are the people who care about your children? If you were to become unable to care for your child(ren) and they needed a temporary home to stay in, who would be your top three preferences?

Name:	What role do they have in supporting your family?	Contact information:
Linda Jones and Larry Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sent Relative Notification Letter (CD-203) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative/Other: What is this person's relationship to each child? Maternal Aunt and Uncle _____	660-582-0046, 660-582-6678 706 E. Buchanan, Maryville MO 64468

Patsy Newman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sent Relative Notification Letter (CD-203) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative/Other: What is this person's relationship to each child? <u>Paternal Grandmother</u>	816-544-7365 98445 101 st Rd., Hopkins MO 64882
Jennifer Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Relative <input type="checkbox"/> Sent Relative Notification Letter (CD-203) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative/Other: What is this person's relationship to each child? <u>Friend of the family</u>	660-562-4409 206 S. Maple Ave., Mound City MO 64457
Jose Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> Relative <input type="checkbox"/> Sent Relative Notification Letter (CD-203) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative/Other: What is this person's relationship to each child? <u>Friend of the family</u>	816-659-4425 755 Newton, Oregon MO 64552
Leslie Wake & James Wake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sent Relative Notification Letter (CD-203) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative/Other: What is this person's relationship to each child? <u>Maternal Aunt & Uncle (spouse to Leslie Wake)</u>	660-541-6556 660-541-7384 802 W. Main, Maryville MO 64468
Jean Booker and Lewis Booker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sent Relative Notification Letter (CD-203) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative/Other: What is this person's relationship to each child? <u>Maternal Grandparents</u>	712-568-4115 712-568-3589 630 S.E. Market St., Atchison KS 79953
Lois Emery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sent Relative Notification Letter (CD-203) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative/Other: What is this person's relationship to each child? <u>Maternal Aunt</u>	816-567-8842 9402 E. Holiday, St. Joseph MO 64501

Select all that apply regarding the reason(s) the child(ren) came into Alternative Care:

- Physical Abuse Sexual Abuse Emotional Abuse Neglect Sex Trafficking Labor Trafficking

Identify Harm and impact to the child(ren). What are the circumstances that brought the child(ren) into Alternative Care?

On 12-10-2020 Law Enforcement was called to the family residence located at 404 E. Market, Mound City, MO in response to Melinda Baker (mother) and Matt Baker (father to Brooklyn, step-father to Alex) getting into a fight at the family home that caused Melinda to go to the hospital to be treated for her injuries. Melinda's injuries included a broken wrist, bruising to the right side of her face, a laceration to the forehead and a concussion. Matt had no evident or reported injuries.

Alex (age 7) and Brooklyn (age 5) saw the fight between Melinda and Matt happen and Alex tried to stop them from fighting resulting in him being knocked down and hurting his left elbow which caused swelling and bruising. Everyone is unsure who knocked Alex down. Alex stated he was afraid dad was going to kill mom because they were both screaming really loud and dad pushed mom into the wall. Brooklyn stated she was crying and screaming at mom and dad to stop and was frightened that dad was going to hurt mom really bad as she reports he was very angry and throwing mom and saying lots of bad words. She hid in her room until Law Enforcement arrived because she thought Matt would hurt her too.

When Law Enforcement arrived at the family home, they found the conditions to be unsafe for the children to remain in the home as there was fresh and old animal feces on the floor in several places, including the children's bedroom, the kitchen, living space and hallway. There was a hole in the hallway floor approximately 18 inches wide and the ground was visible. There were also several unclean dishes piled on the counters, the table and overflowing in the sink, moldy food on the counter, table, floor and in the refrigerator. A cockroach infestation was evident. There was exposed wiring in the living room hanging from the wall, 2 broken windows in the children's bedroom, dirty clothing, unbagged trash and random items cluttered every area of the home. The children were sleeping on the hardwood floor of the living room amongst the trash and debris and shared a blanket. Alex and Brooklyn were both disheveled and dirty with a significant sour odor. Alex was wearing weather appropriate but dirty clothing. Brooklyn was wearing Alex's clothing. Neither child has underwear or socks. Both children appear undernourished. The home has very little food and the children report mostly eating bread. The children do not have beds. All of the family sleeps in the living room which is blocked off by blankets draped over the doors to keep the heat in. The home is heated with space heaters as the family does not currently have gas service.

Law enforcement also found Marijuana, Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in the home. The marijuana and drug paraphernalia were within access of the children. Matt indicated the drugs were his. Law enforcement reports both Matt and Melinda appeared to be under the influence. Alex reports he recently found his mom on the bathroom floor and he couldn't wake her up.

The school reports Alex has missed 24 days of school this year and Brooklyn has missed 23 days. Alex reports his teeth hurt. Both children have evident dental needs, including rotting teeth.

Matt Baker was arrested for domestic assault and possession of controlled substances on 12-10-2020. The children were placed into a relative placement with Maternal Aunt Linda and Uncle Larry Jones in Maryville MO after the Holt County Sheriff's Department placed the children into protective custody on 12-10-2020 at 2:28am.

THREATS TO CHILD SAFETY: (select all that apply to all Parent/Caregiver/Guardians)

When developing the Social Service Plan, each Threat to Child Safety identified here must have a corresponding Safety Goal.

1. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian is not routinely performing basic and essential parenting duties and responsibilities.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: Matt Baker & Melinda Baker

Applies to which child(ren)?: Brooklyn Baker and Alex Hudson

Details/Supporting evidence: Malnourishment, children's physical and dental conditions, chronic absences from school, lack of access to basic to basic necessities

2. The family lacks sufficient resources, such as food and shelter, to meet the child's needs.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

3. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian lacks parenting knowledge, skills and/or motivation necessary to assure a child's basic needs are met.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

4. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian's behavior is violent and/or they are behaving dangerously.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: Matt Baker & Melinda Baker

Applies to which child(ren)?: Brooklyn Baker and Alex Hudson

Details/Supporting evidence: Presence of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence in the home in the presence of the children which caused injury to Alex.

5. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian's behavior is dangerously impulsive or they will not/cannot control their behavior.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

6. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian perceptions of a child are extremely negative.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

7. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian is threatening to severely harm a child, are fearful they will maltreat the child and/or request placement.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

8. The child's living arrangements seriously endanger the child's physical health.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: Matt Baker & Melinda Baker

Applies to which child(ren)?: Brooklyn Baker and Alex Hudson

Details/Supporting evidence: The household conditions were such that the children were at risk of electrocution, access to feces, infestation in the home, access to drugs, mold, lack of heat

9. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian intend(ed) to seriously hurt the child.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

10. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian largely rejects CPS intervention; refuse access to a child; and/or the caregiver may flee.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

11. P/C/G refuses and/or fails to meet child's exceptional needs that do/can result in severe consequences to the child.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

12. A child has serious physical injuries or serious physical symptoms from maltreatment and Parent/Caregiver/Guardian are unwilling or unable to arrange or provide care.

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

- 13. A child shows serious emotional symptoms requiring immediate help and/or lacks behavioral control, or exhibits self-destructive behavior and Parent/Caregiver/Guardian are unwilling or unable to arrange or provide care.**

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

- 14. A child is profoundly fearful of the home situation or people within the home.**

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

- 15. Parent/Caregiver/Guardian cannot, will not or do not explain a child's injuries or threatening family conditions.**

Applies to which P/C/G's?: _____

Applies to which child(ren)?: _____

Details/Supporting evidence: _____

CHILD/YOUTH ASSESSMENT

With the Parent, Caregiver, Guardian(s), assess EACH CHILD/YOUTH in each area below.

See current and historical medical treatment, providers, medications, allergies, physical health, mental health, behavioral health and development for each child on the Health Care Information Summary (CD-264) and the Child/Family Health and Developmental Assessment (CW-103, CW-103 Att. A, CW-103 Att. B). See family's financial status on the Financial Statement for Parents (CS-99). See the Indian Ancestry Questionnaire (CD-116) and ICWA Checklist (CD-123) for Indian child status.

- Completed and attached for each child - Health Care Information Summary (CD-264)
- Completed and attached for each child - Child/Family Health and Developmental Assessment (CW-103)
- Completed and attached for each child - Child/Family Health and Developmental Assessment (CW-103 Att. A)
- Completed and attached for each child - Child/Family Health and Developmental Assessment (CW-103 Att. B)
- Completed and attached for each household - Financial Statement for Parents (CS-99)
- Completed and attached for the child(ren) - Indian Ancestry Questionnaire (CD-116)
- Completed and attached for the child(ren) - ICWA Checklist (CD-123)

Obtain the following documents if available:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Cards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Custody Documents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immunization Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
In what state was the child(ren) born? Previous states of residence:	Brooklyn: Missouri Alex: Missouri No other previous states of residence.		
Behavioral: Screen each child for the potential risk of harm to self or others to determine the need for behavior support & management interventions	Alex and Brooklyn play pretty well together but Alex is starting to get mouthy and not listen. He's been more defiant lately. He's also started breaking things and he can get pretty angry. Brooklyn: Brooklyn has not shown any indication to be a threat to herself or others. No behaviors have suggested any risk of this type of behavior to develop, therefore no behavioral support or management interventions are necessary at this time. Alex: Alex has shown some aggression but is triggered under certain circumstances where he or someone he cares about is being threatened. Otherwise, he has not shown any indication to be a threat to himself or others outside of attempting to protect others. No behavior support or management interventions are recommended at this time. These behaviors will be addressed through trauma therapy.		
Trauma: Trauma experiences, history or exposure to domestic violence, human trafficking, etc.	Both children have a recent history of witnessing domestic violence between Matt and Melinda. Melinda believes some of Alex's recent behaviors are stemming from seeing Matt treat her the way he does. Impact of this potential trauma will continue to be explored through therapy for both children. No indication of human trafficking.		
Social/Relationships: How and who are their peer relationships? Outside of the hhd, who does the child(ren) have the strongest relationships with? Additional social supports?	Alex has been in a couple fights at school recently with another boy. He is pretty bonded with Uncle Larry. Alex's dad doesn't have anything to do with him. Brooklyn is usually right by my (Melinda) side and Alex is really good about helping with her and he wants to protect her. Brooklyn is reported to not be very trusting of her peers and doesn't initiate play or contact with them.		
Involvement: Current involvement in activities, community, cultural resources, sports, etc.	None		
Child(ren's) Strengths/Interests:	Melinda: Alex is very protective of Brooklyn. He's been in fights recently at school. He hasn't wanted to go to school because kids make fun of him and he doesn't care about doing his school work. Both kids like to be read to. I know that the kids are struggling because of what's going on at home. Brooklyn likes to listen to music when she goes to bed. Both kids want to have the night light on. Brooklyn still sometimes wets the bed. Their favorite food is grilled cheese. Brooklyn always wants to take her 'foofie' (blanket) with her everywhere.		
Substance Use: History or current use of substances.	Neither child has substance use history. NCA, 7-14-14, 20140004425. Confirmed drug use by Melinda Baker during pregnancy. Infant Brooklyn Baker's meconium tested positive for THC. No obvious impact to Brooklyn's development due to drug exposure in utero. Both children are suspected to have been in the vicinity of their parents while using marijuana and methamphetamines. Neither child shows any indication of lasting impact to the potential exposure.		
Educational: Current Grade/School: IEP/IAP? Special Education Services/Identified Needs? Or school readiness:	Brooklyn is currently in Kindergarten and Alex is in 1 st grade. Alex has missed 24 days of school and Brooklyn has missed 23 days of school this year. Brooklyn attended Head Start last year and neither of the children had significant absences during the prior school year. Both children are in the 'needing improvement' level of all of their educational domains. Parents report Brooklyn enjoys going to school but Alex has not wanted to go this year. Neither child has an IEP or 504 plan. Brooklyn is reported to have a speech delay, however no services have been initiated for speech therapy at this time.		
Youth gender identity and sexual orientation:	Neither child has given any indication that they associate with anything other than their born gender.		

