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Rural Parental Incarceration Report

DFS PARENT ARREST CASE REVIEW

Date of removal:	5/22/2010 5/28/2010 5/30/2010 7/3/2010 8/18/2010 8/31/2010 09/20/2010 (2) 9/25/2010	9 Cases/11 Children		
UNITY Case #:	1360976 1362915 1363051 1363609 1363928 1364903 1366397 1260365 1319459	Day of week : Saturday Saturday Sunday Saturday Wednesday Tuesday Monday Monday Saturday	Time: 11:00am 5:15pm 11:50pm 5:52pm 5:30pm 10:00am 8:00pm 8:00pm 12:15pm	5 calls were received on the weekend (Sat/Sun) and were handled by the on-call worker. 3 calls were received during the week (Mon-Fri) and were received after hours and handled by the on-call worker.
Reason for removal	8 cases	One parent arrested, absent parent(s) not identified, or located		
	1 case	Both parents arrested, no responsible adult or relative available		
	4 cases	In addition to arrest, safety concerns related to abuse/neglect		
Arrest charges against parent:	Warrant Child Endangerment Trespassing and Obstruction Shoplifting Harboring a Fugitive Drug activity Child Endangerment, Battery on Police Officer and Drug Charges DUI, Obstructing and Resisting, Child Endangerment			
Length of time parent was incarcerated:	The caregiver's length of incarceration was from being booked and released up to being incarcerated for up to 8 days. It was difficult to determine how long the caregiver was incarcerated in some cases.			
CPS Allegation against parent:	Negligent Treatment: Environmental (24N)—3 cases Negligent Treatment: Inadequate Supervision (18N)—4 cases Negligent Treatment: Threat of Harm (27N)—2 cases Negligent Treatment: Failure to Protect (19N)—2 cases Physical Injury Neglect: Physical Risk (14N)—1 case			
Was the parental incarceration the sole basis for the CPS allegation:	No—6 cases Yes—3 cases			
Number of children removed:	9 cases 11 Children			

Age of child(ren) removed:	Age range: 2 months to 15 years old								
Who transported child to receiving CPS or law enforcement, if law enforcement, which agency:	DCFS Social Worker transported in 10 cases. Law enforcement transported in one case as parent was arrested in Washoe County and after child was placed it was discovered family resided in Carson City and case was transferred to Carson District Office.								
Did LE contact CPS prior to transporting child to receiving:	Yes—8 cases No—1 case (parent was incarcerated and left child with a relative who brought the child to the office as relative was not able to care for the child)								
Were efforts made to affect a parental placement:	Yes in 5 cases, parents were contacted and asked to identify alternate caregivers. In 3 of those cases the alternate caregivers were not able to pick up the child until the following days. In 1 case the parent was contacted in jail the next day and she identified an alternate caregiver. In 2 cases, all the caregivers in the home were arrested and no alternate caregivers could be identified. In 1 case the child was returned to the parent after her release from jail.								
What was the length of time between parental incarceration and CPS contact with parent:	2 cases the parent was contacted the same day 3 cases the parent was contacted within one day 2 cases the parent was contacted within 2 days 1 case the parent was contacted within 4 days 1 case not able to determine when parent was contacted								
Were children returned to parent in less than 8 days:	Yes—4 cases No—4 cases Unknown—1 case								
# of days children remained in placement	1 day—3 cases 2 days—6 cases								

Additional Information:

- 2 of the cases were from District 1 (Elko)—Ely Office
- 4 of the cases were from District 2 (Carson City)
- 3 of the cases were from District 4 (Pahrump)

Parent Arrest Data Summary

Case # 1360976 (Saturday, 05/22/2010) - ELY

- The children were removed from the mother after she was arrested on a warrant from Jackpot, NV. The home was also found to be unclean and hazardous to the children's health.
- The case involved two children; one age 2 years and the other age 3 years.
- CPS allegations were Negligent Treatment; Environmental Neglect 24N and Inadequate Supervision 18N.
- The children were in foster care for two days.
- At the 72 Hour Hearing the children were returned to the mother with the understanding that she would voluntarily place them with her parents (the maternal grandparents) in Idaho.
- The case was closed on 07/21/2010 because the mother moved to Idaho.
- There was one other report dated 03/05/2010; allegations were Inadequate Shelter N23 and Environmental Neglect N24. Unsubstantiated.

