

Smith Family Exercise

Directions: You are about see three separate video clips of interviews held with Carley and Christian Smith, Colin Levitt, and Crystal Smith. The interviews were conducted in the Smith family home. The interviewer, Wayne Holder, is conducting these face-to-face contacts as part of his Children and Youth Services (CYS) assessment. Wayne Holder is in the process of concluding his CYC assessment. You have been asked to help him complete a formal In-Home Safety Assessment Worksheet. In order to accomplish this task, identify information under the six assessment domains and the other elements of the structured case note and be prepared to complete a formal In-Home Safety Assessment Worksheet at the conclusion of the interviews.

Background Information

Referral Information:

Referral Source:	Sheila Smith, maternal grandmother	
Mother:	Crystal Smith	30 years old
Paramour:	Colin Levitt	30 years old
Child:	Carley Smith	10 years old
Child:	Christian Smith	4 years old
Biological Father to Carley:	Unknown	
Biological Father to Christian:	Unknown	

Information Gathered from the Referral Source:

Maternal grandmother, Sheila Smith, reported that her grandchildren, Carley and Christian, were left alone all last night. (Type of Maltreatment) Sheila Smith stated that she is frustrated with her daughter ever since Colin moved into the home. Crystal avoids speaking to her mother whenever possible because she does not want to hear her opinions about her drug use and the bad influence Colin has on Crystal. (Adult functioning & Nature of the Maltreatment) Sheila Smith stated that Crystal has started using again and frequently leaves the children alone at night to party with Colin. (Type & Nature of Maltreatment and Adult Functioning) Grandmother stated that before Colin showed up Crystal had some previous drug problems but she got herself cleaned up and was a good mother. (Adult Functioning and General Parenting) Crystal was able to mind both of the children and provide appropriate supervision and discipline. (General Parenting & Parenting Discipline) Now Carley is expected to care for her brother. (Parenting General, Child Functioning) Last night, Carley called her grandmother because she was afraid. (Child Functioning) After finding the children home alone, unsupervised, the grandmother took them to her house.

Review of the case record revealed that there have been two previous reports on this family with no substantiations. (Type of Maltreatment) Crystal has never been provided services through CYC but was referred to a Drug and Alcohol (D&A) counselor where she received treatment. Crystal has a history of substance abuse.

A preliminary In-Home Safety Assessment was completed with Crystal, Carley, and Christian Smith and resulted in a preliminary safety plan.

Sheila Smith was assessed and deemed to be a suitable and reliable resource for the children. She agreed to become a responsible person on the safety plan.

The following space has been provided for you to record the information you gathered during the interviews:

Case Name:	Case Number:	Caseworker:
Date of Contact:	Time of Contact:	Contact Type:
Purpose of Contact:		
Participants: Carley Smith, Christian Smith, Colin Levitt, Crystal Smith		
Contact Summary:		
Information Gathered for Safety Assessment		
<i>Safety Domains:</i>		
1. Type of Maltreatment: What is the extent of maltreatment? <input type="checkbox"/> No new allegations of maltreatment <input type="checkbox"/> Current Maltreatment (please describe):		

2. Nature of Maltreatment: What circumstances surround the maltreatment?

No new maltreatment identified Circumstances surrounding current maltreatment
(please describe):

3. Child Functioning: How does the child(ren) function, including their condition?

4. Adult Functioning: How do the adults within the household function, including substance use & behavioral health?

5. General Parenting: How do caregivers generally parent (i.e. knowledge, skills, protectiveness, history)?

6. Parenting Discipline: How do caregivers discipline the children?

Information Supporting the Safety Decision

Does the information gathered suggest a change in the child's safety? Yes No
If yes, list the date of the formal In Home Safety Assessment Worksheet and Safety Plan Assessment: _____ Safety Plan: _____