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Case File



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Getting to Know Your Case

Alison Jones is a real child in the dependency system; you were assigned as her CASA on November 1, 2016, after the 6-month hearing that was held in October 2016.

Since being assigned as her CASA, you have taken 6 months' worth of notes – on whom spoken to and when, and all the information you have gathered. For training purposes, you will be preparing a CASA report for Alison's 12 Month Status Review Hearing. After you have completed the Court Report Writing class in AU, you will then take the information from the notes, and type it into the appropriate boxes on the Court Report Template that will be sent to you during training.

Over the next week, you should read the contents of this file. Start with the Social Services Practitioner's 6-Month Hearing Report, then the Social Services Practitioner's 6-Month Addendum Report – this will give you the history of how Alison ended up in the dependency system.

**YOUR CASE NOTES AS
ALISON'S CASA**



CASA Notes

Child(ren)'s Name: Alison Jones Petition #: RIJ1234567

| Date: | Type of Contact | Person's Contacted: | Notes: |
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| 11/10/2016 | Files Reviewed | Advocacy Supervisor (AS), Julie Woodruff | Received Welcome Packet and case documents from Julie. Reviewed all reports and minute orders. I thanked Julie and let her know I would contact her once I have reviewed all the documents. |
| 11/14/2016 | Phone Calls Email | Social services practitioner, Brianna Miller Attorney, Ruth Maher Foster Parent, Georgia McNally AS, Julie Woodruff | Called Social services practitioner to introduce myself. She told me that Alison will be placed with her mother soon. Spoke with minor's attorney, Ruth Maher, to introduce myself. Called Ms. McNally. We scheduled my first visit for Thursday, 11/17, afternoon. Emailed Julie an update. |
| 11/17/2016 | CASA Visit | Foster Parent, Georgia McNally Alison | I spoke with Ms. McNally before Alison joined us. She was familiar with CASA. I provided her with my assignment paperwork and VFC's 'Guide to CASAs' brochure. Ms. McNally informed me of a Child and Family Team meeting (CFTM) on 11/21. Alison joined us. She has medium-length dark hair and dark brown eyes and wears glasses. I explained my role and got her to open up a bit. She was friendly and answered my questions. We chatted for about 20 minutes. She said she likes to draw and listen to music. I suggested we go out for a quick meal this weekend but she said |

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| | Phone Call | AS | that she visits with her mom on the weekends. We scheduled our first outing for Monday, 11/28. I called Julie to update her and inform her of Monday's CFTM. She and I will both attend. |
| 11/21/2016 | Child and Family Team Meeting | | Attended CFTM with Julie. Alison, mother, father, caregiver, social services practitioner (SSP), SSP supervisor, and mental health staff were present. Mom's therapist attended via phone. All agreed that Alison will begin overnight visits with mother on weekends Fri-Mon and after four successful overnights, will move in with mother (possibly 12/2). Alison and mother were very pleased. Dad expressed some concerns, that Alison have supervision outside of school, no longer AWOL, begin individual therapy again, etc. All present reminded Alison that she needs to be responsible for herself by getting good grades and being in school. Also empowered mom to set boundaries and be the parent, not just a friend. Holiday visit was granted. I shared with the team that I had just met Alison yesterday and that our first outing is scheduled for 11/28 and will then visit alternating weeks. Alison wants to go to VFC holiday party on 12/10 which mom said would be fine. Alison made promises to stay in school and do well. The MH representative recommended a group for teens and parents that mom and Alison may attend in upcoming months. Team also decided that once Alison is ready to have visits with her father, they could perhaps include younger half-siblings and be located at a park with a therapist. I was provided with a copy of the service plan that was developed. After the meeting, Julie reminded me that only information noted in the plan can be included in my court report due to confidentiality. |
| 11/27/2016 | Phone Call | Foster Parent, Georgia McNally | Called Ms. McNally and confirmed tomorrow's visit with Alison. She told me that Alison is set to move to her mother's on Thursday, 12/1. |

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| 11/28/2016 | CASA Visit | Foster Parent, Georgia McNally | <p>I spoke briefly with Ms. McNally before Alison and I left the home. I let her know where we were going and by what time I should have her home.</p> <p>Alison was not hesitant to leave the home with me but did not offer suggestions as to where we should go. I suggested that we stroll around the mall and grab a drink from Starbucks. We went to the Starbucks inside Barnes & Noble and also went to Bath & Body Works, where we smelled the different lotions and fragrances. I asked Alison how her weekend visit with her mom was and she said "fine". She said that she is moving to her mom's house this Thursday.</p> |
| 11/29/2016 | School Visit | Registrar | <p>I provided my CASA paperwork to the school's registrar. She provided me with Alison's transcript and attendance record. She also added me as an emergency contact in Alison's file.</p> |
| | Email | Counselor, Kathy Reyes | <p>Alison's counselor, Kathy Reyes, was in the office so I spoke with her briefly to introduce myself. Ms. Reyes informed me that Alison was doing very poorly academically, with several failing grades.</p> |
| | Voicemail | AS | <p>Provided Julie a brief update. I told her that both Alison and Ms. McNally said that Alison will be placed with her mother on Thursday. Julie suggested I call social services practitioner to confirm and obtain mother's address.</p> |
| | | Social services practitioner | <p>I left a message for Ms. Miller.</p> |
| 12/1/2016 | Phone Call | Social services practitioner | <p>Ms. Miller called to tell me that she dropped Alison at her mother's earlier that day. She provided me with mother's address and number. Mother lives with her father (Alison's grandfather) and her adult son in Riverside. I informed Ms. Miller that I would</p> |

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| | | | not be seeing Alison until I take her to the holiday party on 12/10 so that I allow Alison time to settle in. |
| 12/9/2016 | Phone Call | Mother, Tracey Graham | I called Ms. Graham to see how things are going thus far and to confirm tomorrow's outing with Alison. |
| 12/10/2016 | Visit | Alison | When I picked up Alison for our outing, Ms. Graham was not home. Alison came out to my car. She seemed to enjoy the holiday party, mostly the gift of the Target gift cards. On the way back to her house, Alison mentioned that she and her mom planned to move out of her grandfather's home. |
| | Voicemail | SSP, Brianna Miller | I left a voicemail for Ms. Miller to confirm that Ms. Graham and Alison are moving from the grandfather's home. |
| 12/14/2016 | Small Group | | I attended the VFC small group in Riverside from 12-1:30pm. |
| 12/25/2016 | Text | Mother, Tracey Graham | I sent a text to Ms. Graham wishing her, Alison and the family a happy holiday. I asked if Alison would like to have a visit tomorrow. We decided on 1:30pm. |
| 12/26/2016 | Visit | Alison | I arrived at the home at the scheduled time. I suggested that Alison and I go to the mall to walk around and maybe grab lunch. She said she didn't feel like it. I tried chatting with her a bit about how the holiday was and whether she got any gifts. She did not seem interested so I cut the visit short. I was there for approximately 20 minutes. |
| | Voicemail | SSP, Brianna Miller | I left another voicemail for Ms. Miller. |
| 1/3/2017 | Voicemail | Mother | I left a voicemail for Ms. Graham wishing her a happy new year and asking to schedule a visit with Alison. |
| 1/9/2017 | Voicemail & Text | Mother | I left a voicemail for Ms. Graham regarding scheduling a visit with Alison. I followed up with a text. |

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| | Voicemail | SSP | I left a voicemail for Ms. Miller informing her that I have not heard back from Ms. Graham and would like to get an update on the case. |
| 1/27/2017 | Continuing Education | | I attended the Real World panel in Palm Desert. (1.5 hours) |
| 1/31/2017 | 60-day Meeting | AS, Julie Woodruff | I met with Julie at her office. I told her that I have not seen Alison since 12/26 and that the visit only lasted 20 minutes. I also reported that despite my attempted contacts, I have not heard back from SSP in over a month. Julie said that she will email SSP. |
| 2/3/2017 | Phone Call | AS, Julie Woodruff | Julie called to tell me that she heard back from SSP. Apparently Alison had asked SSP if she can stop working with a CASA since she is now living with her mother. Alison and Ms. Graham moved in with Ms. Graham's boyfriend and their young daughter, Marissa, on January 3. Julie provided me the new address. SSP told Julie that Alison has a new female therapist as of this month with whom Alison is much more open to working. She is still participating in online homeschooling. SSP thinks Ms. Graham would benefit from a parent partner. Julie explained that a parent partner is a mother or father who experienced the child welfare system and successfully reunified with their children, and now works for DPSS providing support to parents who are currently involved in the child welfare system. Julie said that SSP will encourage Alison and Ms. Graham to engage with me this month. |
| 2/8/2017 | Phone Call | Mother | I called Ms. Graham to schedule a visit with Alison. She was friendly. We decided on 2/16 at 3pm. |
| 2/15/2017 | Text | Mother | I sent a text to Ms. Graham confirming tomorrow's visit. She confirmed. |
| 2/16/2017 | Visit | Mother | I spoke to Ms. Graham in the living room before Alison and I left. The house was clean. I could see the backyard from where I sat. It was spacious and had lots of grass. She Alison enjoys playing with |

