**\*Remove All questions in each section. The questions are to guide you on the information that should be presented in each section. Some questions may not apply to your case. Use complete sentences. This report becomes part of the official Court case file. Inform the Court of what facts you’ve gathered since the last Court report (if any) and what the current progress is. Always assume that whoever is reading this report has no prior knowledge about the case. Give full factual details, no opinions.**

IN THE MATTER OF: )

Child’s First Last Name D.O.B. / /20 ) Case No: AD

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) JUDGE: First Last Name

) MAGISTRATE: First Last Name

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) **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL**

)  **ADVOCATE (CASA) COURT REPORT**

Now comes CASAs First Last Name as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), for the above-captioned, minor child/children and hereby submits the following CASA Report and Recommendation.

**CASE (LEGAL) HISTORY:**

Most of the information in this section can be found in the complaint.

* Date of complaint filed with the Court? (Date is stamped on the complaint)
* Division of Children & Family Services (DCFS) received referral because of what alleged concerns?
* What is the agency requesting? (Protective Supervision, Temporary Custody, Permanent Custody)
* Date CASA was appointed to case?
* Dates of Court hearings that have already occurred pertaining to this case?

**CHILD (REN)’S PLACEMENT:**

In this section, you want to write about each placement that the child has been in since involvement with the Court. Include the name of the placement, date the child entered the placement and reason for moving.

* Write the physical address of placements. (unless it’s a foster home-confidential)
* Who are the children residing with?
* Who are the adults in the home and what is their level of appropriateness?
* Mention every adult in the home and anyone the child spends significant time with including grandparents, relatives, significant others, etc.
* Have those people had background checks if they are in the home?
* What is the history of those relationships?
* Describe the conditions of the home?
* Does child have own room or do they share?
* Describe home: apartment complex, single home, double?
* What is the activity like; are there a lot of people coming in and out of the home?
* If child is in foster care, how is child adjusting?

**ACTIVITIES PERFORMED:**

* Who have you contacted since last hearing?
* List your contacts with the important adults in the child’s life (parent(s), caregivers, relatives, parents’ significant others, DCFS, teachers, doctors, therapists, probation officers, other service providers, law enforcement, etc.)
* Always attempt to talk with child by themselves at least once.
* What have you done on the case since the last hearing?
* List the activity and the dates (ex. hearings, home/school visits, observed visitations, meetings, reviews, etc.)
* Always attempt to observe the child with each parent or caregiver.

**RECORDS/DOCUMENTS REVIEWED**:

List what records you have reviewed, including anything CASA staff provided you (example, Court records, DCFS records, school, and background checks, medical, mental health, drug/alcohol, police, criminal, civil, etc.).

**CHILD (REN)’S WELL BEING:**

The following are suggested questions, answer for each child on the case:

* How is child’s health? Immunizations up to date? Are they on medications? If so, why?
* Are they developmentally on target per pediatrician?
* Do parents/caregiver follow recommendations of pediatrician if applicable?
* Any mental health, medical, dental, or safety concerns?
* Is child in therapy…where, why, frequency?
* Does child appear to be safe in current environment?
* Are children visiting parents, siblings, and relatives?
* Does the child have any particular needs…Medication, clothing, school supplies, etc.?
* Does the child appear to be happy and are the basic needs being met?
* With whom does the child socialize, friends in the neighborhood, school? Foster siblings?
* What type of activities does the child engage? Church, girl/boy scouts, sports?

**CHILD(REN)’S CURRENT EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT/STATUS:**

The following are suggested questions, answer for each child on the case:

* Where is the child attending school?
* What grade is the child in?
* Is child age appropriate for that grade?
* What are the child’s grades?
* How is the child’s attendance?
* Does the child display any behavior problems? If so, disciplinary actions?
* Is child in regular or special education? Do they have an IEP?
* How many school changes have occurred?
* Is the child in any extra-curricular activities?
* Any additional needs? (Example-Tutoring)

**MOTHER:**

The following are suggested questions:

* Always attempt to observe child with parent.
* What is Mother’srelationship to the child(ren)?
* Describe observations of the interactions/visitations.
* Any mental health, drug/alcohol, finances, housing, employment and other issues?
* Is she involved in any services/treatment as of now? Is she compliant?