Any child needs: (i.e., glasses, clothing, special services, dental care, etc.)	<p>Alex and Brooklyn's primary care physician is Dr. Bachman through NW Health Services. They are not currently receiving any medical care and have no pending appointments. Their last well checks were completed in July 2019. Alex is supposed to wear glasses but they broke and he doesn't have them anymore. Both children have what appear to be flea bites on their arms, legs and back. This is being treated with ointment.</p> <p>Alex and Brooklyn both have rotting teeth and the school dental check-up a few months ago said Alex had a few cavities. Both children need a dental check-up, nothing is scheduled at this time. They go to Darby Dental in Oregon.</p> <p>Both of the children are immunized, Brooklyn just got her kindergarten shots this past summer. Children have received immunizations through the Holt County Health Department.</p> <p>Alex has been having trouble focusing for a while. He gets notes sent home from school that he's daydreaming or that he's not paying attention.</p> <p>Neither child is currently receiving psychiatric care or are on any medications. Parents do not feel there is a current need for such services but are open to treatment if needed.</p> <p>Both children are malnourished but have no identified physical delays. Parents have no concerns regarding their physical health.</p>
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Does your child receive income from any of the following sources?

N/A

Employment:
 Youth: _____ Employer: _____
 Youth: _____ Employer: _____

(SSI) Social Security Disability Benefits for disabled child (self):
 Child/OY: _____ Payee: _____ Amount: _____
 Child/OY: _____ Payee: _____ Amount: _____

(SSI) Social Security Disability Benefits for disabled parent:
 Child/OY: _____ Payee: _____ Amount: _____
 Child/OY: _____ Payee: _____ Amount: _____

(OASI) Survivors benefits from a parent:
 Child/OY: _____ Payee: _____ Amount: _____
 Child/OY: _____ Payee: _____ Amount: _____

Child Support:
 Child/OY: _____ Payed By: _____ Amount: _____
 Child/OY: _____ Payed By: _____ Amount: _____

Other: _____

Older Youth

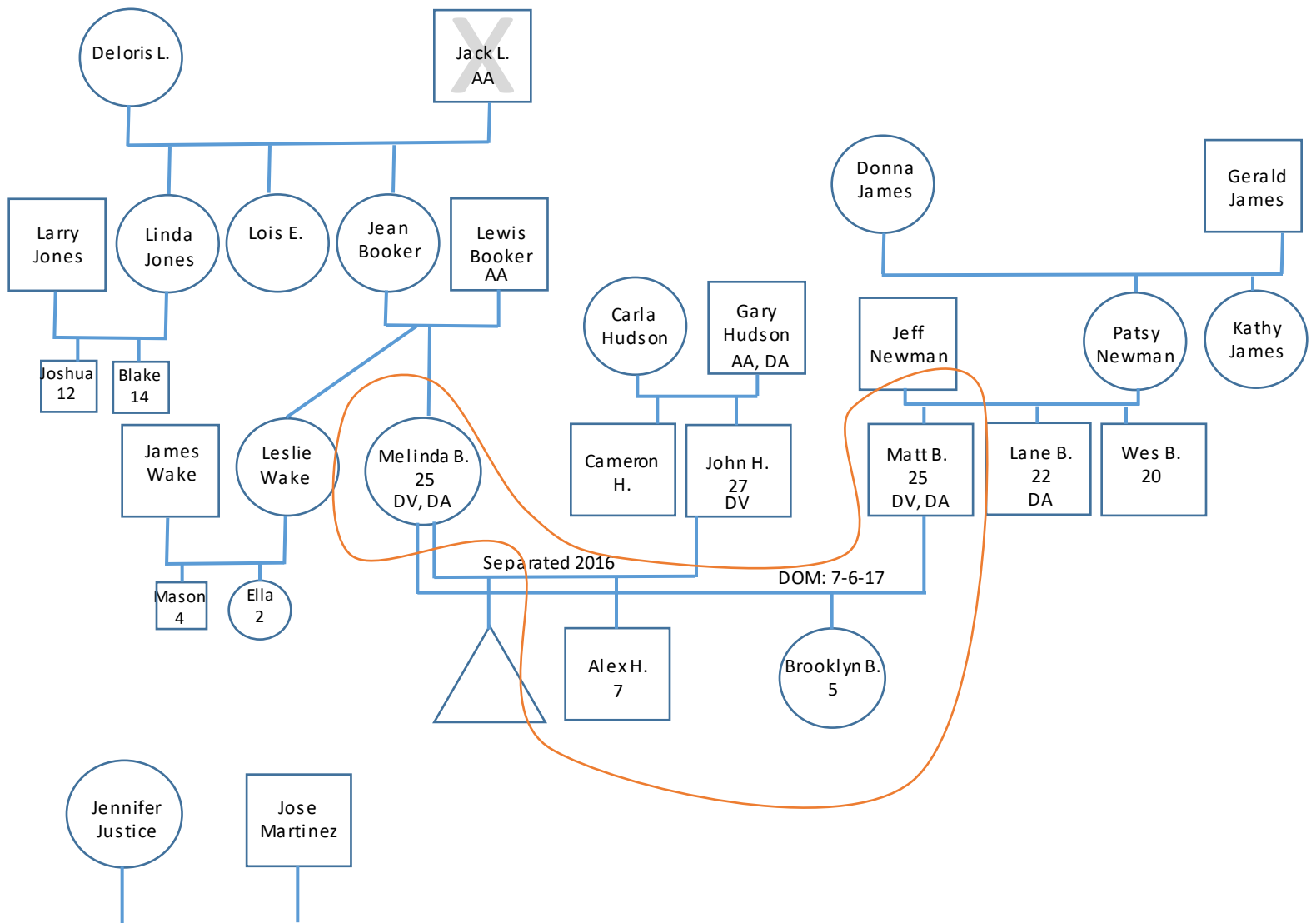
Are there youth in care over the age of 14 or about to turn 14? Does a Chafee Referral need to be made?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Chafee Services explained to P/C/G <input type="checkbox"/> Chafee Services explained to Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> IAP (CD-94) completed with the youth <input type="checkbox"/> Date OY FST held: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Date Chafee Referral made: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Chafee Worker: _____
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GENOGRAM

