

FLORIDA SAFETY DECISION MAKING METHODOLOGY
Family Functioning Assessment – Ongoing

Case Name: Landyn, Sara

FSFN Case #: 000012234

Safety Determination: Unsafe

Worker Name: Williamson, Gus

Date Completed: 9/1/2016

SECTION A: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Child Information: List all children subject to agency involvement.

Child Name	Date of Birth	Current Placement
1. Landyn, Miles	4/9/13	Relative Care/Foster Care
2.		

Parents/Legal Guardians and other Adult Household Member Information: List all parents/legal guardians and other adults in the household.

Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to Child
1. LANDYN, SARA	1/20/96	MOTHER
2.		

Family Support Network:

Name	Role
1. TJ FOX	FATHER
2. LINDSEY LANDYN	AUNT
3. HAL AND RANDY CALDWELL	GREAT AUNT AND UNCLE TO MILES
4. VERONICA FOX	PGM

SECTION B: FAMILY ASSESSMENT AREAS

Maltreatment and Nature of Maltreatment – What is the extent of the maltreatment? What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment?
<p>The family consists of Miles (age 3) and his mother Sara Landyn (age 20). Sara is currently in a relationship with Daniel Kiska, however they do not reside together and he is not considered a member of the household or a caregiver to Miles.</p> <p>Summary of Allegations: Three reports were received regarding Miles between April 20, 2016 and May 26, 2016. Concerns were noted in regards to Miles being left with caregivers for extended periods of time by this mother so that she can use drugs and that on at least two occasions the child was seen with faint bruising to his body that was not explained by the mother. There were additional concerns noted in regards to family violence, as the mother had presented to the house with a black eye from a domestic violence incident with Daniel Kiska. The third report received on May 26, 2016 was in regards to burns, bruises on his back, and a knot on Miles head being noticed by the father when Sara dropped Miles off to his residence earlier in the day. The child was admitted to the hospital due to the severity of the burn located in his groin. It was suspected that the mother or her boyfriend, Daniel, had inflicted the burns to the child, as the Daniel is part of the Aryan brotherhood and Miles is a bi-racial child. It was also alleged that the mother continues to use meth and THC.</p> <p>Maltreatment: Miles Landyn has been staying in various locations throughout the Northwest of Florida for the past year. He has resided part time with relatives, some with the father, and other times with strangers. This is due to the mother's use of methamphetamine, that she reports she uses daily, at times hourly. Sara Landyn will leave Miles with whoever is willing to take him and once they are tired of caring for him, she tries to find another place to go. There have been at least two occasions in the past six months that Sara could not recall where Miles was and just waited to see if someone would contact her. When Sara is not able to locate someone to watch Miles, she will alternate between</p>

methamphetamine and marijuana so that she does not get too “crazy” with Miles being present. Miles, at three years old, is not potty trained, uses limited sentences, and demonstrates no fear of strangers or strange places due to the amount of time that he has spent with other people. Maltreatment for inadequate supervision and substance misuse-illicit drugs is verified for Sara Landyn, for Miles Landyn.

Miles Landyn was admitted to the Bay General Hospital on May 26, 2016 due to a burn that had become infected, located in his groin area. Upon admission, he was observed with some minor scratches to his face and legs. The concerns regarding bruising on the child, were confirmed to be Mongolian spots that were located on his back. The scratches to the face and legs were noted to be consistent with the child being active and not inflicted injuries by the medical providers. The burn located on the groin, was inflicted by a cigarette that the mother reports she placed on the child’s leg out of frustration due to him not listening to her. The mother took no action to treat the burns or to seek medical attention for the burn. The child was hospitalized for five days due to the severity of the burn and the seriousness of the infection. The mother was arrested for aggravated child abuse and is currently detained in the Bay County jail. Maltreatment for burns is verified for Sara Landyn, for Miles Landyn. Maltreatment-physical injury is no indicators for Sara Landyn with Miles Landyn as the victim. Maltreatment-medical neglect is verified for Sara Landyn with Miles Landyn as the victim.