**FATHER (S):**

The following are suggested questions:

* Always attempt to observe child with parent
* What is Father’srelationship to the child(ren)?
* Describe observations of the interactions/visitations.
* Any mental health, drug/alcohol, finances, housing, employment and other issues?
* Is he involved in any services/treatment as of now? Is he compliant?
* Even if there has been no contact with Father, is there any information in the complaint that can be listed here?

**-OR-**

**LEGAL CUSTODIAN/MAIN CAREGIVER:**

The following are suggested questions:

* What is caregiver’s relationship to the child(ren)?
* Describe observations of the interactions/visitations.
* Any mental health, drug/alcohol, finances, housing, employment and other issues?
* Always attempt to observe child with caregiver.

**CASE PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

Be sure to ask the caseworker to view the case plan and to be involved in developing the objectives.

* What do parents need to complete as part of their Case Plan? (Main objectives)
* Describe the services and what progress has been made.
* Are parents/caregivers participating, at what level? If not, why, are there obstacles, such as transportation, money, etc.?
* Do parents/caregivers understand what is expected from them?
* Are they demonstrating what they have learned? How so?
* Does family need additional resources they maybe haven’t been addressed?

**THE WISHES OF THE CHILD/CHILDREN:**

* What would the child like to see happen? (even if it is not what the CASA would recommend as the child's best interests)
* Answer these questions for each child on the case.
* How you ascertain their wishes will be different for every child.
* Always consider age, developmental level, psychological well-being, etc.

**SUMMARY:**

* Are the child’s basic needs being met?
* Summarize key facts that you presented throughout the Court report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommendations should be supported by the facts throughout the Court report.

Based on the above mentioned information, this CASA makes the following recommendations in the child’s best interests:

**CUSTODY:**

* Who should have the legal responsibility for the child?
* Should DCFS be involved? Protective Supervision or Temporary Custody?

**PLACEMENT:**

* Where should the child physically reside?

**VISITATION:**

* Should there be visitation with anyone living outside the home? If so, supervised or unsupervised, etc.?

**SERVICES FOR CHILD:**

* What services does the child need that maybe hasn’t been addressed?

**SERVICES FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS:**

* What services does the parents/caregivers need, do they need to continue working on their case plan objectives? Do they need additional resources/services that haven’t been addressed?

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

Anything else of concern that does not fit into any category above.

The CASA reserves the right to orally amend this report during the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

CASA’s First and Last Name, Court Appointed Special Advocate

 Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 First Last Name, Volunteer Coordinator

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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, OHIO**

EXAMPLE 1

IN THE MATTER OF: )

Aaron Bell D.O.B. 1/1/2003 ) Case No: AD11111111

Adam Bell D.O.B. 1/1/2003 ) Case No. AD222222222

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) JUDGE: Michael Ryan

) MAGISTRATE: Ginny Millas

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) **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL**

)  **ADVOCATE (CASA) COURT REPORT**

Now comes CASAs First Last Name as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), for the above-captioned, minor child/children and hereby submits the following CASA Report and Recommendation.

**CASE (LEGAL) HISTORY:**

The complaint was filed with the Court on 5/17/2016 due to Mother allegedly failing to send the children to school on a regular basis. Both children have medical needs and Mother allegedly has failed to consistently make all of the children’s medical appointments. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Division of Children and Family Services is requesting Legal Custody to remain with Mother and Protective Supervision be granted to the agency. This CASA was appointed on 5/26/2016. Adjudication is scheduled for 7/28/2016.

**CHILD (REN)’S CURRENT PLACEMENT:**

Aaron and Adam reside with their Mother and adult Sister at 1111 Main Road in Cleveland, Ohio. Their adult Sister assists with some care and supervision, and both Mother and adult Sister are appropriate. Mother has family support and the boys visit with their relatives on special occasions, such as birthdays and holidays.