○ = Female □ = Male △ = Unknown/Other

AA = Alcohol abuse SA = Sexual Abuse N = Neglect
 DA = Drug abuse EA = Emotional Abuse INC = Incarcerated
 MH = Mental Health PA = Physical Abuse IPV = Intimate Partner Violence
 DOM = Date of Marriage DOD = Date of Divorce DOD = Date of Death
 List any significant family health issues which may impact the child(ren)

Emotional Relationship Lines:	
Strong relationship	
Cut off	
Intense relationship	
Conflictual relationship	
Distance relationship	
Intense conflictual relationship	
Strong relationship With energy arrow	
Strong relationship both directions	



CULTURE-MAP

Assess all P/C/G's in the primary household for the following and determine if additional steps need to be taken to address any insufficient protective capacities, complicating factors or if areas of strengths and sufficient protective capacities may be utilized to increase safety and decrease risk.

Culture	<p>Matt and Melinda have been married for 3 years. Matt is Brooklyn's biological father and has played the father role to Alex since age 3 in the absence of his own father, John Hudson. Neither parent has been previously married. Both parents have supportive family who live close. The family has lived in the same area since the children were born but have moved 4 times. Matt has historically been the primary financial supporter of the family until about a year ago when he lost his job of 4 years working for a local roofing company. Matt reports struggling to find work due to his history of incarceration. Melinda has held several jobs and currently works at Dollar General 30 hour/week. Matt reports that he may have another child with Amy Logan who resides in Kansas but paternity has not been confirmed and he has never seen the child. The child is reported to be female and is 8 years old. The parents report valuing family above all else. They often lean on their extended family for support. Melinda was a single mom caring for Alex for about 4 years. She reports significant financial struggle during that time and resided with her sister, Jacee Lawrence for a few years but she has since moved to Colorado.</p>
Absent Parent/ Caregiver/Guardian(s) identity, status, involvement, location, etc.	<p>John Hudson, father to Alex, has had no involvement with Alex for a few years. He does not provide any form of support. Melinda and extended family are unsure of his current whereabouts but believe him to possibly live in South Missouri. Melinda indicated he has a history of incarceration. CAN/ and Legal records search show a last known address in NW Missouri. CD continues to make efforts to locate Mr. Hudson. A DMV search request has been submitted.</p>
Discipline beliefs/practices	<p>Parents report utilizing time out (5 minutes) or taking away privileges like going outside or watching TV. Melinda reports that she used to spank Alex when he was smaller but neither child has been spanked for a few years. The children's statements support this.</p>
Trauma/Crisis events experienced by family members and impact of those events on current functioning <small>Including presence of intimate partner violence or aggression in the home, presence or history of human trafficking.</small>	<p>Melinda reports being victimized as a young child which has resulted in her being protective of her children around other people. Melinda feels the children, especially Alex has probably been traumatized due to him witnessing and intervening, then becoming hurt, in her and Matt's fight. She also has a history of intimate partner violence with Alex's father, John Hudson. Matt reports that the loss of his brother Jack two years ago has really impacted him. He feels he was a source of strength and his primary go to when he was struggling. He reports Jack always helped him 'keep his head on straight'.</p>
Religious/Faith Based/Cultural Beliefs, Practices and Supports Values	<p>The family reports being of the Christian faith but does not attend church or faith based events/services. They have received some financial support in the past from a couple local churches in effort to pay down their utility bill.</p>
Parental custody status/Parenting Plan <small>Who has Legal/Physical custody? Not established? Pending? Current status?</small>	<p>Custody has not been established between Melinda and Alex's father, John Hudson. Paternity has been established through John Hudson being listed on the birth certificate. Melinda has no desire to pursue a custodial arrangement because John has left them alone for a long time and she wants to keep it that way.</p> <p>Melinda has never pursued child support from Alex's father, John Hudson. She indicated that through her TA benefits, the state has attempted to contact him to initiate child support payments but have been unsuccessful.</p>
Family's housing situation/stability.	<p>The family currently lives in a single story, 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in town. They rent the home and have resided there for almost 2 years. The home is in significant disrepair, however the landlord has indicated that the family caused the damage to the home and has refused to help in anyway. The family</p>