Sara and Daniel have been involved in a relationship for the past year. Daniel and Sara deny all aspects of physical violence and there were not collaterals to support that there has been violence between the two of them. Daniel does have a lengthy history of violence, to include arrests for battery and DCF cases for family violence, however there was no information to support that Miles has been witness to the violence or that he has been impacted by violence between Sara and Daniel Kiska. Daniel Kiska is a member of the Aryan Nation and does acknowledge that Sara has a son, however is open that he is not around Miles due to the “color” of his skin. Maltreatment for family violence threatens child is no indicators for Sara Landyn and Daniel Kiska for Miles Landyn.

Nature of Maltreatment:

Sara Landyn has been abusing drugs for the past two years. Sara began using marijuana and then was experimenting with methamphetamines with friends. For the past year Sara’s use has been daily and she reports that at times she is having to use hourly to remain high. There were noted to be few instances in the last year that she was not under the influence of methamphetamine or marijuana. Sara uses the marijuana to balance herself out-so that she is not so hyper from the methamphetamine use. Sara had been leaving Miles with various friends and family for the past two years. She admits that at times she lost track of where Miles was, due to some of the friends giving Miles to other friends or relatives and she could not track where he had gone. She feels that he is safe with her friends, despite her acknowledging that some of the friends don’t have their children and some use drugs as well. Family members have expressed concern regarding her use and will often keep Miles when they are able, however Sara does not utilize them as frequently since they have openly refused to allow Miles to go with Sara when she comes to pick him up. Collaterals support that Sara’s use has increased over the past year and that they have seen her health decline and her ability to engage with others decline. Concerns regarding Sara’s temper and anger towards others was noted prior to her abusing substances and relatives have noted an increase in her anger outbursts and inability to cope with any form of confrontation or stress.

After approximately a year of Miles being bounced between friends and relatives, Sara decided to pick Miles up at the end of April from her friend, as she felt that she was going to get clean and wanted to take care of Miles. The friend was angry with her and refused to give her Miles, so she called the cops and the cops gave her Miles. Within a month of living with a cousin, the cousin informed Sara that she and Miles had to leave, due to Sara’s continued drug use and leaving Miles at the house without telling the cousin. Miles was with Sara for less than a month, when she reports that she was frustrated with Miles and being evicted by her cousin. The child would not listen to her, so she burned him on his leg with her cigarette to get his attention. He was hysterical and she did not know what to do, so she dropped him off at his father’s house, not informing him of the injury to his groin. The father and paternal grandmother noticed the burn when they were changing Miles and immediately brought him to the emergency room. The child was seen by CPT while at the hospital and medical staff support that the injury was inflicted to the child. Sara was arrested and charged with aggravated child abuse due to the burn and her admittance of inflicting the injury on the child. Miles was hospitalized for five days due to cellulitis from the burn becoming infected. TJ and his mother have had concerns regarding the care of Miles, however Sara has been avoiding their contact and would not disclose where Miles was at when prompted. She would seek them out when she needed, but frequently would keep Miles from TJ and use Miles as a means to get assistance from TJ in exchange for allowing TJ to see Miles. TJ, while having a desire to have Miles with him, does not feel that he can meet all of Miles needs due to his own

instability financially. A home study was done on TJ's home, and was approved, however TJ supports Miles being with his aunt at this time and is working on securing a steady job and stability before having Miles live with him.

During the past year, Sara met and started dated Daniel Kiska. Daniel is a well-known member of the Aryan Nation. He is reported to not tolerate Sara's methamphetamine use, however he is aware that she uses. Daniel provides Sara with financial support and also on occasion will allow her to stay in his home, however will not allow her to reside with him due to her drug use. Daniel Kiska has had little to no interaction with Miles, as he does not support interracial relationships and Miles is a result of an inter-racial relationship. Daniel has a violent history, to include being arrested for battery on his ex-wife and a report to DCF for family violence due to the battery on his ex-wife. The charges for the battery were dropped, and the DCF report was determined to be verified for family violence threatens child. It was reported that Daniel had choked his ex-wife and the children reported seeing and hearing their mother being assaulted by Daniel. Daniel denies any violence in his past or currently between himself and Sara. Collaterals support that they have not witnessed violence between Sara and Daniel, and that if there were violence occurring the collaterals report that it would be most likely violence from Sara towards Daniel, as she easily becomes angered and lashes out at others.