**ACTIVITIES PERFORMED:**

5/31/2016- Caseworker- phone call

5/31/2016- Mother- phone call and home visit

5/31/2016- GAL- phone call, text message

5/31/2016- Home visit with Aaron, Adam, Mother

5/31/2016- Cleveland School- voicemail

5/31/2016- UH Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital- voicemail

6/1/2016 - Caseworker- email

6/10/2016- Caseworker- phone call and voicemail

6/10/2016- Mother - phone call and home visit

6/10/2016- GAL - phone call and text

6/10/2016- Home visit with Aaron, Adam, Mother

6/10/2016- Children’s older Sister – home visit

6/14/2016- Mother- phone call

6/21/2016- Caseworker- email

6/21/2016- GAL- email

6/22/2016- Cleveland School – left a message

6/26/2016- Prosecutor- email about discovery

6/27/2016- Cleveland School- email

6/28/2016- Cleveland School- left a message

6/30/2016- UH Rainbow Babies and Children – left a message

6/30/2016- Mother- phone call

6/30/2016- Phone call with Aaron and Adam

7/8/2016- Mother- Voicemail to set up visit

7/13/2016- Mother- Voicemail to set up visit

7/13/2016- Caseworker- phone call

7/15/2016- Cleveland School- left message

7/15/2016- Cleveland School- email

7/15/2016- Home visit with Aaron, Adam, Mother

7/15/2016- Caseworker home visit

7/15/2016- GAL- voicemail

**RECORDS/DOCUMENTS REVIEWED**:

Complaint

Contact Information

Discovery Documents-Case notes and assessments

Attendance Records

**CHILD (REN)’S WELL BEING:**

Aaron and Adam are twins and just celebrated their 13th birthdays. Both children were born premature and have medical issues. They both reside with their Mother. The family will be moving at the beginning of August 2016.

Aaron has Cerebral Palsy and a significant gait, but he is mobile. Mother reports that recently he is having more difficulties walking, and sometimes drags his right foot. He does have limited functions with his right side and wears glasses to improve his vision. He enjoys reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid books and playing video games. Mother reports her son is almost blind, and partially paralyzed on his right side. This CASA is concerned and would recommend an examination by Aaron’s physician regarding physical or occupational therapy. Aaron also has somewhat slurred speech, and this CASA would recommend a speech evaluation. Mother agreed that Aaron needs services and is hopeful that in-home services will help her coordinate. Overall, he is in good health, and has not had any medical appointments during this CASA’s appointment on the case. He is currently on an IEP at school, but had poor school attendance last year. He will be going into the 7th grade in August, 2016. A van picks Aaron up from his home and transports him to school daily. Mother admits to forgetting to call the school when Aaron is sick and going to stay home. Also, Mother reports that Aaron has a difficult time in school, specifically during class changes because the halls are crowded and Aaron is often pushed, shoved, and falls down. This CASA discussed addressing that concern with the school to amend his IEP to determine what accommodations can be made. Aaron participated in summer school at the high school, but this CASA has not had successful contact with the school to verify his attendance, participation, and behaviors. The home is safe and appropriate and all of Aaron’s needs are being met at this time. He does not visit with his Father, as his Father is incarcerated, but had a recent phone conversation with him.

Adam had a tracheotomy as an infant and has a trach tube that must be maintained. He is verbal and is involved with speech therapy. He is having exploratory surgery on 7/21/2016 to access the strength of his vocal cords and trachea. As he grows, he will need new trach tubes. Adam expressed fear of his trach tube falling out if he is playing too hard because he would not be able to breathe. This CASA discussed with Adam and his Mother the importance of Adam learning to care for his medical needs. Adam does not want to play outside and wishes to play with other youth who have a trach so they can understand what he is going through. He also has asthma and requires a breathing treatment. Overall, he is in good health, but does have a procedure this month. Adam is also on an IEP at school, and had poor attendance last year. He will be going into the 7th grade in August, 2016. A van picks him up from his home daily to transport to school. He has a nurse that is with him all day at school. Adam reports that he loves science and explained to this CASA that he needs to go to school so he can graduate and go to college. It is reported that Adam gets into trouble at school and has behavioral issues. He participated in summer school at the high school, but this CASA has not had successful contact with the school to verify his attendance, participation, and behaviors. Allegedly he only missed one day. The home is safe and appropriate and all of Adam’s needs are being met at this time. He does not visit with his Father, as his Father is incarcerated, but had a recent phone conversation with him.

