

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:

Jane Doe

DATE OF BIRTH:

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.

RECORDS REVIEWED:

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;