Sara Landyn has no criminal history and has had no DCF reports as a caregiver for Miles.

Sources:

Sara Landyn, Daniel Kiska, Angie Washington (friend of Sara), TJ Cox (Father to Miles), Veronica Fox (PGM), Lindsey Landyn, (MAunt) CPT, Bay Area Hospital, Randi Caldwell, Hal Caldwell (MG Aunt), Mavis Caldwell (Cousin), Miles Landyn, Bay Area Police Department

Analysis:

Sara Landyn is addicted to methamphetamine, with increasing use and dependence over the last two years. During this time she has neglected to care for her son, and has relied on others to meet his needs with little regard on the ability of others to meet his needs. During the little contact she has with Miles during this time, she lacks the ability to manage her use and easily is frustrated with caretaking the three year old child, which resulted in her inflicting an injury to the child that resulted in his hospitalization. Sara demonstrates limited insight in regards to the care of Miles and his overall needs, and demonstrates no remorse for the injury that was inflicted to Miles.

Additional Ongoing Information:

No additional ongoing information regarding the maltreatment or nature of maltreatment.

Child Functioning –

How does the child function on a daily basis? Include physical health, development; emotion and temperament; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; educational performance; peer relations; behaviors that seem to provoke parent/caregiver reaction/behavior; activities with family and others. Include a description of each child's vulnerability based on threats identified.

Child 1: Miles Landyn

Miles is the only child to Sara Landyn and TJ Cox. Miles has experienced instability over the last two years in his living situation and caretakers that has resulted in Miles showing little to no fear of strangers or strange settings. Miles is easily engaged with people and settings, and will hug, kiss, and sit with anyone that is around. This has been observed in his daycare setting and has been an area of identified need for Miles in working with him in regards to boundaries, while also providing him with security. Miles will attach easily to adults that are around him, sometimes attempting to go home with his day care providers.

Miles at three is not potty trained and was still wearing diapers until recently. He is slowly progressing in his potty training, with wearing pull ups versus diapers. Miles struggles with vocalizing his needs, and this is in part due to his language delay. He has been assessed with a speech delay, that is non-organic. Miles speech is reported to be delayed due to lack of socialization and interaction to stimulate his speech development. The daycare and speech therapist have seen a marked improvement in his speech, in that he is beginning to form simple sentences. The therapist encourages active talking with and to Miles, with encouraging responses from Miles to assist in his development of his language.

Miles struggles with following rules and instructions both at daycare and at home. Miles is easily distracted during activities at the daycare and can be found wandering away from the group setting and beginning to engage in another project, despite the group working on one project. At home, he has to be redirected several times when attempting to accomplish a simple task, such as brushing his teeth or assisting in picking up toys. The lack of structure that Miles experienced over the last two years may be a contributing factor to Miles's actions, as when he came into care he had no bed-time, no daily routine, and little to no structure. Currently he has a set bed-time, routine and structure that is established for him, that he has been struggling to adjust with. Miles caregivers report frequent struggles with bed time and with Miles staying asleep through the night.

While Miles does have some struggles in regards to socialization and speech, overall he is reported to be a well-mannered, loving child that has an abundance of energy. He enjoys building things with blocks, playing outside, and snuggling while watching a movie. He is excited when his father visits him, which is frequently. TJ supports Miles placement with his aunt, as he feels that TJ's needs are best met with his aunt. TJ does not feel that he is financially stable and does not have the resources to take care of TJ presently. Eventually he would like to have Miles with him, but wants to make sure that it is best for Miles, and not just because he misses him. TJ's family is also involved with Miles and on the weekends will pick him up to attend church and family outings. TJ feels that it is important for Miles to be exposed to his family to ensure that TJ is raised understanding both his mother's family and his own as he is a bi-racial child. TJ reports that Miles keeps him on his toes and that he has seen a change in Miles since being with his Aunt. He notes that Miles is more talkative and that he listens better than in the past.