**CHILD (REN)’S CURRENT EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT/STATUS:**

Both children attended Cleveland Middle School and will be entering the 7th grade in August, 2016. They participated in summer school due to their poor attendance and grades during the previous school year. This CASA is unable to verify grades, attendance, and behaviors with the school as it is summer break and there are limited school hours/staff. It has been reported to this CASA the boys had poor attendance, missing 41 days last year, and Mother reports that Adam has behavioral issues at school. Both boys have an IEP. The family is moving to Cleveland Heights in August, 2016, and the children will be attending Cleveland Heights School.

**MOTHER:**

Mother has a great relationship with the children. There were concerns that she was not sending the children to school or attending all their required medical appointments. Mother has a calendar that has important dates and appointments listed that this CASA has seen. Mother is attentive during visits with this CASA and both children report activities they engage in with their Mother. The family is very closely bonded. Mother has been the primary caregiver for both boys since birth and is trained in the care for their special needs. Mother is very protective of her sons and constantly worried about their medical issues. She is fearful that if they are out of her care, and something happens, nobody will know how to take care of them. Mother enrolled in GED classes in May, but is taking a break during the move to transition into the new house and school system. She is pursuing employment in the medical field. She expressed to this CASA that she was upset about CCDCFS getting involved and was fearful her children were being taken away. She admitted to being laid back about their school, and often kept them both home even if only one of them was sick. Mother expressed that this was a wakeup call and she is aware of how important their education is. In fact, since CCDCFS involvement, her and her adult daughter have enrolled in GED classes. Mother expressed she wants to be an example to her children and earn her degree. Mother has been cooperative and open with this CASA. Originally CCDCFS requested Mother to participate in anger management classes, but has since removed that from the case plan. CCDCFS requested Mother to participate in Family Preservation and she agreed to the services. Family Preservation has a long waiting list; therefore, the caseworker has recommended Tapestry Services instead, and Mother signed a release. Mother expressed concern regarding Aaron’s walking and speech. She described a service provider that works directly with individuals who have Cerebral Palsy. Mother reports support from family and limited contact with the children’s Father due to his incarceration. They are divorced. Mother is looking forward to moving.

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**FATHER (S):**

This CASA has had no contact with Father. He is incarcerated at the Trumbull Correctional Institution charged with aggravated murder. According to Mother, he plans to appeal his charges. He has had no contact with the children until recently. When Father learned of CCDCFS involvement, he called Mother to inquire details of the situation. He spoke to the boys on the phone and allegedly told them to listen to their Mother, and go to school every day.

**CASE PLAN:**

This CASA has not yet had the opportunity to view the case plan, but has discussed the objectives with the caseworker and Mother. Mother is in agreement and willing to cooperate with Tapestry Services. Mother expressed that she understands the importance of the boys going to school daily, and is interested in talking to the school about amending the IEPs to make sure the appropriate accommodations are being made. Mother has stable housing and income, and to this CASA’s knowledge there are no diagnosed mental health issues or documented substance abuse issues with Mother. Mother expressed interest in seeking employment and requested assistance.

**THE WISHES OF THE CHILD/CHILDREN:**

Both children want to remain in their home with their Mother and Sister.

**SUMMARY:**

The children’s basic needs are currently being met, but it is difficult to monitor school compliance while school is not in session. This CASA would like to get more information regarding summer school attendance/behaviors and medical compliance. Mother is able to care for the children and understands their complex medical issues.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on the above mentioned information, this CASA makes the following recommendations in the child’s best interests:

**CUSTODY:**

Legal Custody of both children should remain with Mother with an order of CCDCFS protective supervision to ensure Mother is complaint with school attendance and medical appointments.

**PLACEMENT:**

Both children should remain in their Mother’s home.

**VISITATION:**

The children reside with their Mother.

**SERVICES FOR CHILD:**

Both children should attend all necessary medical appointments and school daily. The IEP for Aaron should be updated to include additional accommodations for mobility purposes. Aaron should be evaluated for occupational/physical therapy and speech therapy. Adam should learn basic maintenance of his trach tube.

