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Worker Name: FSW Washington

Case Name/ID: Mills

Date: _____

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<p>Kim overdosed on meth and lost consciousness while cooking dinner. Ten-year-old Paula was home at the time. Her neighbor heard the fire alarm and had to call the police and open the door. (Kim feels horrible that this happened and that Paula could have been hurt.)</p> <p>Kim had one prior involvement with DCFS due to Paula (age 6 at the time) not being properly clothed and having poor hygiene due to Kim’s meth use.</p> <p>Kim has been diagnosed with borderline personality disorder and attention deficit disorder.</p> <p>Kim stopped attending Narcotics Anonymous (NA) more than two years ago, saying that she “got attached to some guy and he broke her heart.”</p> <p>Kim attributes the overdose incident to a growing depression after losing her job as a salesclerk at a department store. She has been looking for work for more than 14 weeks without finding anything.</p> <p>Paul is in jail.</p>	<p>Kim reports being clean and sober for four years before this incident—a report supported by her sister Donna—during which time Paula came to school clean, on time, and with her work done.</p> <p>In her past voluntary work with the department, Kim worked with her FSW and intensive in-home services specialist, went into drug treatment, and ensured that Paula came to school and was appropriately clothed and bathed.</p> <p>Kim has attended drug treatment in the past, including detox (more than five times) and inpatient substance abuse treatment (twice before this incident). She entered treatment immediately after the incident that led to Paula coming into care.</p> <p>Paula entered a provisional placement with Donna and Ann. She was able to stay in the same school system, and Donna and Paula’s school guidance counselor report that she continues to thrive despite these changes.</p> <p>Kim made a plan with Donna in the past that if anything happened to her, Paula would go stay with her.</p>	

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<p>Paul has a history of substance abuse, and there are worries that he was still using up until he was incarcerated.</p> <p>Kim lacks the coping skills needed to effectively manage her mental health.</p> <p>Kim and her brother have a rocky relationship.</p> <p>Kim's mother doesn't understand how addiction works and thinks that Kim can be cured overnight.</p> <p>Paula is currently separated from her mother.</p>	<p>Kim has a strong support network, and her sister is very involved in her life and helping take care of her and Paula.</p> <p>Paul wants to be involved in the case and was able to attend the TDM meeting via Zoom even though he was incarcerated. (The jail is working with Paul and DCFS to make sure Paul can be involved in the case.)</p> <p>Paula wants to play an active role in her case and the decisions being made about her life. She wants to have her voice heard in family-centered meetings.</p> <p>Sam, Kim's therapist, is willing to attend meetings with Kim and DCFS. Kim has been seeing Sam regularly to help manage her mental health and learn better coping skills. Sam also has perspective into Kim's long-term needs in terms of her sobriety.</p> <p>Kim and Paula have a good bond.</p> <p>Kim is a good parent when sober.</p> <p>Donna and Ann are willing to continue to provide emotional and even financial support while mom gets better.</p>	



This three-column framework is based on the Signs of Safety Assessment and Planning Framework (Turnell and Edwards, 1999; Perth [Australia] Department of Child Protection, 2011); The Consultation and Information Sharing Framework (Lohrbach, 2000); and The Massachusetts Safety Mapping Framework (Chin, Decter, Madsen, and Vogel, 2010).