<p>Previous cities/states of residence. Who resides in the home</p>	<p>feels if they push the issue, they will be evicted as they do not have a steady rent payment history and have been threatened with eviction before. The home is located near a high traffic road.</p>
<p>P/C/G's risk to self or others</p>	<p>Melinda: There is no indication that Melinda's behaviors suggest a potential risk of harm to self or others. No recommendation for behavior support or management intervention at this time. Matt: behaviors suggest that Matt does not engage in self-harming behavior but does threaten or inflict harm on others. There is a reported significant history of such behaviors which indicates this is not an isolated event. Recommendation for behavior support and management intervention to be pursued.</p>
<p>Self-Care: P/C/G's level of independence and ability to care for self, meet own needs</p>	<p>Melinda has maintained employment and can work independently, she is reliant on Matt to care for the children while she's at work. Melinda has been a single parent in the past and was able to successfully care for herself and Alex with little support. Both parents appear capable, when not under the influence of substances, to meet their own basic needs.</p>
<p>Protection: P/C/G's ability to intervene in all circumstances to protect the child(ren) and advocate for their well-being P/C/G's ability to protect self and their own feelings of safety in the home</p>	<p>Melinda was in a DV/IPV relationship with Alex's father, John Hudson and chose to leave that relationship for her and Alex's well-being. Melinda reports John became abusive to Alex and that is what ended their relationship and she moved out of the home with Alex. Melinda reports that she generally feels safe in the home but at times when Matt is using, they often fight and the fights are getting a lot worse. She reports they didn't used to get physical until this past year and now Matt seems angry all the time so they fight a lot more, especially about money. She reports she has always sent the children to their room if she feels like the fight is going to get really bad. Melinda feels that she's already had one failed relationship and wants to work hard to maintain her relationship with Matt. Matt reports that he feels safe in the home but that Melinda has thrown stuff at him in the past and one time she threw an ashtray at his head and it split open his forehead.</p>
<p>Interaction: P/C/G's interaction and expectations of child(ren) Developmentally appropriate? Level of bond?</p>	<p>Melinda and Matt rely heavily on Alex (age 7) to care for Brooklyn (age 5). Alex has taken on a parental role in many ways in the home. The way the parents speak about the children and voice their desire to bring them home is indicative of a genuine bond with the children.</p>
<p>Immigration Status Primary language spoken in the home</p>	<p>Both parents report they were born in the US and are not immigrants. Both parents' primary language is English.</p>
<p>P/C/G Medical: Explain any medical or developmental conditions that may impact the P/C/G's ability to safely care for the child(ren). List any existing providers or services, diagnosis, etc.</p>	<p>Neither Melinda nor Matt have a primary care physician established. The last medical care Melinda reports receiving is during Brooklyn's birth. She reports no other medical issues. Matt reports he has seen a local RN through NW Health Clinic for back pain a few times but it is usually managed with muscle relaxers. Matt reports no additional medical issues.</p>
<p>P/C/G Mental Health: Explain any mental health conditions, emotional stability, coping abilities, etc. List any existing providers or services, diagnosis, etc.</p>	<p>Melinda reports receiving counseling services in the past following an abusive relationship with Alex's father, John Hudson. She reports she didn't benefit from it much. She feels she probably has PTSD and some anxiety but has never been formally diagnosed or received treatment. She feels that she can normally manage this well if she and Matt are not fighting. Matt reports no history or current mental health issues. He reports he has just been down lately because of the job situation and things have been tough. He reports he just gets angry sometimes. Melinda reports that she supports Matt's assessment of his own mental health needs. Melinda also adds that Matt does struggle occasionally with the loss of his brother. Melinda reports no issues with her behavioral health.</p>