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| | | Alison | <p>Marisa out back. We addressed her previous lack of contact. She said she had been busy with the move, and she seemed more willing to work with me moving forward. I asked Ms. Graham how things had been going and she indicated that she recently had to take away Alison's phone for a weekend because of inappropriate texting.</p> <p>I asked Alison if I could see her room. She said it's too messy because Marissa's toys were all over the floor. I asked how she liked her new living situation. She said she likes it because there is more space. She said she just wished she had her own room. I asked if she misses her grandpa and brother and she said she still sees them like every week. During the visit, Alison still seemed somewhat resistant to my involvement. She said that her hesitation is not because she doesn't want to see me but rather she just wants to be a "normal" kid. I said that I understood and that I am here to assist in the success of reunification with her mom. We agreed to limit our visits to once a month. I was at the home for about an hour. Our next visit is scheduled for 3/1.</p> |
| 2/21/2017 | Phone Calls | SSP, Brianna Miller AS, Julie Woodruff | <p>Ms. Miller called to inform me that a CFTM was scheduled for 3/2 at 10am.</p> <p>I called Julie to provide update and CFTM details. She will attend with me.</p> |
| 2/24/2017 | Phone Call | AS, Julie Woodruff | Julie called to inform me that she received a call from Karen at DPSS who said that CFTM was rescheduled to 3/10 at 1pm at the Metro office. |
| 3/1/2017 | Visit | Alison | I picked up Alison at her home. Before we went out the door, Ms. Graham asked Alison to add a shirt to her thin undershirt before going out in public. Alison said, "Okay, mom" and begrudgingly did as she was asked. We went glow-in-the-dark mini golfing and had |

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| | | | <p>a great time. Afterwards, we went to Dairy Queen for some sweet treats. For our next visit, she said she wanted to go the batting cages so she can practice. When I inquired further, she said she wants to play softball and said her mother is getting her signed up on a team.</p> |
| 3/3/2017 | Continuing Education | | <p>I attended an 8-hr Mental Health First Aid workshop. Julie was present and said she would give me the CE credit.</p> |
| 3/10/2017 | CFT Meeting | AS, Julie Woodruff | <p>Julie and I attended today's CFTM. Alison likes her new therapist. They meet weekly and sessions will continue for another 3 months. She is still making up credits via online program and plans to go back to Pilgrim High School in the fall. Alison expressed desire to see her younger half-siblings. Mr. Jones appeared reluctant to allow such visits, and indicated he has difficulty in scheduling them. Mr. Jones is authorized to have monthly visits with Alison but Alison does not want to see him. Mr. Jones would like to begin visits with Alison in a therapeutic setting. He has reached out to Alison's therapist to be included via phone when therapist feels it is appropriate. SSP, Ms. Miller, said that co-parenting and the communication between Ms. Graham and Mr. Jones is the main safety concern that must be addressed before the case can close. The service plan included continued visits with CASA.</p> <p>After the CFTM, Julie and I went out for coffee to debrief. I asked what can be done to ensure visits between Alison and her paternal half-sisters take place. Julie explained that because the sisters are not dependents of the Court, Mr. Jones would need to be willing for the visits to take place. We both feel that once Alison and Mr. Jones begin conjoint therapy, he will be more comfortable with her seeing the younger girls.</p> |

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| 4/2/2017 | Visit | Alison | <p>I picked Alison up at noon. We went to Agave for lunch and had a nice conversation. She told me about her English class and how she's learning more about historical literature. I asked her about how she feels things are going. Alison said her mom has really started "laying down the law" when Alison goes against the house rules. I asked her what she meant. She said her mom will take away her phone when she's not focusing on her school work and redirects her when she speaks ill of another family member. Alison was smiling begrudgingly as she said all this. She is excited to go to Universal Studios with her mother next weekend. I asked her if she has seen her father since last month's CFTM and she said 'no', adding "and that's fine by me." I asked her if we could have another visit before her court hearing on 5/3. She said she would like that.</p> |
| | | Mother | <p>When I dropped Alison off, I spoke with Ms. Graham regarding my court report for the upcoming hearing. She said that Alison has a well-child exam on 4/21, and that she is scheduling a dentist appointment for Alison in May. Ms. Graham also told me that Alison is prescribed Prozac (30mg) for her depression but stopped taking Seroquel in February because Alison didn't feel she needed it. Alison will see the psychiatrist on 5/8.</p> <p>Ms. Graham showed me Alison's report card. She received an 89.23% in History and an 81.67% in Biology. She is currently enrolled in World History, English and P.E. When she completes these classes in May 2017, she will be enrolled in two math classes. Presuming she passes those, she will have accumulated 100 credits and plans to return to Pilgrim High School so she can get her diploma with her friends.</p> <p>We scheduled my next visit for 4/29.</p> |

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| 4/7/17 | Phone call | New therapist, Rachel Moore | Ms. Graham provided me with Alison's new therapist's name and number. I called her to learn about Alison's participation and goals. Rachel Moore said she had met with Alison for four sessions. One of Ms. Moore's goals is to include Alison's father, James Jones, in future sessions to address past history and develop a healthy bond. Ms. Moore said she imagines this goal may not take place for some time. |
| 4/12/2017 | Court Report | | Finished up my court report and sent it to Julie and rcvolunteer@speakupnow.org . I told Julie that I was still waiting to hear back from SSP with her recommendations for parents' services as well as who holds educational rights. Julie replied and said that the parents' educational rights were never limited so they hold them. She also clarified that only Ms. Graham is receiving services at this point because Mr. Jones waived his services in November 2016. Julie said she would send Ms. Miller an email inquiring as to what she will be recommending as to Ms. Graham's services. |
| 4/19/2017 | Phone Call | AS, Julie Woodruff | Julie called me with some questions regarding my report. I told her that I think Alison's therapist would like to continue services with hopes of involving Mr. Jones, and that I think Ms. Graham will keep Alison in therapy whether or not the Court is involved. I said that Alison is doing well and that she and her mother went to Knott's last week, which I feel is beneficial for Alison as she thrives with time and attention from her mother. |
| 4/20/2017 | Phone Call | SSP, Brianna Miller | Ms. Miller called me. We both agree that there are no longer any unresolved safety concerns. Ms. Miller told me she will be recommending that the case close with continued therapy for Alison and her parents, and that Family Law orders to be set. |

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| 4/21/2017 | Email | AS, Julie Woodruff | Julie forwarded me a nice message that Ms. Miller sent her. "CASA has been so awesome working with this family and they have grown to love and appreciate her..." |
| 4/29/2017 | Visit | Alison | I picked up Alison and took her out for a bite to eat. We went for a walk in a nearby park after. She said she plans to attend next week's court hearing with her mother. She is excited for the case to close. |
| 5/1/2017 | Small Group | | Attended Small Group in Riverside office from 9-10:30. |

- **This tool is intended to be a helpful way to keep track of your case information. This will make writing your court report easier.**

SSP REPORT

6 MONTH REVIEW

HEARING

Riverside County DPSS-CPS/
Command Post
23119 Cottonwood Avenue, Bldg A,
2nd Floor, Moreno Valley, California
92553 Brianna Miller, CSSW
3329-S. MIL
DSS No. A123456

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
RIVERSIDE
9991 County Farm Road, Riverside California,
92503

W&IC 366.21(E) SIX MONTH STATUS REVIEW REPORT

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| <u>Hearing Date</u> | <u>Hearing Time</u> | <u>Dept./Room</u> | <u>Hearing Type/Subtype</u> |
| 10/20/2016 | 08:00am | J4 | 366.21 (e) 6 month review / 300 |

IN THE MATTER OF

Name

Alison Jones

Date of Birth

09/15/2001

Age

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Sex

F

Court Number F

RIJ1234567

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Public Social Services respectfully recommends that the child, Alison Jones, continue as a dependent of the Riverside County Juvenile Court pursuant to Sections 300 (b) and (d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. That the child, Alison Jones, remain placed in out of home care, in licensed foster care, relative care, or licensed facility suitable to meet her needs. The Court continue to offer the Family Reunification services to the mother, Ms. Tracey Graham, with the authorization to return Alison to her care in a plan of Family Maintenance within the next reporting period. It is also recommended that Family Reunification services continue to be offered to the father, Mr. James Jones. Visitation between the child, Alison Jones, and her father, Mr. Jones, be as directed by the Department and shall be supervised by the Department or an adult approved of by the Department. It is also recommended that the Court find that ICWA does not apply.

A copy of this report will be mailed to the parents 15 days prior to the Court hearing.

1 CHILD' S WHEREABOUTS

2 On October 4, 2016, the child was placed in Safe House child's shelter. As of the writing of this
3 report, the child continues to be placed in the shelter. The address is to remain confidential for the
4 safety and anonymity.

5 PARENTS

| <u>Name/ Birthdate</u> | <u>Address/ Phone</u> | <u>Relationship/To Whom</u> |
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| Tracey Graham 01/23/1980 | CONFIDENTIAL | Mother/Alison |
| James Jones 07/21/1980 | CONFIDENTIAL | Father/Alison |

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13 INTERPRETER

| <u>Interpreter Requires</u> | <u>Language</u> | <u>For Whom</u> |
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| None required | English | All Parties |

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18 ATTORNEYS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address/Phone</u> | <u>Representing</u> |
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| Ruth Maher | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | Alison Jones |
| Amanda Szydowski | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | Tracey Graham |
| Tara Pernot | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | James Jones |
| Michelle Whitehead | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | Child Welfare |

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT STATUS

The Indian Child Welfare Act does not apply. At the continued Jurisdictional/Dispositional hearing held on June 8, 2016, the Court ordered that ICWA does not apply. On October 4, 2016, the mother, Ms. Graham, reported no Native American Ancestry. On October 4, 2016, the father, Mr. Johnson, reported no Native American Ancestry. It is respectfully requested that the Court find that ICWA does not apply.

NOTICES

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Relationship</u> | <u>Method</u> | <u>Notice Date</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Tracey Graham | Mother | First Class Mail | 09/15/2016 |
| James Jones | Father | First Class Mail | 09/15/2016 |
| Ruth Maher | Attorney/ Child | Notice Given By Court | 09/23/2016 |
| Amanda Szydlowski | Attorney/Mother | Notice Given By Court | 09/23/2016 |
| Tara Pernot | Attorney/Father | Notice Given By Court | 09/23/2016 |
| Alison Jones | Client | First Class Mail | 09/15/2016 |

The child, Alison Jones, was informed of her right to attend the scheduled hearing for October 20, 2016, and she stated that she would like to be present for the hearing. Upon locating long term placement, Alison's caregivers will be informed of the hearing and ensure that they provide transportation for Alison.

