

## SESSION 5 REDD CASE

### COMPLETING A COURT REPORT

In this activity, you will be completing the entire court report using the information you have pertaining to the Redd case. Please feel free to refer back to the sample court report for the Amarillo case that was provided to you in Session 4 for an example. You may be provided with a different template for your court report by your facilitator. Refer back to this template for directions, etc.

### CASA/GAL VOLUNTEER REPORT TO THE COURT

**HEARING DATE:**

**CASE NUMBER:**

**CHILD/REN'S NAMES:**

**DOB:**

**PERSON'S INTERVIEWED**

**RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD**

**ATTEMPTED INTERVIEWS**

**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED**

## **PLACEMENT HISTORY**

**DATE:**

**TYPE:**

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

### **SUMMARY**

*This section is to be written objectively—do not include your own feelings or thoughts—just state the facts. Remember, the summary provides the “evidence for the recommendations you will be making to the court.*

### **PERMANENCY PLAN:**

*The goal of permanency planning is to provide a child with a safe, stable environment in which to grow up, while in the care of a nurturing caregiver, who is committed to a life-long relationship with that child. This plan is extremely important if the child is not currently living in a permanent home. Please identify one of the following permanency planning options. Consult with your CASA/GAL Supervisor for additional options within your CASA/GAL program jurisdiction.*

1. Reunification: return to the home of the parent, guardian, or legal custodian
2. Adoption
3. Third party custody with someone other than the parent
4. Dependency guardianship

### **RECOMMENDATIONS (please continue to the next page for additional space as needed)**

*Remember, recommendations to the court are written to reflect the child’s best interests and are the result of the CASA/GAL volunteer’s work. The judge will decide whether or not to order the recommendations, so it is important to write recommendations that are concise, clear and backed by evidence that you have collected and reviewed.*