	Matt reports some impulse control and anger issues. He reports that he can normally handle himself but when he uses drugs it gets worse.
P/C/G Drug/Alcohol Use: List any existing providers or services, current and historical use, etc.	Matt reports he uses marijuana nearly daily and methamphetamines on occasion and has used marijuana for about 15 years, methamphetamines for about 3 years. Melinda reports she occasionally smokes marijuana and has tried methamphetamines but hasn't used recently. Melinda reports being knowledgeable of the drugs being in the home and the consistency of Matt's drug use. She reports they have often fought over this. Melinda reports she didn't start using drugs until her relationship began with Matt. She reports she began using during her pregnancy with Brooklyn to help with sickness and weight gain. Neither Matt nor Melinda have received substance abuse services in the past.
Education:	Melinda graduated high school from Mound City MO in 2012. No further education. Melinda has wanted to pursue a nursing degree. Matt graduated high school from Oregon MO in 2010. In high school he participated in Vo-Tech for carpentry.
Community Based Activities/Supports/ Services:	The family does not participate in community based activities.
Employment: Sources of Income: Ability to meet financial needs to maintain basic necessities: Benefits (SSI, TA, FS, etc.) See Financial Statement for Parents (CS-99) for more detailed information about the family's financial status.	Melinda is currently employed at Dollar General and working 30 hours/week. This position does not offer health insurance. Melinda typically works from 2pm to 8pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Matt was most recently employed about a year ago through a local roofing company. He lost that job after hurting his back and has been searching for employment. He reports struggling to find employment due to his criminal history. He is not receiving unemployment benefits. The family is currently receiving 640.00 in SNAP benefits and 160.00 in TA. The children are receiving Medicaid benefits.
Recreation:	The family reports they enjoy fishing or having cook outs with their extended family.
Relevant CA/N and Criminal History/Current legal status of all members of the household: (CA/N, FCS, AC, IIS, JO involvement, Diversions, Criminal, Protection Orders, etc.) Current legal representation.	CA/N History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCA, 7-14-15, 20150004425. Confirmed drug use by Melinda Baker during pregnancy. Infant Brooklyn Baker's meconium tested positive for THC. Brooklyn and sibling Alex were voluntarily placed with Maternal Aunt and Uncle Linda and Larry Jones until IIS was able to begin services with the family. FCS case opened on 7-15-15. Both children returned to the home on 7-18-15 and IIS began services. The family successfully completed IIS services on 8-31-15 and FCS case closed successfully on 11-12-15. The family participated in parenting education services, substance abuse treatment, First Steps and was educated on safe sleep practices and how to provide a safe environment for both of the children. • Assessment, 5-31-17, 20176648865. Allegations of unsanitary living conditions. Perpetrators Melinda Baker and Matt Baker. Victim children, Alex Hudson and Brooklyn Baker. Safety plan initiated with the family and a voluntary placement was made by the family with Maternal Aunt and Uncle Linda and Larry Jones over the period of 5 days to allow the parents to clean the home. The family was successful in doing so and the hotline concluded Preventative Services Indicated. No FCS case opened. Criminal History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2013 Matt Baker received a misdemeanor charge for possession of THC under 35 grams. Matt was incarcerated in the Holt county jail for 30 days and released on probation for 2 years. Matt successfully completed probation in 2015. • 12-10-20 Matt Baker was arrested for possession of THC and methamphetamines and for assault (against Melinda). Matt is currently incarcerated in the Holt County jail. His bail is set at \$25,000. Criminal proceedings are ongoing.

	<p>Matt indicated he has been appointed an attorney for his criminal matters, Justin Rich. The parents have been appointed an attorney for the juvenile matters, Kristina Cash.</p>
<p>Other:</p>	

EXISTING SAFETY:

Consider asking: Regarding the things that happened to cause Children’s Division’s involvement, what are some things you or anyone else were able to do to keep the child(ren) safe either now or in the past? Who helped to keep them safe?

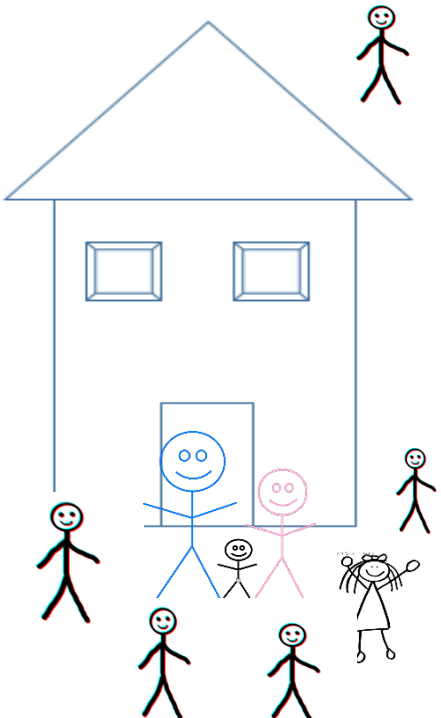
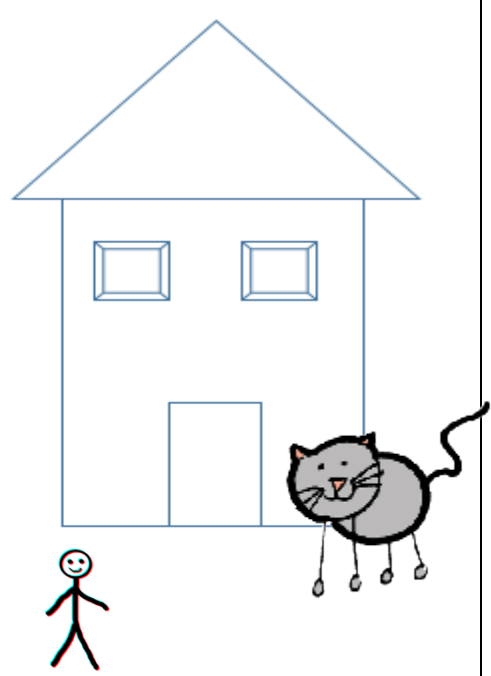
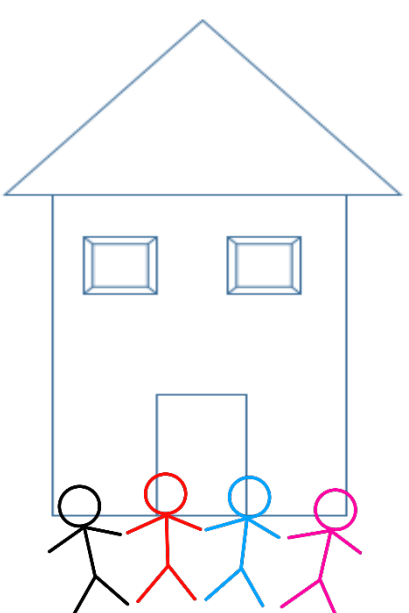
What actions has the family taken in the past to keep the child(ren) safe when the concerning behaviors were occurring?
When mom and dad were using meth, they would often send the children to Aunt Linda’s to stay, knowing they would not be able to care for the children

