CASA COURT REPORT

TYPE OF HEARING:

HEARING DATE:

This report is of a confidential nature for the benefit of the Court and may be distributed only to parties to the proceeding.

CHILD'S NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	
Jane Doe	01/01/2011	

DOCKET NUMBER: 00-I-00-000000

PEOPLE INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE SITUATION:

Examples if applicable would be:

Child In Need of Assistance (CINA), parents, foster care providers, DSS case workers, therapist, school guidance counselor, day care provider, etc.

<u>RECORDS REVIEWED</u>:

Examples if applicable would be: DSS files, Individual Education Plan (IEP), school grade records, psychological evaluation, etc.

SITUATION:

This section should include an update of the facts concerning what has occurred since the last court hearing and CASA court report. It should give the Court a snapshot view of the CINA and how they are doing. CASA's role is to report on information that they have gathered. The nature of the information will vary depending on the age and unique circumstances of your CINA. Examples of what to include are as follows:

- Where the CINA is living and length of time in all placements since the last report, as well as how they are doing in the placement (behavior, relationship with care giver and other residents);
- The CINA's age, and physical and emotional health;
- The CINA's school, grade level, attendance, special educational needs, and how they are doing in school (grades, behavior, social interactions);
- Visits, contact and relationship with their parent(s) and family;
- CINA's wishes;
- The parent(s)' wishes and their health, work and living status; and
- The status of items previously ordered by the Court and/or included in a Service Plan Agreement with the Department of Social Services.

ASSESSMENTS:

This section summarizes what the CASA considers to be in the best interest of their CINA, based on the information they have gathered. It pulls together the information shared in the "Situation" and lays out a focused explanation and foundation for their recommendations to the Court that follows this section. The information in this section is unique to every CINA and does not need to be limited to or include all of the following examples of what might be addressed in this section:

- CINA'S future placement;
- Visitation schedule and design for CINA and family members (frequency, level of supervision, etc.)
- An issue that may indicate a possible need for counseling- individual and/or family;

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- Possible need for psychological evaluation for CINA or family member;
- Permanency Plan for the CINA (possible reunification of CINA and family, termination of parental rights, adoption, Another Permanent Planned Living Arrangement, etc.);
- A medical exam of CINA to address a possible observed health problem or developmental delay;
- Need for education services or adjustment in existing services;
- Need for driver's education services or college tours;
- Making arrangements for CINA to explore a real interest that they have and could benefit from participating in (gardening, chess club, wrestling camp).

*CASA bases recommendations on facts gathered and/or a professional opinion that they have read in a report (DSS file, psychological evaluation, IEP, etc.) concerning the case or information that they have gotten from talking to a professional involved in the case. CASAs are not making their own professional psychological, medical, or educational assessments. Facts in the report should be credited to the source (personal observation, conversation with DSS, foster care provider, or CINA).

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>:

CASA respectfully recommends that:

This section includes on average 3 to 5 brief recommendations (can be more or less) to the Court that CASA feels are in the best interest of the CINA. The basis for these recommendations should be supported in the body of the report. Possible examples may include some of the following:

- 1. <u>CINA name should- (status of remaining or not remaining CINA);</u>
- 2. <u>CINA name</u> should- (status of where he/she should reside);
- 3. <u>CINA name</u> should receive individual therapy or family therapy;
- 4. <u>CINA name</u> permanency plan should remain (adoption, reunification, APPLA with independent living services); and
- 5. The case should be reviewed within (three, four, six months, or before the 2012 school year begins, etc.).

Respectfully submitted,

CASA Volunteer		DATE	
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Executive Director		DATE	
	Robin Davenport	_	