There have been no visits with his mother since coming into care, as she has been incarcerated and there is a no contact order due to the severity of the injuries inflicted on Miles. Miles does not inquire regarding his mother or mention his mother. Miles reaction to the separation from his mother has raised concerns due to the lack of emotion that Miles exhibits regarding his separation. It is believed that Miles may have some form of attachment disorder based upon his lack of emotion regarding his mother. Miles has been referred to a child psychologist for an evaluation regarding his attachment and bonding with his mother.

Medically, Miles is continuing to see a pediatrician regularly due to the infection from the burn. While the burn is healing, there is concern due to the location of the burn that infection could return if not properly managed. Miles had not been seen regularly by a doctor in the last two years, so he was in need of current immunizations and a well child check that were completed. There were no marked concerns for his physical development, other than the speech delay that was noted. He is average for his height and weight and is described as having a good appetite by his caregivers. Miles will need to be seen by a dentist this year, that the caregiver is aware of and will arrange for, however it was not noted that there was an immediate need regarding his dental care. Overall, physically Miles is developing on target for a three-year-old based upon observation and collateral contacts with his daycare providers, medical providers, and caregivers.

Sources:

TJ Cox (Father to Miles), Veronica Fox (PGM), Hospital, Randi Caldwell (MG Aunt), Miles Landyn, Dr. Schwaller (Pediatrician), Hal and Randi Caldwell, (MG Aunt and Uncle)

Analysis:

Miles Landyn is a three-year-old child that is exhibiting some areas of need due to exposure to maltreatment (neglect). In particular, the developmental delay in potty training and speech development. There is also concern for Miles's attachment and bonding to caregivers and lack of stranger danger at his age. Miles is a socially pleasant child, however he struggles with following through with tasks without frequent guidance. He has had little to no structure in his life and this has resulted in Miles struggling with identifying norms within social and home settings.

Adult Functioning –

How does the adult function on a daily basis? Overall life management. Include assessment and analysis of prior child abuse/neglect history, criminal behavior, impulse control, substance use/abuse, violence and domestic violence, mental health; include an assessment of the adult's physical health, emotion and temperament, cognitive ability; intellectual functioning; behavior; ability to communicate; self-control; education; peer and family relations, employment, etc.

Parent 1: Sara Landyn

Sara Landyn is a 20-year-old mother of one child. Sara was primarily raised by her maternal aunt and uncle, Randi and Hal Caldwell in Marianna, Florida. Randi and Hal took Sara and her sister Lindsey from their mother when the girls were 5 and 6 years old. Sara's mother, Lisa Caldwell, had a severe addiction to crack cocaine and Randi and Hal did not want the girls to be raised in that type of environment. Lisa Caldwell did not ever try to get the girls back and their father, Mike Landyn, was working a lot and supported them staying with Randi and Hal.

Sara would frequently seek her mother out growing up, wishing to be with her mother. Randi and Hal believe that Sara sought her mother out, in hopes of establishing a relationship with her and Sara never believing that their mother's drug use was as severe as what the rest of the family knew.

Sara was rebellious in high school and eventually Randi and Hal had her placed in a group home for troubled girls. They felt that Sara needed more structure and guidance than they could provide. Sara had been violent in their home towards Randi, Hal, and Lindsey and was frequently running away from home. Sara refutes that she went to the group home due to anger issues, but rather that her Aunt and Uncle did not want her anymore.

Sara was not successful in the group home, after running away multiple times. When she turned 16, she went to live with her mother, Lisa. Hal and Randi felt that there was nothing that they could do to stop this, so allowed her to stay there. While with her mother, Sara did not have to attend school, and her mother allowed her to come and go as she pleased. Lisa was still actively using drugs during this time, and Sara minimized the use to her family. It was while she was with her mother that she met TJ Cox. They both admit that they were not in a relationship, and that getting pregnant was not planned. Sara and TJ agreed to have Miles, and figure out how to take care of him together.

