

CASE APPLICATION: IDENTIFYING DANGER



- Sara Landyn uses methamphetamine daily, that renders her unable to obtain/maintain employment or housing. She has been homeless for the past two years due to her inability to refrain from drug use. She is currently homeless and has placed her child with various friends and family members for the past two years while she abuses substances. She frequently was unable to locate the child and was unaware of where the child was located for approximately eight months. She fails to provide resources to the caregivers for Miles, and is unaware if the child is being fed, clothed, or properly supervised. While under the influence of methamphetamine, she demonstrates little to no tolerance for Miles and subsequently burned him with a cigarette in order to get him to behave that resulted in his hospitalization. Currently she is not able to provide for Miles due to her incarceration for aggravated child abuse charges and there is a no contact order in place for her and Miles.
- Sara's drug use is out of control, and she openly admits to her reliance on methamphetamine daily. She has no resources to meet her own basic needs, nor Miles. Her use of others, while noted to be a measure of protection, was not well informed and he was left with caregivers that were also drug users and that Sara was unaware of the ability to provide for his care. This has been occurring daily for the past two years and without intervention will continue to occur.
- Miles age three, is not potty trained and has exhibited a speech delay that is attributed to the lack of overall stimulation and engagement he has had with nurturing caregivers.

Describing Impending Danger: Child Safety Summary/Danger Statement

Danger Threat(s)

- Parent/caregiver is violent, impulsive, or acting dangerously in ways that seriously harmed the child or will likely seriously harm the child.
 - *Imminence:* Daily drug use;
 - *Severe:* Burned child with cigarette due to being unable to tolerate his behaviors or care.
 - *Observable:* Collateral sources, self admitting, homeless, incarcerated.
 - *Out of Control:* Single mother, no other caregivers in the household; daily drug use. Mother lacks caregiver protective capacities related to the family condition; not taking action, lack of impulse control, not planning for protection, not recognizing threats.
 - *Vulnerable Child:* 3-year-old only child, relies on his mother to provide care.

- Parent/legal guardian/caregiver is not meeting the child's basic and essential needs for food, clothing, and/or supervision AND the child is/has already been seriously harmed or will likely be seriously harmed.
 - *Imminence:* 2 years of abdicating responsibility to others to provide care for child.
 - *Severe:* Left with known drug users and violent individuals.
 - *Observable:* Collateral sources, self-admittance, observation.
 - *Out of Control:* Mother is single mother, no regard for caretaking of child and reliance on others that are not appropriate to provide for care. Mother lacks caregiver protective capacities related to the family condition; not recognizing child needs, not planning for protection, not taking action, not aligned with child, not stable.
 - *Vulnerable Child:* 3-year-old only child, relies on his mother to provide care, developmental delays, not potty trained.

- Eric Montri has been abusing his wife and three children for the last 12 years. He physically assaults the children through punching, kicking, and slapping them as well as destroys their belongings and household appliances. Eric demonstrates no regard for the effect on the children, physically or emotionally. The 11 and 17-year-old boys exhibit startle reflex when yelling occurs, and the 3 y/o boy is diagnosed with failure to thrive due to the stress of the physical abuse being inflicted and observation of the physical and emotional abuse of Marianna Montri by Eric Montri. Both Eric and Marianna Montri consume alcohol nightly. Marianna also drinks during the day, which has left Trenton (3-year-old) to be cared for by his older siblings or by himself. Marianna has been found passed out in the home and the yard by the children and Trenton is able to articulate the drinking pattern of his mother during the day. During the evenings, Marianna will continue to drink to the point of intoxication and is frequently not able to intervene when Eric is physically assaulting the children or to provide for the children's basic care. Eric Montri defers all parenting to Marianna and takes no active role in their day to day activities, despite Marianna being under the influence and unable to meet the supervision needs for Trenton.
- Eric has been physically abusing Marianna for the past 12 years. He has punched, slapped, and kicked her as well. He controls all the household finances and restricts her access to money. He has isolated her from friends and has created an environment in the household where Marianna and the children isolate, avoid, and work to appease Eric to avoid his violence. Marianna attributes her use of alcohol to pressure from Eric to avoid being physically or verbally assaulted.

Describing Impending Danger: Child Safety Summary/Danger Statement

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Danger Threats

- **Parent/caregiver is violent, impulsive, or acting dangerously in ways that seriously harmed the child or will likely seriously harm the child.**
 - *Imminence:* Violence occurring for the past 12 years; mother daily drinking to the point of not being able to provide care.
 - *Severe:* Violence directed at children, including physical throwing objects.
 - *Observable:* All household members acknowledge the violence. Startle reflex of children.
 - *Out of Control:* Neither parent can manage the violence. Both parents have diminished caregiver protective capacities related to the family condition; not taking action, not recognizing threats, not planning for protection, lack impulse control, emotional stability.
 - *Vulnerable Child:* Three children, youngest child relies on the parents for protection. Older children left to provide for protection of youngest child. Older children cannot provide for their own protection; startle reflex.

- **Parent/legal guardian/caregiver is not meeting the child's basic and essential needs for food, clothing, and/or supervision AND the child is/has already been seriously harmed or will likely be seriously harmed.**
 - *Imminence:* Mother drinking daily, not providing care for 3-year-old. Medical failure to thrive. Father abdicates parenting responsibilities to the mother.
 - *Severe:* Child with failure to thrive.
 - *Observable:* Children report, medical doctor records.
 - *Out of Control:* Mother's drinking is not managed; father does not provide care for children. Relies on mother to provide for care. Both parents have diminished caregiver protective capacities; not taking action, not recognizing threats, impulse control.
 - *Vulnerable Child:* 3-year-old only child, relies on his mother to provide care, developmental delays, not potty trained.