



Sam's Story – Access Report Highlights

Family Composition:

Samantha “Sam,” Reference Person/Biological Mom/Alleged Maltreater 28 y/o

Jake, Significant Other/ Non-Household Member 33 y/o

Alex, Biological Child/Alleged Victim 3 y/o

Alleged Maltreatment: Neglect (A/N Code); Threatened Abuse/Neglect (Description)

Primary Concern

Sam is allowing her 3 y/o son to live with and have unsupervised contact with a registered sex offender.

Sam has been living at Salvation Army for the last two months. She has been observed to eat meals with her significant other, Jake. Jake goes by the nickname “Shadow” and he is a registered sex offender (3rd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child). Jake is no longer on “paper” (i.e., he is not being supervised by a probation agent through DOC and therefore there are no restrictions regarding his contact with children). Jake is allowed to eat meals at the shelter; however, he cannot stay at the shelter due to his status. Alex is frequently observed to be sitting in Jake’s lap during mealtime and there have been occasions when Jake was suspected to be alone with Alex. For example, Jake has been observed walking to the shelter holding Alex’s hand while they walk down the street, or carrying him and hugging him.

Sam has resided at Salvation Army before and she is aware of the rules re: Jake’s status and related ability to stay at the shelter. She is frustrated with the rules and has made staff aware of her frustrations. One week ago she left the shelter without any notice. She returned on today’s date and was filling out paperwork

when she was overheard asking Jake, “What’s our number?” She was also overhead telling Alex to refer to Jake as “daddy.” The primary concern is Sam has a history of making “bad choices.” She lacks effort and follow-through and she recently discontinued parenting services she was offered through the local family resource center. While she was at the shelter she was routinely heard yelling at Alex and at times being physically aggressive with him (there were/are no known injuries). Overall, Sam experiences a great deal of stress with parenting. It is suspected she would rely on others to provide parenting of her child, including Jake, whom she is likely living with right now.

History & Screening Decision:

Sam has a significant CPS Hx:

Two older children now 6 and 4 who were removed from her care in 2007. The 6 y/o male was placed with her parents and they now have guardianship of him. The 4 y/o was placed in OHC and was later adopted. Jurisdiction in both cases for the older children was neglect.

Six prior CPS reports since Alex’s birth in 2009-present; five screened out, one unsubstantiated (1 year prior).

Supervisor Screening Decision: Screen In

Response Time: Within 5 business days

Reason: Screen In- CA/N Primary- Alternative Response

Explanation: “The possible risk identified in the referral is of concern considering Ms. Smith’s history of co-dependency, coupled with her current homelessness. There are additional concerns about Ms. Smiths’ protective capacities given the information in the referral.”