While living with her mother, Sara did obtain employment, however was fired from over 6 jobs due her hostility and inability to work with others on the job. Sara was fired from Subway, McDonalds, Exxon, Pizza Hut, Wal-Mart, and Taco Bell. Sara is noted to have a short temper, anger easily, and become not only physically but verbally violent towards others. Since being fired from Taco Bell, she has not held any form of employment. She has not been employed in three years. Sara did not finish high school and has not obtained her GED to date. She expresses no desire to obtain her GED and believes that she can get a job once released from jail to take care of herself and Miles. Sara refutes that she was fired from her jobs, and states that she did not like any of the jobs that she had, so that is why she left.

Sara remained with her mother after Miles was born, until she passed away approximately two years ago (Miles was a year old). Sara reports being very close to her mother, yet collaterals report that Lisa continued to be disengaged from Sara and that their relationship was more like friends than a mother daughter relationship. When Lisa passed away, Sara began experimenting with marijuana and methamphetamine and has continued to progress since that time. Sara uses methamphetamine daily, and sometimes reports needing to use hourly. She relies on her friends and Daniel Kiska to provide her with money to purchase drugs or friends that she says give her drugs for free. Sara has been homeless for the past two years, relying on her friends to provide a place to live or stay for short periods of time. Initially Sara would utilize her relatives for places to stay for her and Miles, but once they realized that she was using drugs, they asked her to leave. It was during this time, that Sara would frequently leave Miles with various friends or family for extended periods of time. She would frequently not remain in contact with his caregivers and lost track of where or who he was with for several months at a time.

Sara does not believe that Randi or Hal care about what happens to her and she does not view them as a support. Sara's father and her do not have a good relationship since Sara blames her father for letting her mother die. And her relationship with her sister is also strained due to the physical altercations between the two of them. Sara reports that she has ended her relationship with Daniel Kiska, however this is contrary to what Daniel reports. Daniel ended the relationship with Sara once he found out that she had intentionally burned Miles with the cigarette. Daniel has had no contact with Sara and does not plan on supporting her in anyway once released from jail.

Sara, while at times, recognizes that she needs assistance, has never reached out for assistance or attempted to cease using methamphetamine. She openly admits to using drugs and reports no remorse over the drug use and the impact on Mile's life. Sara believes that she will be able to stay away from methamphetamine when she is released from jail, but cannot articulate how this would occur, where she would reside, and what resources she would utilize to stay clean.

Currently she is incarcerated in Bay County Jail for failure to appear for a hearing for the aggravated child abuse charge and if released, she is homeless and has limited to no support system in place due to her perceptions of others as being unsupportive and subsequent alienation of her family and friends due to her violence towards them and use of drugs.

Sources:

Sara Landyn, Daniel Kiska, Angie Washington (friend of Sara), TJ Cox (Father to Miles), Veronica Fox (PGM), , Randi Caldwell (MG Aunt), Hal Caldwell (MG Uncle), Bay Area Police Department, Mike Landyn, Lindsey Landyn (Sister)

Analysis:

Sara Landyn current and historic substance use has impacted her ability to manage her daily life. Sara's drug usage began following the death of her mother, the loss of her mother was a traumatic event for Sara that she has not been able to cope with without the use of substances. She frequently relies on others to meet her own basic needs, such as housing and financial means. Despite having family members that have offered and provided Sara with support, she has alienated herself from them for actions she perceives as being non-supportive. Sara's social interactions and employment has been marked with anger episodes that have impacted her ability to obtain and maintain employment, for which Sara demonstrates little to no insight in regards to her actions that resulted in termination of employment and distance from relatives. Overall Sara is unable to manage her life due to her own choices, such as abusing substances and reliance on others.

Parenting –

General – What are the overall, typical, parenting practices used by the parents/legal guardians?

