

(NOTE: This Protective Action is merely a sample of how to document a protective action as provided by the Action for Child Protection Curriculum.)

Protective Action

Worker Name: Tiny Workington
Case Name: Vincent, Naomi
Date: October 25, 2006

Description/Explanation of Safety Threat

Protective action has been taken to assure Sheila's safety while the assessment is being completed. It has been confirmed that Sheila has a broken right arm from what appears to be a twist. She has a history of two previous breaks (arms). The parents cannot explain the injuries. Although they appear concerned, the age of the child and the seriousness of the injuries (which have been described by Dr. Simms as appearing to be non-accidental) indicate the need for protective action until such time as more information can be gathered and the assessment can be completed.

Specifics of Protective Action, Including Caregiver Contact that Is Allowed during the Protective Action

Because the child has been injured while in the care of the parent; the parents cannot explain the injuries; and the injuries appear to be non-accidental, an out of home protective action is necessary until more information can be gathered in the CPS assessment. The family identified a relative, Mrs. Green, Clara's mother. DHS was able to do an emergency certification and Mrs. Green is now the temporary out of home care provider for Sheila. The Vincents will visit the child daily from 3 - 5 pm at Mrs. Green's. Mrs. Green will take Sheila to Dr. Simms' office for appointments that have been set. Additionally, Mrs. Green will report any incident involving the Vincents attempting to depart from the protective action.

Justification of the Suitability of Safety Service Providers

I have spoken at length with Mrs. Green, Clara's mother, who lives at 1325 Oak (approximately 10 miles from the Vincents). Her phone number is 333-3333. She is a retired teacher and lives alone. She has cared for Sheila from time to time and is willing to care for her 24 hours a day for up to a month. Mrs. Green communicates effectively; she is rational, calm and seems reliable. She shares CPS' concern for the lack of explanation for injuries even though she has no explanation either. She has indicated adamantly that she can care for the child without interference from Phil or Clara. She expresses no concern about keeping Sheila safe. She is not interested in financial support. There is no CPS or criminal record on Mrs. Green and she met the criteria for emergency certification. She is physically healthy and able. Her home is adequate. She understands this is a temporary measure.

How CPS Will Provide Oversight of the Protective Action

I will call Mrs. Green routinely and will visit her home weekly. I will attempt to visit sometimes during the time the Vincents are visiting the child. The protective action will be modified if a more intrusive action is necessary.

Provide Rationale for Why Protective Action Will Work and is the Least Intrusive

This plan will assure Sheila's safety given that her care will be accomplished by a responsible caretaker 24 hours a day. Mrs. Green demonstrates sufficient strength and commitment to see the plan work. The Vincents are agreeable and cooperative. They have indicated they prefer this plan rather than Sheila being placed with strangers. They understand that this action will be in place until the assessment can be completed and it is determined if an ongoing safety plan is necessary.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Worker Signature: _____