**SERVICES FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS:**

Mother should participate in the in-home services provided by Tapestry Services. She would benefit from a support group for parents whose children are medically fragile. She should continue to meet their basic needs and attend all necessary medical appointments.

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

N/A

The CASA reserves the right to orally amend this report during the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

CASA’s First and Last Name, Court Appointed Special Advocate

 Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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EXAMPLE 2

IN THE MATTER OF: )

Melanie Smith D.O.B. 10/11/2016 ) Case No: AD11111111

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) JUDGE: Alison L. Floyd

) MAGISTRATE: Pamela L. Morton

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) **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL**

)  **ADVOCATE (CASA) COURT REPORT**

Now comes CASAs First Last Name as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), for the above-captioned, minor child/children and hereby submits the following CASA Report and Recommendation.

**CASE (LEGAL) HISTORY:**

The complaint was filed with the court on 2/24/2017, due to multiple domestic violence incidents that occurred between Mother and Father in the presence of Melanie. Both parents lack appropriate judgement and cannot provide adequate care for Melanie. Both Mother and Father have pending criminal charges and have violated the temporary protection/no contact order that was court issued against both parties. This CASA was appointed to the case on 3/3/2017. A Pretrial hearing was held on 4/4/2017 and all related parties attended. Adjudication is scheduled for 5/3/2017 at 1:30 P.M. CCDCFS is requesting Court Ordered Protective Supervision for Melanie.

**CHILD (REN)’S PLACEMENT:**

Melanie has been residing full time with Mother at 11111 Club Drive, Apartment 111, Cleveland, Ohio, 44133. Mother lives there by herself. Melanie does have her own room and bathroom; however, since she is an infant; she sleeps in her pack n play in Mother’s room.

**ACTIVITIES PERFORMED:**

3/3/2017 - Phone call with CCDCFS social worker, transferred case; referred to supervisor

3/3/2017 - Phone call made to DCFS supervisor, left voicemail

3/6/2017 - Phone call with DCFS supervisor

3/6/2017 - Phone call with new caseworker

3/7/2017 - Home visit with caseworker, Mother and Melanie

3/7/2017 - Scheduled home visit with Father

3/7/2017 - Emailed GAL assigned to case

3/15/2017 - Home visit with caseworker and Father

3/21/2017 - Phone call with Mother; Phone call with caseworker

3/23/2017 - Mother called this CASA

3/24/2017 - Caseworker emailed case plan; Emailed back to approve plan

3/27/2017 - Emailed caseworker updates on case

3/30/2017 - Work visit with Mother and Melanie

4/3/2017 - Court pretrial

4/6/2017 - Texted Mother to schedule home visit

4/6/2017 - Texted Father to schedule phone call

4/11/2017 -Phone call with Father

4/11/2017 -Emailed GAL and caseworker

4/11/2017 - Home visit with Mother cancelled; contacted GAL and caseworker

4/11/2017 - Phone call with GAL regarding updates on case

4/14/2017 - Phone call with Father- reviewed case plan

4/14/2017 - Texted with caseworker and GAL

4/14/2017 - Phone call with caseworker

4/14/2017 - Scheduled home visit with Mother and Melanie

4/17/2017 - Home visit with Mother and Melanie-reviewed case plan

4/17/2017 - Texted with caseworker and GAL

**RECORDS/DOCUMENTS REVIEWED**:

Court Documentation

CCDCFS records

Police Reports

Mother’s court records online- Rocky River Municipal court

Father’s court records online- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Court of Common Pleas

CCDCFS Case Plan

**CHILD (REN)’S WELL BEING:**

Mother took Melanie to the doctor’s last month for her six-month checkup and immunizations.

Melanie is eating solid food and able to pull herself up. According to Mother, doctor says Melanie is developing well and in the 93rd percentile for weight and 73rd percentile for height. Melanie appears to be in a safe environment with a happy demeanor. Melanie does frequently visit her extended family-grandma, great-grandma, aunts, uncles and cousins on the weekend.

**CHILD(REN)’S CURRENT EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT/STATUS:**

N/A, Melanie is 6 ½ months old.