SEARCH RESULTS/HISTORY

Not applicable.

1 **LEGAL HISTORY**

2 **300 WIC Subsection(s)**

3 Alison - 300(b)(d)

4 **Initial Removal**

Alison - 3/16/2016

Initial Detention Order

Alison - 3/21/2016

Initial Jurisdiction Finding

Alison - 06/08/2016

5 **Initial Disposition Order**

Alison - 06/08/2016

Initial 364 FM Review

Second 364 FM Review

6 **Initial 366.21 (e) 6 Month**

FR Review

7 **Initial 366.21 (f) 12 Month**

FR Review

Initial 366.22 18 Month

FR Review

8 **Initial 366.25 24 Month**

FR Review

Initial 366.3 PP Review

Initial NMD Review

9 **FR Services Terminated**

Non-Reunification Ordered

10 **Initial Permanent Plan; Type/Date Ordered**

**Current Permanent Plan;Type/
Date**

11 **Additional Legal History**

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14 There is no known additional legal history involving this family.

15 **REASON FOR HEARING**

16 The hearing calendered for October 20, 2016, is a W&IC 366.21(e) Six Month Status Review hearing,
17 on a first amended original W&IC 300 petition filed on March 18, 2016, in Juvenile Dependency Court as to
18 Sections 300 (b) and (g) on behalf of the child, Alison Jones. Dependency for this case was established on June
19 8, 2016.

20 On March 7, 2016, a referral was received by the Department of Public Social Services, Children's
21 Services Division, in regards to the family currently before the Court. The referral alleged sexual abuse and
22 general neglect of the minor, Alison Jones (14). It was reported that the child, Alison, stated that her father
23 touched her inappropriately when he thought she was asleep. It was reported that Alison stated that she has
24 not talked to anyone about the incident. Alison was living with her father, stepmother, and two younger step
25 siblings. It was reported that Alison's stepmother was on her way to pick her up from school. It was reported
26 that Alison was missing from Friday afternoon until Friday night at 10:30pm. It was reported that there have
27 been problems at home between Alison and her parents.

28 Throughout the course of the investigation, there appeared to be many issues with the consistency
and reliability of the child's statements as she has made allegations of sexual abuse, recants her allegations of
sexual abuse, and again makes allegations of sexual abuse against her father. The Department has the
inability to determine what the real truth is as the child has not made consistent statements. A safety plan
was implemented between the custodial parent, the father, and the child to attempt to mitigate the issues via
adequate boundary setting and counseling services; however, this was ineffective. The child no longer felt
safe in the home of the father and step-mother. The child was refusing to return home to her custodial parent,
the father, and has threatened to harm herself should she be forced to return to the father's care. As a result,
the child was taken into protective custody.

At the Detention Hearing on March 21, 2016, the Court found Prima Facie on all allegations and
made 319(b)(1) findings to the parents. The Court found James Jones the presumed father to the child, Alison
Jones. The Court found that ICWA does not apply. The Court ordered visitation between the child and the
parents to occur at a minimum of one time per week. The Court ordered services for the mother and father to
include parenting education classes, counseling, and the Department to determine if the mother needs
substance abuse treatment. The Jurisdiction/Disposition Hearing was calendered for April 20, 2016.

1 At the Jurisdiction/Disposition Hearing held on April 20,2016, the matter was continued to allow the
2 Department time to respond back to concerns regarding psychotropic medication that had been prescribed
3 for Alison. The child's Counsel advised the Court it had concerns of Alison having expressed harming herself
4 with the use of psychotropic medication, Prozac, that she was currently prescribed. Additionally, there was a request
5 for the psychotropic medication, Seroquel, to be added to Alison's medication regimen. The Court requested
6 further clarification as to what Alison's medication regime consist of. Furthermore, the parent's attorneys
7 expressed concerns with postings Alison has made on Facebook and her overall health. The Court ordered a
8 clothing allowance in the amount of \$300.00 for the child, Alison. Additionally, the Court ordered a CASA
9 referral be provided. The Court ordered Alison's cell phone usage restricted. Alison was required to turn in her
10 cell phone daily at 9:00pm until 7:00am. The Court ordered regular and frequent visits between the child,
11 Alison and the father, Mr. Jones, to be once per week in a therapeutic setting. The Court was satisfied with the
12 medication that the Department deemed appropriate.

13 On September 23, 2016, a hearing was held regarding an Ex-Parte filed by mother's counsel regarding
14 the child, Alison Jones, and her school of origin. The Court ordered for the child, Alison Jones, to be present for
15 the hearing. The Court ordered forthwith for the child, Alison Jones, to have her eyeglasses replaced. The Court
16 ordered for Alison to be evaluated by an optometrist if necessary. The Court ordered forthwith for the
17 Department to enroll the child, Alison Jones, back in her school of origin, Pilgrim High School. The child, Alison
18 Jones, was ordered to return to Pilgrim High School as of next week. Additionally, the Court ordered for the
19 mother, Ms. Graham, to participate in unsupervised visits with Alison twice a week.

20 **PATERNITY/LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS**

21 The mother, Ms. Graham, and the father, Mr. Jones, have both reported to the Department that Mr.
22 Jones is the father of the child, Alison Jones. Mr. Jones is listed on Alison's birth certificate as the father. At the
23 Detention hearing on March 21, 2016, the Court found Mr. Jones to be the presumed father of the child, Alison
24 Jones.

25 **FAMILY LAW STATUS**

26 There is a family law case documented under case number RID123456. The previous Family Law Orders
27 stipulate the father, James Jones, has primary and sole custody of Alison. The mother, Tracey Graham, is to see
28 Alison under therapy sessions only.

29 **FAMILY ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

30 **Current Family Circumstances**

31 **The Mother, Ms. Graham**

32 Ms. Graham is the 36 year old mother of the child, Alison Jones. Ms. Graham resides in the city of
33 Riverside, CA with the maternal grandfather and her adult son, who is also Mr. Jones' biological son. Ms. Graham
34 has asked for her address to remain confidential due to her temolitious relationship with Mr. Jones and his
35 current wife, Ms. Brittany Jones. Ms. Graham has reportedly maintained employment this reporting period and
36 this serves as her source of income. Ms. Graham has maintained consistent contact with the Department this
37 reporting period to ensure the safety and well being of her child, Alison.

38 During meetings with Ms. Graham she has expressed her desire to have Alison returned to her care.
39 She disclosed that she has not been able to be present in Alison's earlier years and has been working hard to
40 have a relationship with her. Ms. Graham reported that she has a good support system and is focused on
41 working, completing her case plan, developing a healthy relationship with Alison and hopefully having her
42 returned to her care.

43 Ms. Graham has denied any negative contact with Law Enforcement this reporting period. On October
44 4, 2016, a search of the Riverside Superior Court website showed that Ms. Graham has not had any negative
45 contact with Law Enforcement this reporting period. A call was placed to the Riverside Sheriff's Warrant Desk
46 and showed that Ms. Graham does not have any active warrants in the database. The mother reported that she
47 was arrested in 2002 for burglary and a DUI; and in 2010, the mother was arrested for another DUI. Ms. Graham
48 reported there has been no other arrest since then.

1 **The father, Mr. Jones**

2 Mr. Jones is the 36-year-old father of the child, Alison Jones. Mr. Jones is married to his
3 current wife, whom he has known since he was fifteen years old. Together they have two children. Mr.
4 Jones relocated during this reporting period and has asked that his address remain confidential due to
5 his complicated relationship with the mother, Ms. Graham. Mr. Jones has maintained employment this
6 reporting period and consistent contact with the Department pertaining to the status of this case.

7 During meetings with the father, he has expressed his concern about Alison's behaviors and
8 safety since being placed in foster care. Mr. Jones has expressed his desire to have Alison returned to
9 his care. The concerns and safety issues held by the Department with Alison being returned to the care
10 of Mr. Jones have been explained to him. However, Mr. Jones has expressed that he would prefer to
11 have Alison placed in a group home before being returned to the care of the mother, Ms. Graham.

12 During this reporting period, Mr. Jones has not had any negative contact with Law
13 Enforcement. This was verified by a search of Riverside County Superior Court website, which showed
14 that Mr. Johnson does not have any current or historical criminal history. A call was placed to the
15 Riverside County Sheriff's warrant desk on October 4, 2016, and it was learned that Mr. Jones does not
16 have any current warrants in the database.

17 **Evaluation of Child**

18 **Regarding: Alison Jones**

19 **Medical:**

20 The child, Alison Jones, continues to be an overall healthy child as indicated by her most recent
21 medical appointment completed on May 12, 2016. Her medical Services were provided at LaSelle
22 Medical Group which is located at 565 N. Mount Vernon Ave, San Bernardino, CA, 92411; (909)
23 884-9091. Alison was noted as being 62 inches tall and weighing 150 pounds. Alison's blood
24 pressure was 112/73 and her Hgb 13.7 and BMI %95. Alison has been diagnosed with Acne
25 Vulgaris and has been prescribed medication that she applies to her face daily to address this.
26 Alison is current on her immunizations.

27 Alison has her dental needs provided by Dental Associates of Riverside which is located at 3487
28 Central Ave, Riverside, CA, 92506. The telephone number is (951) 369-1001. Alison needs to
receive a dental appointment, which will occur once she is placed in a long term placement.
On September 23, 2016, a hearing was held regarding an Ex-Parte filed by mother's counsel
regarding the child, Alison Jones, and her school of origin. A forthwith order was made for Alison
to receive eyeglasses. Alison was taken to Charles A. Jansen O.D. located at 4000 Tyler St,
Riverside, CA, 92503; (951) 687-7100. Her glasses were approved for order as of September 28,
2016, and are expected to be available for pick up as of October 19, 2016.