Discipline/Behavior Management – What are the disciplinary approaches used by the parents/legal guardians, and under what circumstances

Parent 1: Sara Landyn

Sara Landyn is the mother to one child, Miles age three. Miles was not a planned pregnancy, yet Sara reports that she was happy to be having a child. Initially, Sara found joy in providing for Miles, with the support of her mother. During Miles first year of life, relatives report that Sara was attentive to Miles and would spend her days with Miles taking care of him. Sara was prompt in ensuring that all of Miles well baby checks were completed and that he was having his daily needs met. Miles was developing on target, per his medical records, and Sara had sought resources, such as WIC to ensure that Miles had formula and was on public assistance during this time to provide for his basic needs. Sara was able to ensure that the house was child proofed for when Miles began crawling and walking and also was reluctant to leave Miles with anyone other than herself or TJ.

Sara and TJ were co-parenting Miles at the time and frequently Miles would spend time with his paternal relatives, along with Sara. Collaterals report that Sara was nurturing to Miles and was proud to show Miles to relatives and friends. Sara remarked that she wanted to ensure that Miles was loved and cared for better than what she perceived she received from her own mother. While Sara recognizes that she was a young mother, she felt that during that first year that she was doing a good job as a mother to Miles, as he had everything that he could ever need. This sentiment is supported by collaterals that observed Sara and her interactions with Miles as being loving and attentive.

When Miles was one, Sara abdicated her role as a parent to anyone that would be willing to take care of Miles for her. Frequently she would leave him with others that she barely knew in order to use drugs. She did not provide for his food or clothing during these times and would rely on the caregivers to ensure that Miles's needs were met. She did not continue with his well-baby checks, and had lost her public assistance and WIC due to failure to complete the necessary paperwork. Sara felt that Miles would be taken care of by others and demonstrated no concern for his well-being, despite not knowing where he was at times. When she would present to care for Miles, she was frequently under the influence and would only have him for short periods of time. Collaterals report that she would not respond to him when he sought her out, and would become easily frustrated with his behaviors that were typical of a two and three-year-old. Sara demonstrated little patience with Miles and would leave him again with anyone that would be willing to take care of him. When prompted about what she believes that a three-year-old needs and her role as the parent, Sara is unable to articulate how Miles should be developing or what he needs. Sara was unaware of the concerns regarding Miles speech or that he was considered developmentally behind in his potty training and social interaction. Sara accredits this to her lack of contact with Miles during the past two years.

Sara is unsure of how she is going to be able to meet Miles needs, considering that she is incarcerated, has no job, and no home. Sara does wish to parent Miles again, and believes that she can learn from her past mistakes to be a better parent. Sara views her use of substance as the primary cause for how she has not been parenting Miles in the past two years and believes that during his first year of life that she was a good parent.

The little contact she has had with Miles in the last two years has affected the relationship she has with Miles and this is evident when her interactions were observed with Miles during the initial investigation. Miles does not identify Sara as mom, and does not seek her out when in a room with others. Miles is more apt to seek those out that pay attention to him and will engage with him. Sara seems despondent to Miles and prefers to engage with others rather than engage with her son when he is present. Currently there is a no contact order for Sara and Miles due to the injury she inflicted upon Miles during a time that Sara reports she was frustrated with Miles crying and not behaving. Sara is remorseful regarding the injury she caused to Miles and understands Miles reluctance to seek her out when they were visiting. Sara recognizes that she has a lot of work to do in order to be able to provide Miles with the type of parenting that he needs. Collaterals support that they believe that Sara loves Miles and that she once was very bonded to Miles, but that currently due to her own substance use, that she is not able to meet his needs and demonstrate her love and affection for Miles.