**MOTHER:**

Mother appears to have a great relationship with Melanie. Melanie always has a happy demeanor. Mother is very attentive to Melanie and shows much affection to her. Mother is the primary caregiver due to a Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Order. Mother has expressed that she would like Melanie to have visitation with Father once the Temporary Protection Order is lifted. Mother has stable housing. Mother rents a 2-bedroom/2-bathroom apartment in which she is currently living in Cleveland. Mother owns her own business and brings Melanie to work with her daily. Mother has purchased a bouncer for Melanie to sit and play in when she has a client.

Mother receives food stamps from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County’s Food Assistance Program. Mother is aware of other county programs that she qualifies for, but does not have time to apply. Mother has stated that she is doing well on her own. Mother has started her 7-week Domestic Violence program at DVCAC, and has 3 classes remaining.

Mother has a pending case for violating a protection order with the Cleveland Municipal Court, which was passed for sentencing in May.

**FATHER (S):**

In the Pretrial hearing for this case, Father was able to hold Melanie in the courtroom. Melanie seemed happy and affectionate, as did Father. Due to paternity issues, Father has not been monetarily supporting since November 2016. Father has hired an attorney, challenged paternity, and a paternity hearing is set for 6/5/2017 in Juvenile Court.

According to Father, there been no contact between Mother and Father since February 2017. Father has stable housing. He has earned his Bachelors in Computer Science. He is currently employed as the Sales Manager for an auto dealership in Cleveland, Ohio.

Caseworker requested to CEGOGC for Father to take a 17 week course on Domestic Violence to learn effective coping skills. Father is compliant with this and has signed up for this course starting 7/25/2017. Father has expressed that he would like to have visitation with Melanie once the Temporary Protection Order is lifted.

Father has a pending case in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Court of Common Pleas regarding numerous indictments- felonious assault, domestic violence, violating a protection order, and telecommunications harassment. A Pretrial is set for 4/19/2017.

**CASE PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

This CASA has reviewed the case plan for Mother and Father. This CASA is in agreement with the case plan. This CASA has discussed the objectives with the caseworker, Mother and Father.

Mother is in agreement and willing to cooperate with the CCDCFS case plan. Mother is currently attending a 7-week Domestic Violence program at DVCAC and understands the importance of going to these classes. She will complete the program in May 2017. Mother understands she is to refrain from any acts of Domestic Violence and will act in an appropriate manner at all times to assure the risk is reduced. Mother will also follow all terms established by the Court.

Father has agreed to work with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Country Child Support Enforcement Agency if proved he is the Father of Melanie. Father is in agreement and willing to cooperate with the CCDCFS case plan. Father understands he is to refrain from any acts of Domestic Violence and will act in an appropriate manner at all times to assure risk is reduced. Father will also follow the terms of the Court.

**THE WISHES OF THE CHILD/CHILDREN:**

At this time, Melanie is too young to vocalize her needs.

**SUMMARY:**

Melanie’s basic needs are currently being met.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on the above mentioned information, this CASA makes the following recommendations in the child’s best interest:

**CUSTODY:** Legal custody of Melanie should remain with Mother with Court Ordered Protective Supervision to ensure Mother is complaint with her Domestic Violence classes.

**PLACEMENT:** Melanie should remain in Mother’s home.

**VISITATION:** Father is to attend and successfully complete Domestic Violence/Anger Management classes first before being granted supervised visitation. Melanie should have supervised visitation with Father after Temporary Restraining Order is lifted by court.

**SERVICES FOR CHILD:** Mother will contact Help Me Grow services for Melanie to help determine if there are any physical, social or cognitive delays.

**SERVICES FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS:** Mother will comply with Help Me Grow services for Melanie to help determine if there are any physical, social or cognitive delays. Mother will follow through with any recommendations for Melanie. Father needs to complete and participate in his Domestic Violence program he signed up for in July 2017.

Mother, if agrees to, can sign up for WIC (Women, Infant, and Children), Healthy Start Medicaid, and Ohio Works First Assistance in order to help provide assistance for Melanie. The caseworker can assist in facilitating these services.

**OTHER CONCERNS:**  This CASA has no other concerns at this time.

The CASA reserves the right to orally amend this report during the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

CASA’s First and Last Name, Court Appointed Special Advocate

 Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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