29 **Developmental:**

30 Alison is a 15 year old female that has hopes of one day becoming a high school teacher for
31 English. She loves to read, specifically, Shakespeare. She wants to share her love of Shakespeare
32 to other children. She wants to attend college at New York University (NYU) or Arizona State
33 University (ASU). Alison is logical, has leadership qualities and is a very smart teen; however, she
34 has been making choices that have not been in her overall best interest. Since Alison has been
35 placed in out of home care she seems to be rebelling in that she has been running away from
36 placement, having unprotected sex with different males, using marijuana, posting inappropriate
37 pictures and material on social media, getting into physical altercations with peers, and being
38 defiant to her caregivers, parents and persons of authority. Alison has been seen multiple times
wearing inappropriate clothing and having dark "hickies" on her neck in the design of a
necklace. However, Alison is demonstrating age appropriate behaviors as evidenced by her
presenting as if she is invincible and being assertive in pushing her limits too far. Alison is at the
age of finding herself and is attempting to define herself. Alison has not demonstrated concern
about her hygiene, and has been demonstrating extreme impulsiveness, fantasizing to escape
her feelings, and being involved in unstable relationships. It was believed that Alison would
benefit from a change of placement to assist in helping her become focused and mitigating risky
behaviors. As of the writing of this report the Department continues to locate a placement for
Alison within the city of Riverside, CA. Alison has been added to the list with CASA for her to be
matched with a CASA. In speaking with CASA manager, Julie Woodruff, she reported that
Alison's referral continues to remain active; however, there is no one at this time she can be
matched with. A new group of CASA workers will be graduating in November or December of
2016 and if a match is possible she will be linked with a CASA at that time

Educational:

During this reporting period, Alison was attending school at Indian Springs High School which is located at 650 N. Del Rosa Dr, San Bernardino, CA; (909) 383-1360. While attending this school at the end of the last school year, Alison began ditching school with her friends. She was counseled and advised against this behavior if she planned to return to the school next school year. Alison began her 10th grade school year at Indian Springs High School as of August 2, 2016, within the first three weeks of school; Alison was considered a "non-attende", as she was randomly ditching different classes or ditching school for the entire day and being suspended. On August 26, 2016, a meeting was held at Indian Springs High School with Alison, Ms. Graham, Mr. Jones, and Alison's previous caregiver, the undersigned and Vice Principal, Ms. Palmer, to discuss Alison's behaviors at school. It was explained to Alison by the group that she has a support system that is worried about her general and overall well-being and there was great concern about her recent behaviors. It was decided that Alison would be placed on a 504 plan due to her taking medication and this allowing her to receive more services for the duration of her school career, even college. Additionally, Alison was to be enrolled into bi-weekly support group through the school. She was assigned a Positive Behavioral Intervention System specialist (PBIS) that would work with Alison daily and ensure that she attend all her classes. This is carried out by campus security. Alison was signed up to participate in tutoring through the school which was offered Monday through Thursday for one hour after school. An email was developed for the parents to have contact with Alison's teachers throughout the day, see if she was attending class or ditching school, and assignments Alison needed to complete or was missing. Lastly, Alison was to report to the office every morning and receive a sign-in pass which required her to have her teachers sign her in and out of class to verify she was attending all of her classes. On September 23, 2016, it was Court ordered for the child, Alison Jones, to return to her school of origin, Pilgrim High School. Pilgrim High School is located in Riverside. Alison was enrolled and able to attend Pilgrim High School as of September 30, 2016. Alison is transported daily to and from the school by the Department. The parents Mr Jones and Ms. Graham hold her educational rights, and this continues to be appropriate.

Mental & Emotional Status:

Alison had a mental health assessment completed on March 31, 2016, and continues to meet medical necessity for services. Alison participates in bi-monthly therapy with her therapist of the past two years, Dr. Bruce Williams through Children's Treatment Services (CTS). Dr. Williams has been working with Alison on trauma issues surrounding her abuse, effective communication, grief and loss issues and increased sense of self and self-esteem. Another referral has been made to CTS for Alison to receive another therapist as she has expressed that she does not feel that she is getting anything out of therapy any longer working with this therapist. Additionally, she has been refusing to participate in therapy with Dr. Williams. Another individual therapist is being matched with Alison. It has been Court ordered for Alison to participate in therapy with Dr. Williams and it is requested that the Court change the order to allow Alison to be matched to another therapist. Alison is seen monthly by Dr. Reed for psychiatric services in the form of medication evaluations and monitoring. Alison is currently prescribed, Prozac 10mg, 3 tablets once a day in the morning. On May 12, 2016, a JV-223 was presented to the Court and approved for the child, Alison Jones, to take the aforementioned medication for the next six months. Please refer to Attachment B for the JV 224.

OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT

Placement History:

| <u>Child's Name</u> | <u>Date of Original Placement</u> | <u>Date of Current Placement</u> | <u>Total Number of Placements</u> | <u>Child Ever Return Home</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alison Jones | 03/06/2016 | 10/4/2016 | 2 | No |

During this reporting period, the child, Alison Jones, has been in two different placements. Alison is current placed in a children's shelter, which is temporary placement. As of the writing of this report the Department continues to search for a placement for Alison within the city of Riverside, CA, allowing for her to attend her school of origin.

Out of home placement continues to be necessary for the child, Alison Jones, as neither she nor her parents have been able to work through the issues that led their family to the attention of the Department and the Court. The parents, Ms. Graham and Mr. Jones, have made progress toward their case plans; however, the Department has concerns regarding the parent's ability to work together with the common goal of what is in the best of Alison, without bias.

The mother has attempted to work with the Department in locating placement for the child, Alison Jones. Ms. Graham had referred her sister Harrieta Grishom, as a possible placement option for Alison. However, the father, Mr. Jones, reported that he did not wish for Alison to be placed in her aunt's care due to the standard of living held by the maternal aunt and who would have access to Alison if placed in the home.

There was a home evaluation performed for a maternal family/friend member, Ms. Darcy Lewis. Ms. Lewis was a foster parent; however, her home was placed on permanent hold through Los Angeles County. Furthermore, she resides in Jurupa Valley and would not be able to provide transportation for Alison to and from school daily.

In speaking with the father, Mr. Jones, regarding placement with possible family members, Mr. Jones reported that his side of the family is leery about having Alison placed in their care due to the allegations that brought this family to the attention of the Department and the Court.

The Child's Personal Rights in Out-Of-Home care were reviewed and signed by Safe house staff, Alison and the undersigned on October 4, 2016. The staff reported understanding of the rights of Alison while in outof home care and received a copy along with Alison.

SERVICES PROVIDED/FAMILY COMPLIANCE

During this reporting period, the mother, Ms. Graham agreed to participate in a parenting education class, submit to random substance abuse testing and be willing to participate in an outpatient program if a positive test was ever provided to the Department. Lastly, she agreed to participate in general counseling.

Parenting Education

The mother, Ms. Graham, participated in a parenting education class through Catholic Charities located at 7209 Arlington Ave, Suite C, Riverside, CA, 92503; (951) 689-1803. Ms. Graham's group was out stationed and held at Bryant Park which is located at 7950 Philbin St, Riverside, CA, 92503; (909) 763-4970 Ms. Graham's counselor, Ms. Fish, reported that Ms. Graham was an active participant in the classes; she attended every class as scheduled and was timely. Additionally, that Ms. Graham seemed to grasp the concepts being conveyed as she was able to explain back to the group her understanding of what was being taught to them. Please see Attachment C for Certificate of Completion. Ms. Graham has successfully completed this part of her case plan.

Random Testing/Outpatient

It was understood by the mother, Ms. Graham, that if she ever provided the Department with positive test she would be required to participate in out-patient substance abuse program. During this reporting period the mother, Ms. Graham, has been met with unannounced and has not demonstrated behaviors that would indicate that she has been under the influence. Ms. Graham has submitted to random substance abuse testing on the following dates: June 11, 2016, July 26, 2016, August 26, 2016, and October 4, 2016, all results negative. Ms. Graham has successfully completed this part of her case plan.

General Counseling

Ms. Graham is in the process of completing this service of her case plan. Ms. Graham was referred to individual counseling and was to participate in services with Ms. Joyce Sanders, LCSW. Ms. Graham was unable to make successful contact with Ms. Sanders and was referred to participate in individual therapy with Mr. Enrico Chavez. Ms. Graham had her first counseling session with Mr. Chavez on October 4, 2016. Ms. Graham reported that she likes Mr. Chavez and feels that she is going to be able to develop a good working relationship with him.

Level of progress: Ms. Graham has made adequate case plan compliance and progress in regard to her case plan. Ms. Graham successfully completed her parenting class, provided the Department with negative random substance abuse test and has maintained consistent contact with the Department and demonstrated that she has benefited from services. Ms. Graham has been very active in participating in every activity she can with Alison. Ms. Graham was able to develop a good working relationship with Alison's previous caregiver and was able to advocate for Alison when there was concerns about the care she was receiving while in that placement. She has worked with the Department to ensure that Alison receives the appropriate medication needed and has worked with the Department to address Alison's issues surrounding her schooling.

Case Plan Development: The objectives, services and development of the family's case plan were reviewed with Ms. Graham on October 4, 2016. After discussing the case plan services and objectives, Ms. Graham reported that she understands the services she will be requested to participate in and agrees to be compliant with the objectives.

During this reporting period, the father, Mr. Jones, agreed to participate in the following services to aid him in reunifying with his daughter: general counseling.

General Counseling

Mr. Jones was referred to counseling and participated in therapy with Mr. Derek Michaels, LCSW. Mr. Jones participated in 12 individual therapy sessions with Mr. Michaels. Through therapy Mr. Jones was provided a treatment modality that allowed him to avoid negative emotions associated with control, anger, grief and guilt. Additionally, this modality demonstrated how to identify triggers to prevent aggressive behaviors, through changing thoughts, feelings and actions.

