

Miller Family Case Summary

The Miller family was referred to the agency after an anonymous report raised concerns for the welfare of John Miller. John Miller was later placed in an agency approved foster home while his family worked on their issues. Mr. and Mrs. Miller displayed open hostility towards this caseworker, which made working with them difficult.

During this worker's meeting with John, he appeared anxious. John had trouble maintaining eye contact and often got up from his seat and paced while we spoke. John told me meeting with him made him nervous. He expressed that it was his fault that everything happened the way it did and he didn't like meeting with me for fear he would get someone into trouble.

The agency filed in indicated abuse report naming Mr. Miller as perpetrator since he broke a rib on his son John. Mr. Miller was arrested for the incident and is still awaiting trial. He will most likely receive two-three years on probation.

Mr. Miller successfully completed an alcohol evaluation and has begun treatment at The Alcoholics Counseling Center (TACS). TACS counselor, Joe Jenkins, has been in communication with his worker and has found Mr. Miller doing well in treatment.

John returned home from foster care nine months after his original placement. At that time, Mr. and Mrs. Miller had completed all of the objectives listed on their plan. John has been home for six months now and things are stable in the home. While in foster care, John stayed in the Dugan foster home. He didn't think foster care was a good experience.

John's schoolwork has been greatly improved since returning home compared to his work while in foster care. His attendance has been perfect and he has gotten all As and Bs on his report card for the last two marking periods. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have attributed that improvement to their being more interested in John's schoolwork and their hiring of a tutor to assist John after school.

Since John's placement, the Millers have cooperated with the agency's imposed safety plans that included supervised visits for Mr. Miller. Since John has been home, the safety plan has included Mr. Miller and John never being home alone, Mr. Miller being in treatment, and John knowing to call the police or go to his neighbors if he felt threatened. Since all of the family service plan objectives have been completed, John is considered safe at home. After missing three of our first four scheduled appointments, the Millers have not missed an appointment since John has returned home six months ago.