Sources:

Sara Landyn, Angie Washington (friend of Sara), TJ Cox (Father to Miles), Veronica Fox (PGM), Randi Caldwell (MG Aunt), Hal Caldwell (MG Uncle), Mike Landyn, Lindsey Landyn

Analysis:

For the past two years Sara has not been parenting Miles to ensure his safety. She has placed her own needs of abusing substance over those of Miles, which has resulted in Miles being neglected. While Sara does have a history of providing for Miles and meeting his basic needs with success, currently she is unable to meet his needs and has trouble identifying how she would meet his needs in the future. The initial relationship with Miles and Sara was positive by all accounts, however currently there are concerns regarding the attachment that Miles may have with Sara due to her abdication. Sara does demonstrate some insight into her actions regarding the lack of parenting of Miles, and is noted to have a desire to regain her ability to parent Miles. While Sara has the ability to meet his needs, it is unclear if she can avoid her own destructive behavior to provide for Miles.

Parenting Discipline/Behavior Management:

Sara's form of discipline is to use physical discipline. She has been observed to spank Miles for behavior that she views as wrong, when in reality the behavior is typical of a three-year-old, such as crying or telling her "no". When Miles cries, Sara has no patience and does not know how to respond other than yelling for him to stop, threatening to spank him, and when his behavior does not subside, she spanks him on his butt. Sara believes that physical discipline will teach Miles how to behave better and to listen to her as a parent. Sara is reluctant to explore other means of discipline or managing Miles behavior, as she does not believe that they will be as effective. Sara recognizes that as Miles gets older that physical discipline will not be effective, however believes that by then Miles will know right from wrong and will not need physical discipline.

Sources:

Sara Landyn, Angie Washington (friend of Sara), TJ Cox (Father to Miles), Veronica Fox (PGM), Randi Caldwell (MG Aunt), Hal Caldwell (MG Uncle), Mike Landyn, Lindsey Landyn

Analysis:

Sara's underlying coping and management of perceived stressful situations results in her overt use of physical discipline for Miles. Sara does not recognize the value of redirection or alternate methods of guidance for a young child and uses physical force in an attempt to change behavior. Sara is unrealistic in her expectations of a child of Miles age in regards to how young children behave and react. Sara expects that Miles will not back-talk or cry, and this is unrealistic for a child of his age. Sara is reluctant to seek out other means to manage Mile's behavior. Sara's past reactions to Miles has resulted in Miles being injured, which raises concerns for child safety when Sara is in a caregiving role due to her lack of ability to manage perceived stressful situations and/or non-compliance on the part of Miles.

SECTION C: REASON(S) FOR ONGOING INVOLVEMENT

Danger Threat(s)

Danger Statement
<p>Sara Landyn use 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

SECTION D: CHILD NEED INDICATORS

Social and Emotional Competence and Health/Medical status.								
Child Need	Child No. 1:				Child No. 2:			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Emotional/ trauma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behavioral (e.g. risk taking behavior, runaway, etc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical health/ disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer/adult relationships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural identity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life skills development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Assess all needs with a C or D rating to determine the parent’s ability to independently meet the needs of the child.

Child No.1	Parent meeting need?
Family Relationships	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emotional Trauma	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If the parent is meeting the need, describe their actions. If the parent needs support or assistance to meet the needs of the child, the need will be addressed in the Case Plan.

If a diminished protective capacity will not be addressed in the Case Plan, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

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SECTION E: PROTECTIVE CAPACITIES

	Parent/Legal Guardian Protective Capacities	Parent/Legal Guardian No. 1:				Parent/Legal Guardian No. 2:			
		A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Behavioral	Controls Impulses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Takes Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sets aside own needs for child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Demonstrates adequate skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Adaptive as a Parent/Legal Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cognitive	Is self aware	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is intellectually able	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	History of protective behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Recognizes threats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Recognizes child's needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional	Understands protective role	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Plans and articulates plans for protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Meets own emotional needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is resilient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is tolerant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is stable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity to the child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is positively attached with child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is aligned and supports the child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Assess all diminished protective capacities to determine the priority needs to be included in the Case Plan.

Parent/Legal Guardian No. 1.	Include in Case Plan?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE: For each person who must take action in this area, show his/her motivation for change:					
	Pre-contemplation	Contemplation	Preparation	Action	Maintenance
Sara Landyn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION F: FAMILY CHANGE STRATEGY (developed in collaboration with the family)

Family Goal: Describe how the family will be functioning when all children are safe and the family is able to independently meet the needs of their children.