Case # 1362915 (Friday, 05/28/2010) – Carson City

- The child was removed from the mother and father; both parents were arrested for Child Endangerment due to the filthy condition of their home. The home was found to be hazardous to the child's health and safety.
- The case involved one 1 year old child.
- CPS allegation was Negligent Treatment; Environmental Neglect 24N
- The child was in foster care for two days.
- On 05/30/2010, the parents signed non Court temporary guardianship paperwork for the maternal grandmother. The child was released to the maternal grandmother.
- The case was closed on 12/20/2010 after the parents completed a voluntary case plan.
- The family had no prior history.

Case #1363051 (Sunday, 05/30/2010) – Ely

- The child was removed from the father when he was arrested for trespassing and obstructing at White Pine Ranch.
- The case involved one 15 year old child.
- The CPS allegation was Negligent Treatment; Inadequate Supervision 18N
- The child was in foster care for 1 day
- On 05/31/2010, the paternal grandfather was able to drive up from Las Vegas and pick up his granddaughter. The child was released to the paternal grandfather.
- The case was closed on 07/16/2010, unsubstantiated.
- The family had no prior history.

Case # 1363609 (Saturday, 07/03/2010) – Carson City

- The child was removed from the mother when she was arrested for shoplifting.
- The case involved one 2 month old child.
- The CPS allegation was Negligent Treatment; Threat of Harm 27N.
- The child was in foster care for 1 day or less (unclear).
- At the time of the arrest, Law Enforcement tried to contact the father to prevent placement. The child was released back to the parents, it is unclear as to when the Worker contacted the father.
- The case was closed on 07/28/2010.
- No Prior History.

Case # 1363928 (Wednesday, 08/18/2010) – Carson City

- The mother completed temporary guardianship papers for a friend to watch her child due to her impending incarceration. However, according to the maternal grandmother, the friend brought the child to her stating that she could no longer care for him. The maternal grandmother, brought the child to the CPS office stating that she could not care for the child. The child was placed in foster care until the mother could be contacted in jail for any alternative placements.
- The case involved one 19 month old child.
- The CPS allegation was Negligent Treatment; Environmental Neglect 24N because of the condition of the grandmother's home.
- The child was in foster care for 2 days.
- The mother was contacted in jail and gave information concerning the paternal grandmother. On 08/20/2010, the child was placed with the paternal grandmother and the putative father.
- The case was closed on 10/08/2010.
- The family had one prior report on 07/21/2010; allegations were Physical Injury Abuse, Substance Misuse 10A

Case # 1364903 (Tuesday, 08/31/2010) – Pahrump

- The mother was arrested for harboring fugitive and withholding information.
- The case involved one 4 year old child
- CPS allegation was Negligent Treatment; Threat of Harm 27N
- The child was placed in foster care for 1 day while the maternal grandmother traveled from Maryland back to Nevada.
- DCFS contacted the maternal grandmother who was visiting in the State of Maryland.
- The case was closed on 10/06/2010.
- There was no prior history.

Case # 1366397 (Monday, 09/20/2010) - Pahrump

- The mother left her children in the care of the maternal grandmother and the maternal aunt. DCFS was called to the home by NCSO because the maternal grandmother was being arrested for failure to protect the children from the drug activities of the maternal aunt. The mother's whereabouts were unknown at the time of the arrest, however, she later arrived at the home where she was arrested, also. The children were placed in foster care for the night.
- The case involved two children; one 5 year old and one 1 year old.
- CPS allegations were Negligent Treatment; Failure to Protect 19N
- The children were placed in foster care for 2 days then released to the mother.
- All the care providers were arrested.
- The case was closed on 01/07/2011.
- The family had no prior history.

Case # 1260365 (Monday, 09/20/2010) – Pahrump

- The mother was arrested on 09/20/2010 and released on 09/23/2010 for Child Endangerment and drug charges. After being released, she had no contact with the Social Worker or the maternal grandmother and aunt.
- This case involved one child age 8 years.
- CPS Allegations were Negligent Treatment, Failure to Protect 19N and Inadequate Supervision 18N.
- The child was placed in foster care for 2 days then released to the maternal grandmother who provided signed guardianship paperwork.
- All the care providers were arrested.
- According to UNITY, the case is in Pending Closure status.
- The family has eleven prior reports dating from 06/04/1999. The allegations for five of the cases were Lack of Supervision; two for Environmental Neglect; One each for Parent Substance Abuse, Lack of Necessity, Medical Neglect and Failure to Protect – Sex. All the reports were unsubstantiated except the most recent report dated 09/20/2010.