Level of Progress: Mr. Jones has made adequate case plan compliance and progress. Mr. Jones has attempted to work with Alison and be part of her life; however, she has continued to refuse to speak with her father, without coaxing, or visit with her father. When Alison has been in the presence of her father, she has not been respectful of him; she demonstrates limited interaction with him and has been hospitalized two times this reporting period after having interactions with him. Mr. Jones has made consistent contact with the Department about concerns regarding Alison's behaviors to assist in stabilizing her mental health and her behaviors. Mr. Jones has shown that he is concerned about his daughter and required reminding about what he was able to do to advocate for his daughter. Mr. Jones is learning how to effectively communicate with Alison in an attempt in healing and restoring their relationship.

Case Plan Development: The objectives, services, and development of the family's case plan were reviewed with Mr. Jones on October 4, 2016. After discussing the case plan services and objectives, Mr. Jones reported that he understands the services he will be requested to participate in and agrees to be compliant with the objective.

REGARDING THE CHILD, ALISON JONES

During this reporting period, the child, Alison Jones, has been and continues to receive age appropriate services. The Department, the mother and the father, have been able to ensure that the teens medical, dental, physical, educational and emotional needs are being met.

Child Plan Development: The objectives, services and development of the family's case plan were reviewed with Alison on October 5, 2016. After discussing the case plan services and objectives, Alison reported that she understands the services she will be requested to participate in and agrees to be compliant with the objectives.

VISITATION

At the Detention hearing on March 21, 2016, the Court ordered that contact between the child and her parents were to be in person and supervised by a county agency, frequency and duration at a minimum of one time per week.

During this reporting period, the mother, Ms. Graham, has been participating in regular supervised visitation which was occurring every week for one hour at the previous foster home agency. Initially, Ms. Graham visited with Alison and was observed as not correcting her seemingly disrespectful behaviors and did not correct her when she was wearing inappropriate clothing to the visit. Ms. Graham reported that during one visit with Alison she reportedly attended the visit and had a face full of make-up. Ms. Graham told Alison to wash her face and educated her on what shades and tones of make-up would be appropriate. After another visit, Ms. Graham contacted the Department and reported that Alison came to the visit and was talking to her "like someone from the streets." Alison was described as using slang and Ms. Graham informed Alison that she is not from the streets and that she would not use that type of language any more. When Alison showed up to a visit with visible "hickies" on her neck Ms. Graham expressed a great deal of concern regarding Alison's behaviors.

Alison is very close to her mother and respects her and responds well to her mother's directives. However, the Department continues to have concerns regarding the appropriateness of the relationship between Ms. Graham and Alison. Ms. Graham and Alison seem to have an enmeshed relationship with no boundaries. Ms. Graham has been observed interacting with Alison like a friend opposed to a parent. Ms. Graham has allowed Alison to talk in a disrespectful manner to her and be demanding towards her mother. This has been brought to Ms. Graham's attention as a concern and how this could be systemic of her parenting out of guilt. Ms. Graham has been receptive to this feedback and is willing to work on her parenting to allow Alison to see her as her parent and not her friend.

Ms. Graham had participated in visits with Alison and their visitation has been seen as appropriate allowing them to transition to unsupervised visits. On September 23, 2016, a hearing was held regarding an Ex-Parte filed by mother's counsel regarding the child, Alison Jones, and her school of origin. The Court ordered for the mother to participate in unsupervised visits with Alison twice a week for two hours at a time. Ms. Graham now participates in unsupervised visits with Alison every Monday and Friday from 4:00pm until 6:30pm. Unsupervised visits began on September 30, 2016, at the mother's request.

Visitation between Alison and her father has not been able to progress past one hour visits one day a week. During this reporting period, Alison was participating in visits with her father that were being supervised by her previous caregiver at a local eatery near Alison's therapy location in Riverside, CA. The previous caregiver reported that visits between Alison and her father lacked interaction between them and consisted of them sitting and looking around. Alison and her father did talk outside of Mr. Jones asking her how she was doing and her responding that she was fine. In June of this reporting period, Alison reported to her previous caregiver that her father was touching her feet inappropriately during the visits and that she no longer felt comfortable participating in visits with him. The previous caregiver brought this to the attention of the Department and reported she would be responsible for physically sitting between Alison and her father during visitations to ensure no sexually inappropriate activity is occurring between the father and Alison.

After a visit between Alison and her father in late August of 2016, Alison reported that she wanted to kill herself and her caregiver took her to Loma Linda Behavioral Health Medical Center and Alison was hospitalized. When discussed with Alison the triggers that caused her to feel suicidal she reported that she does not want to see her father and she continues to be "forced to" and she is tired of dealing with this and wanted to kill herself.

After that visitation, Alison refused to participate in visits with her father. When reminded of her visitation date and time with her father, Alison would refuse to leave the foster home. When this was discussed with Alison, she disclosed that she would continue to refuse to visit with her father because she does not want anything to do with him and does not want to be returned to his care.

The Department attempted to make arrangements with the father's therapist, Mr. Derek Michaels, LCSW, as he offered to provide a therapeutic setting for the visits to take place. However, Alison still refused to participate in the visits with her father. It was discussed with Alison about participating in visits with her father with her therapist and she disclosed that she does not think that would be appropriate as she does not feel that her therapist is able to help her any longer as she is not getting anything out of therapy with him.

CONTACTS

Children: Face to face contact was made with the child Alison Jones on the following days 05/11/2016, 06/08/2016, 07/26/2016, 08/26/2016, 09/21/2016, 09/23/2016, 09/26/2016, 09/27/2016, 09/28/2016, 09/29/2016, 09/30/2016, 10/03/2016, 10/04/2016, and 10/05/2016. It was discussed with Alison her safety, needs and services, visitation and concerns.

Caregiver: Face to face contact has been made with Alison's caregiver on the following days 05/11/2016, 06/08/2016, 07/26/2016, 08/26/2016, 09/21/2016, 09/23/2016, 09/26/2016, 09/27/2016, 09/28/2016, 09/29/2016, 09/30/2016, 10/03/2016, 10/04/2016, and 10/05/2016. Contact with the caregivers was made to discuss the care and well being of the child, caregiver concerns, and visitation.

Mother: Contact was made with the mother, Ms. Graham, on the following days 05/11/2016, 06/08/2016, 07/26/2016, 08/17/2016, 09/12/2016, 09/21/2016, 09/26/2016, 09/29/2016, and 10/04/2016. Contact was made to discuss current circumstances, visitation, and needs and services.

Father: Contact was made with the father, Mr. Jones, on the following days 05/16/2016, 05/26/2016, 06/08/2016, 07/26/2016, 08/17/2016, 08/26/2016, 09/21/2016, and 10/03/2016, and 10/014/2016. Contact was made to discuss the current circumstances, visitation, and needs and services.

FAMILY'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR NEEDS

The mother, Ms. Graham, has reported to the Department on numerous occasions that Alison needs to be placed back in the home with her. Ms. Graham has expressed her concerns about the behaviors Alison has been demonstrating since being placed in out of home care.

The father, Mr. Jones, has expressed that he has been informed it could be detrimental for Alison to return to his care due to the allegations that brought this family to the Courts attention. Mr. Jones wants Alison to be returned to his care as he is concerned about her overall well-being.

Alison has expressed that she wants to be placed in the care and custody of her mother.

DETRIMENT & PROGNOSIS OF RETURNING CHILD HOME

There is substantial probability of the child, Alison Jones, returning to the care and custody of the mother, Ms. Graham; therefore, reunification services with the authorization to return to the care of the mother this reporting period should be ordered. During this reporting period the mother has participated in case plan services to assist her in addressing the issues that led her family before the Court. She continues to work on learning how to accept responsibility for her part in her family being separated and now with an open CPS case. The mother has demonstrated that she is able to handle the stressors of dealing with being under the supervision of the Department, learning how to advocate and effectively care for her daughter. Ms. Graham continues to deal with guilt associated with not being a present and prominent entity in Alison's formative years of life. Ms. Graham has disclosed that she is willing and able to continue to participate in services that will allow her the ability to learn how to develop a healthy parent/child relationship with her daughter. The prognosis of returning the child to the care of her mother in the next six months

is good and reunification services should be continued.

There is not substantial probability of the teen, Alison Jones, returning to the care and custody of her father as he has failed to make any progress towards mitigating the issues that brought his family to the attention of the Court. Throughout this reporting period, there has been many issues surrounding the consistency and reliability of Alison's statements in that she has made allegations of sexual abuse, recanted her allegations of sexual abuse, and again made the allegations of sexual abuse against her father. During this reporting period Alison has maintained that she was subjected to physical abuse by her father and step-mother while in their care. Additionally, she has maintained that her father was sexually inappropriate with her and Alison fears that if returned to the care of her father and step-mother that she will continue to be maltreated. Alison also fears that she will face harm of retaliation by the members of the household and will not have anyone to defend or protect her. Mr. Jones has participated in individual counseling allowing him to work on dealing with the issues, emotions, anger and frustration of dealing with being under the guise of the Department. Mr. Jones continues to struggle with the communication with Alison combined with the fact that Alison is not willing to speak with or meet with her father face to face to work towards mending their relationship. The prognosis of returning the child, Alison Jones, to the care of her father within the next six months is fair; therefore reunification services should be continued.

CONCURRENT PLANNING

Concurrent planning has been discussed with the mother, Ms. Graham, and she was advised of her right to participate in adoption planning and to voluntarily relinquish Alison for adoption. She stated that she would never sign her child over for adoption and feels she should be in her care.

Concurrent planning has been discussed with the father, Mr. Jones, and he was advised of his right to participate in adoption planning and to voluntarily relinquish Alison for adoption. Mr. Jones reported he has no interest in relinquishing his rights to allow Alison to be adopted. Mr. Jones wants Alison to be returned to his care.

PERMANENCY/ADOPTABILITY ASSESSMENT

A Concurrent Planning Review was held on July 28, 2016, and it was determined that the most appropriate permanent plan for the child, Alison Jones, would be adoption should reunification efforts with either of her parents fail.

ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION

The family was brought to the attention of the Riverside County Juvenile Court on March 21, 2016 due to the child making disclosing statements that her father was touching her inappropriately and did not feel safe in returning back to the father's care. The child began to cut herself and feared of being sexually abused again. The child made threatening statements that she would self harm if forced to return to the father.

The Department has provided services to the family in efforts to mitigate the issues via parenting classes, individual therapy, and substance abuse testing, for the mother, to establish adequate boundary setting and counseling services; however, the effectiveness and benefit of these services is questionable. Neither of the parents has demonstrated that they are able to work amicably together for the best interest of Alison. The parents would benefit from co-parenting and learning how to parent a child with mental health needs. During this reporting period Alison has screamed that she no longer feels safe in the home of her father and step-mother. When having to interact with her father she has caused herself harm to the extent of requiring hospitalization. She has been angry with her parents and demonstrated acting out behaviors such as running away from placement and school, and engaging in high risk behaviors.

When a foster home in Riverside, CA, has been located, Alison will have her needs met through the care of her foster parents. They will ensure that her medical, dental, emotional and developmental needs are being met appropriately.

Therefore the Department of Public Social Services respectfully recommends that the child, Alison Jones, continue as a dependent of the Riverside County Juvenile Court pursuant to Sections 300 (b) and (d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. That the child, Alison Jones, remain placed in out of home care, in licensed foster care, relative care, or licensed facility suitable to meet her needs. The Court continue to offer the Family Reunification services to the mother, Ms. Tracey Graham, with the authorization to return Alison to her care in a plan of Family Maintenance within the next reporting period. It is also recommended that Family Reunification services continue to be offered to the father, Mr. James Jones, be as directed by the Department and shall be supervised by the Department or an adult approved of by the Department. It is also recommended that the Court find that ICWA does not apply.

CASE PLAN

The updated case plan has been inserted behind the final page of the report for the Courts review.

ATTACHMENTS

The attachments identified in this report are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Attachment A - Court Report Recommendations
Attachment B - JV 224 - Alison
Attachment C - Certificate of Completion, Ms. Graham

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Respectfully Submitted,

Director of Riverside County, DPSS
Riverside County DPSS-CPS

By

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Riverside, California on the 5th day of October, 2016.

Brianna Miller, CSSW III, 3329-S (951) 555-5555 Date

Jennifer Richard, CSSW III, 3339-S (951) 555-5555 Date

I have read and considered the above report.

Judicial Officer

Date

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INITIAL CASE PLAN UPDATE- [COURT]

CASE PLAN PARTICIPANTS

PARENTS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date Of Birth</u> | <u>Relationship</u> | <u>To</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tracey Graham | 01/23/1980 | No relation Mother (Birth) | James Jones Alison Jones |
| James Jones | 07/21/1980 | No relation Father (Birth) | Tracey Graham Alison Jones |

CHILD

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Court Number</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Alison Jones | 09/15/2001 | 14yr | F | RIJ1234567 |

CASE PLAN GOAL

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Case Plan Goal</u> | <u>Projected Completion Date</u> | <u>Projected Date For Termination of Child Welfare Services</u> |
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| Alison Jones | Return Home | 04/20/2017 | |

Adequacy and Continued Appropriateness of the Case Plan

The updated case plan is appropriate in meeting the needs of the family in a plan of Family Reunification/Family Maintenance.

CASE PLAN SERVICES OBJECTIVES AND CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Tracey Graham

SERVICE OBJECTIVES

1. Consistently, appropriately and adequately parent your child.

| <u>Previous Service Objective</u> | <u>Projected Completion Date</u> | <u>Objective Met</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Yes | 04/20/2017 | In Progress |

Description

Ms. Graham agrees to utilize learned parenting skills and all parenting resources when providing daily direction and support to her child especially for her emotional needs. Progress: Ms. Graham has been learning how to appropriately and adequately parent her child.

2. Stay sober and show your ability to live free from alcohol dependency.

| <u>Previous Service Objective</u> | <u>Projected Completion Date</u> | <u>Objective Met</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Yes | 04/20/2017 | In Progress |

Description

Ms. Graham agrees to refrain from using any controlled substances to include alcohol and participate and complete a substance abuse treatment program when directed by the Department.
 Ms. Graham agrees to participate in self-help meetings and obtain a sponsor to assist in maintaining her sobriety. Progress: Ms. Graham has provided the Department with negative random substance abuse test during this reporting period

Previous Service Objective
Yes

Projected Completion Date
04/20/2017

Objective Met
In Progress

Description

Mr. Jones agrees to utilize learned parenting skills and all parenting resources when providing daily direction and support to his child especially for her emotional needs.

Progress: Mr. Jones is learning how to utilize his learned parenting skills and resources when interacting with his daughter.

CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Times</u> | <u>Freq.</u> | <u>Completion Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> | <u>Wrap</u> |
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Counseling/Mental Health Services

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| 1. General Counseling | | | 04/20/2017 | | |
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Description

Mr. Jones is to be assessed for mental health services by a professional. Mr. Jones is to follow the recommendation of the professional and actively participate in the services recommended by the assessment. This may include psychotropic medications and hospitalization. At the conclusion of mental health services, Mr. Jones will demonstrate the ability to deal with adversity, crisis, and long-term problems in a constructive manner. Mr. Jones will demonstrate realistic and logical judgment, and will display resiliency. Mr. Jones will also reflect a positive and hopeful attitude. Mr. Jones will address domestic violence in counseling. Successful completion shall be determined by the mental health clinician, when they feel that all treatment goals have been met.

Mr. Jones is to enroll and actively participate in co-counseling with his child. Mr. Jones is to actively participate and follow the recommendation of the professional in working to resolve conflicting issues with his daughter.

Alison Jones

SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Projected Completion Date

1. Comply with medical or psychological treatment.

04/20/2017

Description

Alison agrees to participate in counseling services and maintain ongoing mental health treatment to include taking her prescribed medication.

Alison agrees to learn appropriate coping skills to show her ability to control her emotions.

2. Receive age appropriate, child-oriented services.

04/20/2017

Description

The Social Services Practitioner and caregiver will ensure that Alison receives services appropriate for her age and development. **CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Times</u> | <u>Freq.</u> | <u>Completion Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> | <u>Wrap</u> |
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Counseling/Mental Health Services

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| 1. General Counseling | | | 04/20/2017 | | |
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Description

Alison is to continue receiving services for mental health by a professional. Alison is to follow the recommendation of the professional and actively participate in the services recommended by the assessment. This may include psychotropic medications and hospitalization. At the conclusion of mental health services, Alison will demonstrate the ability to deal with adversity, crisis, and longer-term problems in a constructive manner. Alison will demonstrate realistic and logical judgment, and will display resiliency. Alison will also reflect a positive and hopeful attitude. Successful completion shall be determined by the mental health clinician, when they feel that all treatment goals have been met.

Health/CHDP Services

1. **HEP - Periodic Dental Exam** 04/20/2017

Description

Alison will attend all scheduled dental visits and receive age-appropriate dental care, which could include repair of damaged teeth, cleaning of teeth, and abstractions if applicable. The caregiver is responsible for taking the child for routine dental care at least a total of two times per year when appropriate.

2. **HEP - CHDP Physical Exam** 04/20/2016

Description

Alison will attend all scheduled medical visits and receive age-appropriate medical care, which should include required immunizations. The caregiver is responsible for taking the child for routine medical care.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

CHILD - PARENTS AND SIBLING VISITATION

James Jones, Alison Jones, Tracey Graham

| <u>Method</u> | <u>Times</u> | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Beginning Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> |
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| In-Person | | | 10/20/2016 | |

Description

The social services practitioner will design, and periodically change, a visitation schedule which will be convenient for the mother, the father, the siblings, and the child, while the child is placed in the foster home. The mother and the father are ordered not to possess or be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at the time of visitation. If it is suspected that the mother or the father are under the influence at the time of visitation, the visit shall be terminated.

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Perform Case Planning Activities

| <u>For Whom</u> | <u>Beginning Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> | <u>Wrap</u> |
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| James Jones Alison Jones Tracey Graham | 10/20/2016 | | |

Description

The social services practitioner will ensure the family is completing all case plan requirements as directed by the Department by directing the family to correct locations for all services.

2. Arrange Service Delivery

| <u>For Whom</u> | <u>Beginning Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> | <u>Wrap</u> |
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| James Jones Alison Jones Tracey Graham | 10/20/2016 | | |

Description

The social services practitioner will refer the family to appropriate counseling, educational, and rehabilitation programs which are appropriate to meet their individual needs. In addition the SSP will request progress reports from service providers to ensure that the family is completing all case plan requirements as directed by the Department.

3. Arrange Medical, Dental, Vision

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| <u>For Whom</u> | <u>Beginning Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> | <u>Wrap</u> |
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| Alison Jones | 10/20/2016 | | |
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Description

The social services practitioner will ensure that the child is being seen by a medical doctor for routine physical examinations as required. The SSP will ensure that the child is being seen by a dentist for routine examinations twice a year when applicable. The SSP will ensure the child receive vision services if applicable.

CONCURRENT SERVICES PLANNING

Permanency Alternative/Concurrent Planning Goal

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| <u>For Whom</u> Alison Jones | <u>Concurrent Planning Goal</u> Adoption |
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1. CSP-Other

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| <u>Provider</u> | | <u>Wrap</u> |
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For Whom
Alison Jones
Description

- a. The social services practitioner will reassess the child's Concurrent Plan for legal permanence at the next review for possible placement in a relative or licensed caretaker's home who will commit to adoption or legal guardianship should efforts to reunify with the parent or parents fail.
- b. The social services practitioner will assess relatives for possible placement who are identified and may come forward and indicate n interest in providing a permanent home for the child should reunification efforts fail.
- a And/or:
- c. The social services practitioner will seek a licensed foster family home committed to adoption or legal guardianship of the child should efforts to reunify fail. Upon locating such a home, the social worker may place the child in this home.