What supports did the family utilize to help keep the children safe?
Aunt Linda and Uncle Larry Jones

What are the family’s ideas now on how to keep the child(ren) safe if these things were to happen again? Who would be involved to help to keep them safe?
Melinda and Matt agree that they both have to stop using drugs and clean the house for the children to be safe at home. They have indicated that if that were not to happen then the best way for the children to be safe is for them to be with Aunt Linda and Uncle Larry until they can be sober.

CHILD(REN)/YOUTH DISCUSSION

To be completed with the child(ren)/Youth as is developmentally appropriate.

House of Good Things	House of Worries	House of Dreams
<p>People who live in my safety house. People who can visit my safety house. Who has made you feel safe before?</p>	<p>People I don't feel safe with. People who are not allowed to visit my safety house. Who has made you feel unsafe before?</p>	<p>Rules of my safety house. What would need to change to make it the way you want it so you would always feel safe?</p>
		
<p>Brooklyn: my mom and dad and Alex and me can live here and my dogs. Alex always makes me safe and gets me food. Aunt Linda and Uncle Larry can be here because they bring me food too. Grandma Patsy can come here too because she loves me and Jose too. Sometimes Ed can come over too because he's our neighbor. Dad can come over sometimes but sometimes he has to go somewhere else when he is mad.</p> <p>Alex: Me and Brooklyn and my dad and mom and Grandma Patsy and Aunt Linda and Uncle Larry and my friend Joey can come here. Matt can come visit when he's all better and he stops being mad.</p>	<p>Brooklyn: that cat that scratched me. Dad is scary sometimes and he hurts mommy and he hurt Alex. He made me cry when he yells and sometimes I want to go to grandma's house. I don't like scary movies.</p> <p>Alex: Mommy and Matt get mad sometimes and yell and mommy threw an ashtray at Matt and broke his head and made blood. Matt makes mommy cry and I cry and Brooklyn cries. Matt sometimes kicks the dogs and yells at them. He probably can't come to my house right now.</p>	<p>Brooklyn: I want to live in my house but I want to have a bed with Alex. I don't want mommy to cry. I want to have another dog and two cats. I would have rainbows in my room and a TV. Nobody gets to yell or they go in timeout. We can play outside and can go to Grandma Patsy's sometimes because she has good food. I want some French fries and ketchup.</p> <p>Alex: Matt needs to be nice and mommy needs to be nice. I don't like it when Matt kicks the dog and when he uses bad words, that's not good. I want to have lots of food and cereal to eat. I want the house to be warm and to smell good like Aunt Linda and Uncle Larry's house. Nobody can fight and I don't want to clean the dog poop up.</p>

CASE PARTICIPANTS VOICES

(Parent/Caregiver/Guardian's, Child(ren), Natural Supports, Resource Providers, Community Supports, GAL, Court Partners, CD, etc.)

Identify below who is providing the information.