Case # 1319459 (Saturday, 09/25/2010) – Carson City

- The mother was arrested in Washoe County on 09/25/2010 for DUI, Obstructing and Resisting and Child Endangerment.
- The case involves one child age 11 years.
- CPS allegations were Negligent Treatment; Inadequate Supervision 18N and Physical Injury Neglect; Physical Risk 14N.
- The child was placed at Kids Kottage in Reno, NV for 2 days before being released back to the mother.
- The mother was contacted and the child was released to her on 09/27/2010 with services in place.

- The family had prior CPS history. In June of 2005, the child was removed and the allegations were Court Substantiated. The prior case was closed on 08/17/2005.

Additional Data

- Was the parental incarceration the sole basis for the CPS allegation: **6 cases, No 3 cases, Yes**
- Number of Children Removed: **9 Cases, 11 Children**
- Who transported child to receiving, CPS or Law Enforcement; if Law Enforcement which agency: **DCFS Social worker transported in 10 cases. Law enforcement transported in one case as parent was arrested in Washoe County; after the child was placed it was discovered that the family resided in Carson City and the case was transferred to the Carson District Office.**
- Did Law Enforcement contact CPS prior to transporting child to receiving:
 - Yes – 8 cases**
 - No- 1 case (the parent was incarcerated and left the child with a relative who brought the child to the DCFS office as relative was unable to care for the child.)**
- Were efforts made to affect a parental placement: **Yes in five cases parents were contacted and asked to identify alternate caregivers. In 3 of those cases the alternate caregivers were unable to pick up the child until the following days. In 1 case the parent was contacted in jail the next day and she identified an alternate caregiver. In 2 cases all the caregivers in the home were arrested and no alternate caregivers could be identified. In 1 case the child was returned to the parent after her release from jail.**
- What was the length of time between parental incarceration and CPS contact:
 - 2 cases the parent was contacted the same day**
 - 3 cases the parent was contacted within one day**
 - 2 cases the parent was contacted within 2 days**
 - 1 case the parents was contacted within 4 days**
 - 1 case not able to determine when parent was contacted**
- Were the children returned to the parent in less than 8 days: **Yes - 4 cases**
No – 4 cases
Unknown – 1 case
- Number of days the children remained in placement: **1 day – 3 cases**
2 days – 6 cases

- District Offices: **2 cases from District 1 (Elko) – Ely Office**
4 cases from District 2 (Carson City)
3 cases from District 4 (Pahrump)

- Number of days the children remained in placement: **1 day – 3 cases**
2 days – 6 cases
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Conclusion

In four of the cases, the caseworker was able to release the child(ren) directly to the parent.

- In one of the cases, the court (at the 72 hour hearing) released the children to the mother with a plan in place that she would immediately place her children voluntarily with the maternal grandparents.
- In another case, the mother was arrested and; Law Enforcement and the caseworker could not locate the father. It was necessary for the child to be placed in foster care for one night until the father responded to the messages left for him.
- In one case, the mother and all the other caregivers were arrested. No other relatives were identified so it was necessary for the child(ren) to be placed in foster care for two days until the mother was released and safety was established by the caseworker.
- In the fourth case, the mother was arrested in Reno. Washoe County CPS placed the child in Kids Cottage. The mother lived in Carson City; the case was transferred to DCFS in Carson City and the caseworker released the child to the mother with services in place.

In five of the cases, the children were released to relatives.

- In one of the cases, the child was placed with the maternal grandmother while the parents cleaned up their environment. The child was released to the parents ten days later and DCFS opened a voluntary case plan with the parents.
- In another case, the child was released to the paternal grandfather who drove from Las Vegas to Northern Nevada to pick up his granddaughter. The child remained in foster care for one day waiting for her grandfather to drive from Las Vegas. The case was closed, unsubstantiated. It is unclear when the father was released from jail.
- In two of the cases, the child was placed with a relative while the parent remained incarcerated.

- In one of the cases, the child was released to the maternal grandmother who was the guardian. When the mother was released from jail, she disappeared and the caseworker was unable to locate her.

Overall, the caseworkers did a very good job of finding relatives for the children to be released to. In all nine cases the placements in foster care were necessary. The parent was contacted in a timely manner and the DCFS caseworkers did everything they could to mitigate a placement in foster care.

- In six of the cases, the parent(s) identified a relative and the caseworker was able to contact the relative, complete the necessary background checks and place the children.
- In two of the cases, all the caregivers were arrested and no other relatives were identified.
- In one case, the mother was arrested in Washoe County and a placement was made by that County.