CONTACT SCHEDULE

SOCIAL WORKER - CHILD CONTACTS

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| Alison Jones | | | | | |
| <u>Method</u> | <u>Times</u> | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Beginning Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> | |
| In-Person | 1 | Monthly | 10/20/2016 | | |

Description

The social services practitioner will make monthly contact with the child to ensure the child's safety and needs are being met. The SSP will increase monthly contact and conduct unannounced contacts with the child if the SSP has concerns regarding the child's safety or the child's needs are not being met.

SOCIAL WORKER - PARENTS CONTACTS

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| James Jones, Tracey Graham | | | | | |
| <u>Method</u> | <u>Times</u> | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Beginning Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> | |
| In-Person | 1 | Monthly | 10/20/2016 | | |

Description

The social services practitioner will make monthly contact with each parent to assess their compliance on their case plan and to assist them with the additional services as needed.

SOCIAL WORKER - CARE PROVIDER CONTACTS

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| <u>Method</u> | <u>Times</u> | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Beginning Date</u> | <u>Provider</u> |
| | | | 10/20/2016 | |

Description

Social services practitioner shall maintain contact with the substitute care provider to assess placement stability, delivery of service, and ensure that the child's needs are being met.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENT

IN SIGNING THIS CASE PLAN, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I:

- a. Participated in the case plan development
- b. Agree to participate in the services outlined in this case plan
- c. Received a copy of this case plan
- d. Understand that while I am receiving services to reunify with my child, efforts will also be made to locate an alternate placement home through Adoption, Guardianship or Long Term Foster Care for my child should reunification services fail.
- e. Understand that my failure to cooperate or to take advantage of the services provided in this case plan may result in termination of efforts to reunify with my child.

SIGNATURE OF MOTHER _____
DATE

SIGNATURE OF FATHER _____
DATE

SIGNATURE OF OTHER _____
DATE

SIGNATURE OF OTHER _____
DATE

NON SIGNATURE EXPLANATION

SIGNATURE OF INTERPRETER (1) _____
DATE

SIGNATURE OF INTERPRETER (2) _____
DATE

Brianna Miller Social Services Practitioner _____
DATE

Jennifer Richard SSP Supervisor _____
DATE

MINUTE ORDERS

6 MONTH REVIEW

HEARING

STATUS REVIEW HEARING PURSUANT TO 366.21(E) (6 MONTH) ON 1ST AMENDED ORIGINAL DEPENDENCY PETITION (300) OF DEPT. OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS TO ALISON JONES.

Date Time Department
10/20/2016 8:00 AM DEPT. J4

Minutes

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HONORABLE JUDGE JESSICA MUÑOZ, PRESIDING

CLERK: S. HALL

COURT REPORTER: K. NORCROSS

JUVENILE COURT OFFICER L. GORDON IS PRESENT.

COUNTY COUNSEL MICHELLE WHITEHEAD IS PRESENT.

JUVENILE DEFENSE PANEL RUTH MAHER PRESENT IN COURT, REPRESENTING ALISON. JONES.

ALISON JONES, MINOR(S) NOT PRESENT IN COURT.

JUVENILE DEFENSE PANEL AMANDA SZYDLOWSKI PRESENT IN COURT, REPRESENTING TRACEY GRAHAM.

TRACEY GRAHAM, MOTHER NOT PRESENT IN COURT.

JUVENILE DEFENSE PANEL TARA PERNOT PRESENT IN COURT, REPRESENTING JAMES JONES.

JAMES JONES, FATHER PRESENT IN COURT.

AT 1:44 THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD:

COUNSEL FOR MOTHER REQUEST TO HAVE MATTER SET.

REQUEST IS GRANTED.

COURT IS IN RECEIPT OF FATHERS WAIVER OF REUNIFICATION SERVICES.

FATHERS WAIVER OF REUNIFICATION SERVICES ORDERED FILED.

CONTESTED REVIEW HEARING RE: 366.21(E)(6 MONTH) ON 1ST AMENDED ORIGINAL DEPENDENCY PETITION (300) OF DEPT. OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS TO ALISON JONES FOR 11/03/16 AT 08:00 IN DEPT. J4.

FUTURE HEARING SET.

SOCIAL SERVICES PRACTITIONER ON CALL
COURT DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ALL COUNSEL DELIVERED
SERVICE LOGS FOR THIS REVIEW
PERIOD NO LATER THAN 10/28/16.
MINUTE ENTRY COMPLETED.
PRINT MINUTE ORDER

SSP REPORT

ADDENDUM TO THE 6 MONTH REPORT

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF
 RIVERSIDE
 9991 County Farm Road, Riverside California,
 92503

CONTESTED W&IC 366.21 (E) SIX MONTH ADDENDUM REPORT

| <u>Hearing Date</u> | <u>Hearing Time</u> | <u>Dept./Room</u> | <u>Hearing Type/Subtype</u> |
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| 11/03/2016 | 08:30am | J4 | 366.21(e) 6 month Review/ 300, Contested |

IN THE MATTER OF

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Court Number</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Alison Jones | 09/15/2001 | 15 | F | RIJ1234567 |

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Public Social Services respectfully recommends that the child, Alison Jones, continue as a dependent of the Riverside County Juvenile Court pursuant to Sections 300 (b) and (d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. That the child, Alison Jones, remain placed in out of home care, in licensed foster care, relative care, or licensed facility suitable to meet her needs. The Court continue to offer Family Reunification services to the mother, Ms. Tracey Graham, with an authorization to return Alison to her care in a plan of Family Maintenance within the next reporting period. It is also recommended Family Reunification services continue to be offered to the father, Mr. James Jones. Visitation between the child, Alison Jones, and her father, Mr. Jones be as directed by the Department and shall be supervised by the Department or an adult approved of by the Department. It is also recommended the Court find that ICWA does not apply.

1 CHILD' S WHEREABOUTS

2 On November 1, 2016, Alison was placed in a foster home with Avant Guard Foster Family
3 Agency. The foster home has requested for its address to remain confidential for the safety of the
4 children.

5 PARENTS

| 6 <u>Name/ Birthdate</u> | 7 <u>Address/ Phone</u> | 8 <u>Relationship/To Whom</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9 Tracey Graham 10 01/23/1980 | 11 CONFIDENTIAL | 12 Mother/Alison |
| 13 James Jones 14 07/21/1980 | 15 CONFIDENTIAL | 16 Father/Alison |

17 INTERPRETER

| 18 <u>Interpreter Requires</u> | 19 <u>Language</u> | 20 <u>For Whom</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 21 None required | 22 English | 23 All Parties |

24 ATTORNEYS

| 25 <u>Name</u> | 26 <u>Address/Phone</u> | 27 <u>Representing</u> |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| 28 Ruth Maher | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | Alison Jones |
| Amanda Szydowski | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | Tracey Graham |
| Tara Pernot | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | James Jones |
| Michelle Whitehead | 9991 County Farm Road Riverside, CA, 92503 (951) 123-4567 | Child Welfare |

1 **REASON FOR HEARING**

2 Addendum to Court Report October 7, 2016, for the W&IC 366.21(E) Six Month Status Review
3 Hearing calendared on October 20, 2016.

4 At the E&IC 366.21(e) Six Month Status Review Hearing held on October 20, 2016, the court set the
5 matter for a contest with a review date of November 3, 2016. The father, Mr. Jones, waived his right for
6 Family Reunification services. The Court directed the Department to provide all counsel with the Delivered
7 Service Logs for this review period.

8 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

9 The court directed the Department to provide all counsel with the Delivered Service Log (DSL) for
10 this review period. The DSL has been provided as Attachment A for the Court's review.

11 **ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION**

12 The family was brought to the attention of the Riverside County Juvenile Court on March 21,
13 2016, due to the child making disclosing statements that her father was touching her inappropriately and
14 did not feel safe in returning back to the father's care. The child began to cut herself for fear of being
15 sexually abused again. The child made threatening statements that she would self harm if forced to return
16 to the father.

17 The Department has provided services to the family in efforts to mitigate the issues via parenting
18 classes, individual therapy, and substance abuse testing, for the mother, to establish adequate boundary
19 setting and counseling services, however, the effectiveness and benefit of these services is questionable.
20 Neither of the parents have demonstrated that they are able to amicably work together for the best
21 interest of Alison. The parents would benefit from co-parenting and learning how to parent a child with
22 mental health needs. During this reporting period, Alison has screamed that she no longer feels safe in the
23 home of the father and step-mother. When having to interact with her father, she has caused herself harm
24 to the extent of requiring hospitalization. She has been angry with her parents and demonstrated acting
25 out behaviors such as running away from placement and school, and engaging in high risk behaviors.

26 Alison has been placed in a resource home with a resource parent that is able and willing to
27 meet her needs and ensure her continued safety. The foster parent has stated that she will ensure
28 Alison's medical, dental, emotional, educational and developmental needs are being met appropriately.

Therefore, the Department of Public Social Services respectfully recommends that the child, Alison
Jones, continue as a dependent of the Riverside County Juvenile Court pursuant to Sections 300 (b) and (d)
of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The child, Alison Jones, remain placed in out of home care, in licensed
foster care, relative care, or licensed facility suitable to meet her needs. The Court continue to offer the
Family Reunification services to the mother, Tracey Graham, with the authorization to return Alison to her
care in a plan of Family Maintenance within the next reporting period. It is also recommended that Family
Reunification services be continue to be offered to her father, James Jones. Visitation between the child,
Alison Jones, and her father, James Jones, be as directed by the Department and shall be supervised by the
Department or an adult approved of by the Department. It is also recommended that the Court find that
ICWA does not apply.

29 **CASE PLAN**

30 The updated case plan is appropriate in meeting the needs of the family in a plan of Family
31 Reunification/Family Maintenance.

