

Hummel Family Safety Planning Information

Directions: Review the following information and develop a safety plan for the Hummel family.

The child welfare professional concluded the initial assessment by discussing the need for a safety plan to address the safety threats with April and Earl. The child welfare professional began by explaining their concern of the active safety threats and the need to develop a Safety Plan. One option that was discussed was the possibility of Earl leaving the home during the investigation. When they discussed the possibility of Earl temporarily leaving the residence, Earl became very angry and started challenging the worker's right to kick him out. April was clearly nervous and did not present as being able to keep him out if that were to happen. This led to the discussion of the children temporarily staying with their father. While April was not happy with that idea, she did agree as long as it was just temporary, not permanent.

The worker spoke with the children and they all seemed very pleased with the idea of going to their father's for a while. Cathy said "he isn't mean and scary like Earl". Bobby said "Daddy helps me with my homework and plays with me". David just smiled and said "daddy".

The worker called Mr. Hummel, explained what was happening and asked about his interest and availability to having the children stay with him for a while. He said that would be fine. He loves his children and looks forward to having them stay with him. He expressed his concern about the injury Bobby received and asked if there was anything he needed to understand about Bobby's medical needs. He was willing to have April visit the children in his home and felt comfortable with preventing Earl from having access to the children.

He verbalized a plan to make sure the children got to school and identified his sister, Mary, and mother, Susan, as individuals who would be able to help him care for the children in his home after school each day and on some weekends if necessary. The caseworker spoke with both Mary and Susan and agreed that they would be suitable. Frank arranged for day care for David during the day. Either Mary or Susan will pick David up from day care when they pick up Bobby and Cathy from school.

The father's home was appropriate for the children. He already had beds for each child from when they visited him before. The home was also clean and free of hazards.

Since Frank only lives 12 miles from the Hummel home, the children would also be able to continue attending Rush Elementary.

Frank, Mary, and Susan expressed commitment to the developed plan and a willingness to carry out the safety interventions.