Sara does desire to parent Miles again. She reports that the best time that she can recall was when she had Miles and she was not using methamphetamine. She would like to be able to provide Miles with a home, stability, and to be a good mother to Miles.

Ideas: Describe ideas parent/legal guardian, worker, child or other network members have for moving toward the Family Goal.

Sara would like to enter into drug court, as she feels that this would be something that would hold her accountable for her actions. Sara recognizes that she needs structure since she has been in jail and has had time to reflect on things. With assistance, she feels that she can be successful in getting Miles back and not using methamphetamine. Sara's family continues to be supportive to her and they have been visiting with her, and have seen some positive change in her behavior towards them. They are willing to provide support to her, as long as there is the court oversight.

Potential Barriers: Describe things that could get in the way of change from the family's perspective and/or the family team's perspective.

There is a current criminal case pending for Sara that may inhibit her ability to move towards reunification with her son in a timely manner. Sara is aware of the potential consequences of her actions and has recently demonstrated remorse and insight into how her actions-using meth-has impacted not only her son, but also the potential future she may have with him. If she is not able to have Miles, she would like for her sister to keep Miles, with TJ being involved in his life.

**IF ANY CHILD IS IN AN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT, PROCEED TO SECTION G.
IF ALL CHILDREN ARE IN HOME, PROCEED TO SECTION H.**

Do you have a child in out of home care whose behaviors pose a safety threat to self or other children? **No**

You have a child in out of home care, please evaluate for Reunification.

SECTION G: IN-HOME SAFETY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING (removal home)

Yes No

- The Parent/Legal Guardians are willing for an in-home safety plan to be developed and implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with all identified safety service providers.
- The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an in-home safety plan to be implemented and for safety service providers to be in the home safely.
- Safety services are available at a sufficient level and to the degree necessary in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home.
- An in-home safety plan and the use of in-home safety services can sufficiently manage impending danger without the results of scheduled professional evaluations.
- The Parent/Legal Guardians have a physical location in which to implement an in-home safety plan.

If "Yes" to all of SECTION G above – an In-Home Safety Plan shall be executed which would allow a child to return home with the use of in-home safety services in order to manage the way in which impending danger is manifested in the home while treatment and safety management services can be determined and initiated.

❖ A safety plan must be implemented, monitored, and actively managed by the department.

In-Home Safety Plan is determined. Summarize the conditions that have changed since last safety analysis to support reunification with an In-Home Safety Plan.

If "No" to any of SECTION G above, continue Out-of-Home safety action. Summarize conditions for return. What reasonable efforts were attempted this progress period to ameliorate danger to allow for the child to be reunified with an In-Home Safety Plan. Describe the danger threat that is unable to be managed in the home and thus preventing return.

Conditions for return should be related to reasons for out of home placement and behaviorally based. These are parent/legal guardian actions and behaviors that must be demonstrated to sufficiently address the danger and allow for the child to safely return home with an in-home safety plan and continued safety management to address, monitor, manage the safety and case management to address the behavior change.

Sara will need to be able to reside in a location that is able to accommodate an in-home safety plan. An assessment of the living conditions will need to be conducted, once obtained to ensure that the environment can support safety services occurring in the home without disruption.

SECTION H: CURRENT SAFETY PLAN ASSESSMENT FOR SUFFICIENCY

You have a child under In-Home Impending Danger Safety Plan, please evaluate for continuity or changes

- Safety plan is sufficient, no need for changes to the plan at this time
- Safety plan is not sufficient, not controlling for child safety or no longer applicable; change in safety plan is needed.
- Safety Plan is no longer needed.

Based on the determination selected above, describe the assessment process to reach this conclusion.

Currently Miles remains in out of home care due to the unavailability of Sara to engage in an in-home safety plan. In his current placement, Miles is having his basic needs met, they are aligned with the child and are willing to support the goal of reunification for Miles with his mother. The placement is also willing to have Miles in their home long term, should that be needed.