32 **ATTACHMENTS**

33 The attachments identified in this report are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

34 Attachment A - Case Plan

35 **RECOMMENDATION**

36 Please refer to Attachment A of the W&IC 366.21(e) Six Month Status Review Report dated
37 October 7, 2016, for the Court hearing held on October 20, 2016.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Director of Riverside County, DPSS
Riverside County DPSS-CPS

By

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Riverside, California on the 27th day of October, 2016.

Brianna Miller, CSSW III, 3329-S (951) 555-5555 Date

Jennifer Richard, CSSW III, 3339-S (951) 555-5555 Date

I have read and considered the above report.

Judicial Officer

Date

MINUTE ORDERS

6 MONTH ADDENDUM

REVIEW HEARING

CONTESTED REVIEW HEARING RE: 366.21(E)(6 MONTH) ON 1ST AMENDED ORIGINAL DEPENDENCY PETITION (300) OF DEPT. OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS TO ALISON JONES.

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TRACEY GRAHAM, MOTHER PRESENT IN COURT.

JUVENILE DEFENSE PANEL TARA PERNOT PRESENT IN COURT, REPRESENTING JAMES JONES.

JAMES JONES, FATHER NOT PRESENT IN COURT.

AT 01:50 P.M. THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SUBMITS ON REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS AS STATED ON THE RECORD.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS ORDERED FILED.

THE COURT ADOPTS THE AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS FILED ON 11/03/16 AND MAKES THOSE THE FINDINGS

AND ORDERS:

FUTURE HEARING SET.

COURT FINDS AND ORDERS:

COURT HAS READ, CONSIDERED AND ADMITS INTO EVIDENCE

REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKER DATED 11/03/16 AND FILED ON 10/28/16

COURT HAS READ AND CONSIDERED REVIEW REPORT FILED 10/07/16.

NOTICE OF THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE HEARING WAS GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

FOR THE CHILD(REN) 10 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS/ARE NOT PRESENT: THE CHILD(REN) RECEIVED PROPER NOTICE OF HIS/HER OR THEIR RIGHT TO ATTEND THE HEARING, WAS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT,

AND THERE IS NO GOOD CAUSE FOR A CONTINUANCE TO ENABLE THE CHILD TO BE PRESENT.

ICWA DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CHILD(REN) ALISON JONES.

COURT FINDS BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THE FOLLOWING:

RETURN OF ALISON JONES TO THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF PARENTS TRACEY GRAHAM, JAMES JONES WOULD CREATE A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF DETRIMENT TO THE SAFETY, PROTECTION OR PHYSICAL, OR EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF THE CHILD(REN).

THE CHILD(REN) IS/ARE CONTINUED AS DEPENDENT CHILD(REN) OF THE JUVENILE COURT OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY WITH IN THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION(S) 300 (B)(D) OF THE W&IC.

THE CHILD(REN)'S CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL TO REMAIN WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DPSS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

THE CHILD(REN) ALISON JONES, SHALL BE CONTINUED IN SUITABLE RELATIVE CARE, WITH AN ABLE AND WILLING NON-RELATED EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBER ("NREFM"),

LICENSED SHELTER, FOSTER HOME, OR FACILITY SUITABLE TO MEET THE CHILD'S NEEDS.

THE CHILD(REN)'S ALISON JONES, CONTINUED PLACEMENT OUTSIDE OF THE HOME OF THE PARENTS IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

THE CHILD(REN), ALISON JONES, CURRENT PLACEMENT IS APPROPRIATE.

DPSS HAS COMPLIED WITH THE CASE PLAN BY MAKING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO RETURN ALISON JONES TO A SAFE HOME THROUGH THE PROVISION OF REASONABLE SERVICES DESIGNED TO AID IN OVERCOMING THE PROBLEMS THAT LED TO

INITIAL REMOVAL AND CONTINUED CUSTODY OF ALISON JONES, AND BY MAKING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO COMPLETE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE THE PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF ALISON JONES.

THE EXTENT OF PROGRESS MADE BY THE MOTHER, TRACEY GRAHAM, TOWARD ALLEVIATING OR MITIGATING THE

CAUSES NECESSITATING PLACEMENT HAS BEEN ADEQUATE BUT INCOMPLETE IN THAT THE MOTHER FAILED TO

COMPLETE THE COURT ORDERED CASE PLAN.

THE EXTENT OF PROGRESS MADE BY FATHER , JAMES JONES, TOWARD ALLEVIATING OR MITIGATING THE CAUSES NECESSITATING PLACEMENT HAS BEEN ADEQUATE BUT INCOMPLETE IN THAT THE FATHER HAS FAILED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS OR

COMPLETED THE COURT ORDERED CASE PLAN.

FOR CHILD(REN) TEN (10) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR PLACED IN A GROUP HOME FOR SIX (6) MONTHS OR LONGER FROM THE DATE THE CHILD(REN) ENTERED FOSTER CARE, DPSS HAS MADE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS

WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO THE CHILD(REN) AND TO MAINTAIN THE CHILD(REN)'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS, CONSISTENT WITH THE CHILD(REN)'S BEST INTEREST.

THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL PROBABILITY THAT THE CHILD(REN) MAY BE RETURNED TO THE MOTHER , TRACEY GRAHAM WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS, THEREFORE REUNIFICATION SERVICES ARE CONTINUED TO THE MOTHER .

THE LIKELY DATE BY WHICH THE CHILD(REN) MAY BE RETURNED TO AND SAFELY MAINTAINED IN THE HOME OR PLACED FOR ADOPTION, FOR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP, OR IN AN IDENTIFIED PLACEMENT WITH A SPECIFIC GOAL IS 05/03/17

THE CHILD(REN) DOES NOT HAVE SIBLINGS UNDER THE COURT'S JURISDICTION.

MEDICAL, MENTAL, DENTAL, SURGICAL, MENTAL HEALTH CARE/TESTING AS REQUIRED AUTHORIZED. COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 903 WIC, ET SEQ.

A LIMITATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE PARENTS TO MAKE EDUCATIONAL DECISIONS FOR ALISON JONES IS NOT NECESSARY. THE PARENTS HOLD EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARD(S) TO THE CHILD EDUCATION

INCLUDING THOSE IN CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT, RULE 5.650(E) AND (F).

THE COURT HAS READ AND CONSIDERED THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CASE PLAN ("CASE PLAN") THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE REPORT. THE CASE PLAN IS APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

MOTHER TRACEY GRAHAM, WAS/WERE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CASE PLAN INCLUDING PLANNING FOR THE CHILD(REN) ALISON JONES, PERMANENT PLACEMENT.

ALISON JONES WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CASE PLAN INCLUDING PLANNING FOR THE CHILD(REN)'S PERMANENT PLACEMENT.

THE COURT INFORMS THE MOTHER THAT NEITHER YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE CASE PLAN NOR YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF ANY SERVICES PRESCRIBED IN THE CASE PLAN SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF GUILT OR BE USED AS

EVIDENCE AGAINST PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) IN A COURT OF LAW. HOWEVER, THE PARENTS'/LEGAL GUARDIANS' FAILURE TO COOPERATE, EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE, IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES SPECIFIED IN THE

CASE PLAN MAY BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT HEARING.

THE COURT INFORMED ALL PARTIES PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING AND FURTHER ADVISES ALL PARTIES THAT IF THE CHILD IS NOT RETURNED TO THE HOME AT THE PERMANENCY HEARING SET ON A DATE WITHIN 12

MONTHS FROM THE DATE THE CHILD ENTERED FOSTER CARE, THE CASE MAY BE REFERRED TO A SELECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION HEARING UNDER W&IC 366.26 THAT COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND

THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD.

THE COURT ORDERS VISITATION BETWEEN THE CHILD AND THE MOTHER TO BE LIBERALIZED AND INCLUDE

OVERNIGHT AND WEEKENDS. THE COURT AUTHORIZES FAMILY MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH MOTHER.S

CONTINUED CASE PLAN COMPLIANCE, WHEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

VISITS ARE TO COMMENCE THIS WEEKEND.

THE COURT ORDERS FM/VISITATION/PLACEMENT WITH THE PARENT(S) AND THE PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) SHALL MAKE THE CHILD(REN) AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR INSPECTION AND INTERVIEW,

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AT THE CHILD(REN)'S HOME, SCHOOL, OR OTHER LOCATION TO ENSURE THE CHILD(REN)'S WELFARE AND SAFETY.

THE FATHER, JAMES JONES EXECUTED THE JV-195, WAIVER OF REUNIFICATION SERVICES. THE COURT

ADVISED THE PERSON OF ANY RIGHT TO SERVICES AND THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF A WAIVER, THE COURT

ACCEPTS THE WAIVER, THE PERSON HAVING KNOWINGLY AND INTELLIGENTLY WAIVED THE RIGHT TO SERVICES.

REUNIFICATION SERVICES ARE TERMINATED.

LOCATION OF PLACEMENT IS ORDERED CONFIDENTIAL.

THE COURT AUTHORIZES A THANKSGIVING WEEK VISIT, BASED UPON THE TDM.

THE MOTHER IS TO TRANSPORT THE CHILD TO/FROM SCHOOL ON HER VISITATION DAYS.

THE NEXT HEARING IS SCHEDULED IN ACCORDANCE TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

STATUS REVIEW HEARING PURSUANT TO 366.21(F) (12 MONTH) ON 1ST AMENDED ORIGINAL DEPENDENCY PETITION (300) OF DEPT. OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS TO ALISON JONES SET FOR 05/03/17 AT 08:00 IN DEPARTMENT J4.

FUTURE HEARING SET.

MOTHER IS/ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR AT SAID DATE/TIME WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

ALL PRIOR ORDERS NOT INCONSISTENT WILL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

MINUTE ENTRY COMPLETED.