<p>What's going well? Parental Strengths? What's been done in the past to keep the child(ren) safe?</p>	<p>Danger/Impact to the child(ren): What are we worried about and how do those worries potentially impact the child(ren)?</p>	<p>Next Steps: Recommended solutions to remedy the worry?</p>
<p>Brooklyn Jones, child: Likes to stay at Aunt Linda's house. They don't fight. Loves both mom and dad. Likes Aunt Linda's food.</p> <p>Alex Hudson, child: Feels it's good that Matt is in jail so he can't hurt his mom. Feels very protective of his mom and sister.</p> <p>Melinda Jones, mother: The children are a positive support for each other. Concerned for the wellbeing of the children and is motivated to do what is necessary to reunify her family. Recognizes drug use is a problem and is willing to seek help. She doesn't like her children to see them fight, she knows it's not good for them.</p> <p>Matt Jones, father: Recognizes drug use is a problem and is willing to seek help. He states he feels really bad about Alex getting hurt and him hurting Melinda and doesn't want anything like that to happen again.</p> <p>Linda Jones, maternal aunt: The children are very open to talking about what they feel. The parents have a good support network.</p> <p>Larry Jones, uncle:</p> <p>Patsy Newman, paternal grandmother: Both mom and dad are generally very loving and affectionate toward the children. When Alex's father left, Matt stepped in and has been there for him. If it wasn't for the drugs, the parents would be able to handle all the rest.</p> <p>Ed Wallace, neighbor/friend: The family has gotten through some tough times before and I know they can do it again.</p> <p>Jose Martinez, friend: Before the drugs, Melinda was able to hold a job and was particular about who watched her children. She is a good mom but she just can't show that when she's</p>	<p>Brooklyn Jones, child: Worried that Alex and mom will get owies again.</p> <p>Alex Hudson, child: Worried that if mom and dad keep fighting that mom will be dead and then he won't have a mom. Alex doesn't trust Matt. I don't have a toothbrush at home.</p> <p>Melinda Jones, mother: Worried that if Alex were to try to stop Matt and her from fighting again, he could get hurt again.</p> <p>Matt Jones, father: Worried that Alex is afraid of him now.</p> <p>Linda Jones, maternal aunt: Worried that when the parents use drugs that the fight a lot and their fights are getting to the point that now Alex has been hurt and Melinda ended up in the hospital with serious injuries. It's obvious the parents haven't been doing their job well, both children have rotted teeth and they are malnourished. Alex can't focus in school and has been in fights, all of this isn't good for the kids, they need stability.</p> <p>Larry Jones, uncle: Worried that if parents continue to use drugs then they won't be able to keep their home or the home won't be safe. Worried that if Matt and Melinda keep fighting like they are that Matt is going to land himself in jail for a very long time or Melinda is not going to come back from the hospital. The kids are embarrassed about the house and they always smelled awful, that's embarrassing for them to go to school like that.</p> <p>Patsy Newman, paternal grandmother: Worried that the kids are having to feed themselves when the parents are sleeping off their high and the kids run around having to take care of themselves or Alex has to take care of Brooklyn. The kids are already too thin and I know they don't eat enough because there's rarely food in the house except when I bring it. The house is filthy and the kids could be electrocuted by the wiring coming out of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children: they just need to be nice and hug each other. They need to get a washer. I want mom to cook like Aunt Linda. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from learning how to recognize potential threats to the children's safety and what actions to take to protect them from harm. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from learning what the children's nutritional, dental, medical, educational and hygiene needs are and how to consistently meet those needs. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from learning what level of supervision the children require based on their developmental level and the potential risks of harm that may affect the children if not adequately supervised. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from learning how to handle conflict in such a way that is physically and emotionally safe for everyone in the home. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from learning how to maintain a safe and sanitary home. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from understanding how their relationship and fighting negatively impact the children. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from understanding the triggers or factors that may cause conflict to escalate into a harmful situation and what steps to take to protect the children from harm. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from learning how to establish a routine to ensure the home remains clean. • Matt and Melinda could benefit from learning how to engage and encourage his children to help maintain the household chores based on their developmental abilities.

<p>using. Matt has struggled from time to time but he's gotten sober before so I think he can do it again.</p> <p>Jennifer Justice, friend: Both Matt and Melinda love the kids, I don't think they would intentionally hurt them but the parents do need to make some changes and I think they are willing to.</p>	<p>wall or the house could catch on fire, also from the space heaters.</p> <p>Ed Wallace, neighbor/friend: Worried that if the parents keep using drugs that they will both end up in jail and the kids won't have their parents anymore. The kids could get sick from the dog poop and mold everywhere.</p> <p>Jose Martinez, friend: The family doesn't really have much money, Matt drives Melinda to work and now that Matt is in jail, I'm worried that the family really may not be able to pay their bills.</p> <p>Jennifer Justice, friend: Some of the people Melinda and Matt hang out with or let come to the house are drug users or have some pretty rough histories, they are going to have to cut ties with those people. They are not going to be able to get rid of the cockroaches if they don't get the house in order.</p>	
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Involvement in the completion of the Initial Family Assessment:	
If there was no or only partial Parent/Caregiver/Guardian involvement while completing this Initial Family Assessment, what were the circumstances that all of the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian(s) were not or only partially involved?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A – All Parent, Caregiver, Guardian(s) in the primary household participated in completion of the IFA	
If there was no or only partial Child/Youth involvement while completing this Initial Family Assessment, what were the circumstances that all of the Child(ren)/Youth were not or only partially involved?	
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Who participated in the completion of this Initial Family Assessment? List all Parent/Caregiver/Guardians, Children/Youth, Relatives, Natural Supports, Collateral Contacts, Service Providers, and any other individuals providing information through the completion of this assessment.	
Melinda Baker, Matt Baker, Alex Hudson, Brooklyn Baker, Linda Jones, Larry Jones, Patsy Newman, Leslie Wake, Jose Martinez	

Initial Family Assessment Attachment (CD-301a) was completed on the following additional Parent, Caregiver, Guardian(s) not residing in the primary household. Must complete with Incarcerated Parent, Caregiver, Guardian(s) as well.	
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A – no additional Parent, Caregiver, Guardian(s) or all additional P,C,G's are deceased or TPR has occurred <input type="checkbox"/> N/A – additional Parent, Caregiver, Guardians identified but cannot locate at the time of the Initial Family Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> N/A – additional Parent, Caregiver, Guardians identified but are unwilling to participate in case planning for their child(ren)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed and attached IFA Att. (CD-301a) with the following P/C/G's:	John Hudson, bio-father to Alex
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ADDITIONAL NOTES, CASE MANAGER FOLLOW UP, TO DO:

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Supervisor Comments:

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SIGNATURES

Worker signature at completion of assessment:	Date:	Supervisor signature approving completed assessment, following comprehensive review for quality documentation and verification that all potential resources have been utilized to gather a full and thorough assessment of the family:	Date:
<i>Crystal Wenger</i>	<i>1-10-21</i>	<i>Marla Pritzel</i>	<i>1-10-21</i>

See Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Signatures on Page 1.
Upload to OnBase following Supervisor approval.