**Steward/Collins Foster Care Custodial Placement Update**

Before the prior CPS case was closed. Travis began cutting again and was taken to the ER for evaluation. Travis was admitted into a psychiatric hospital for treatment. He disclosed Andrew has been coming around for a while now, and his mom doesn’t think it is a big deal. He didn’t disclose any additional abuse, but he states Andrew is a “creep.” He said just seeing him brings it all back up. He has to find a release somehow, so he starts cutting. Travis said his brother, Michael was trying to take up for him and his mom slapped him across the face. A new CPS referral was called into the hotline since there is a no contact order between Travis/ Michael and Andrew, and Mrs. Steward slapped Michael.

CPS met response and interviewed Michael separate and alone per policy. Michael stated that Andrew has been at the house several times and was there as recently as yesterday. Michael reported to CPS that when he told his mom that she was breaking the law she got angry at him and started screaming at him. Michael reports she also got mad and started yelling back and told her she was a “piece of shit mother,” and she hit him in the face. Michael states he left the house and went to stay with a friend.

Response was met with Travis, who was interviewed separate and alone per policy. Travis reported his mom is letting Andrew stay at the house, and Andrew asked him if he wanted to “hang out and watch a movie.” Travis disclosed this made him feel scared and upset, and he didn’t know what to do. He states he cannot talk to his mom about Andrew because she doesn’t think it’s a big deal. His brother, Michael, tried to explain to their mother Andrew should not be allowed in the house, and he got smacked. Travis appeared to be visibly upset as he was shaking and having a hard time saying his words clearly without a slight stutter.

Marilyn was interviewed and did not deny allowing Andrew in the home. Marilyn reports Travis is over dramatic, and the “touching thing” was years ago. “Travis needs to get over it already,” Marilyn stated. When asked about the confrontation with Michael, Marilyn stated Michael is “getting too big for his britches.” Marilyn explained she will not be told what she can or cannot do, especially from a child. She shared Andrew is her oldest child, and she loves him and thinks they should all just “move on.” Marilyn was asked about Travis’s safety plan, and she stated “he is safe. We all are.”

The maternal grandparents, Phillip, and Evelyn Wilson were engaged, and they reported they love the boys, all of them, but Andrew needs help and so does Travis. After sharing the full disclosure options, they decided they wanted to be kinship foster parents, and Michael was placed with them. The psychiatric hospital recommended a higher level of treatment for Travis, so they feel they cannot handle Travis’s suicide attempts and his moods.

Legal was staffed and a removal was approved based on Marilyn’s lack of supervision and being unwilling to be protective of the children from Andrew. Michael was placed in a kinship foster home with his grandparents, and Travis was placed at Cedar Grove Residential Center where he will receive Level 3 services. (Cedar Grove- Residential treatment center serves sexually reactive and sexually abusive males, ages 11-17, who struggle with behavioral and emotional issues).

**Case Family Handout: Initial Face to Face with Travis (in placement)**

Travis reports he is adjusting to being in a facility but thinks “you people” went extreme by placing him there. He states all he needed was to be sent to his grandparent’s house and he would have been fine. He denies any feelings of suicidal ideation and says they are trying to make him have phone family therapy with his “idiot mom” but he will just refuse to talk to her. The facility does have a gym and he get to play ball and lift weights, so he is happy about those things but has already learned all the “crap about coping” but his mom just needs to let him do what he wants when he feels upset.

**Case Family Handout: Initial Face to Face with Michael (in placement)**

The interview occurs at the grandparent’s home. During the visit, he shows FSW his room and it has a full-size bed and his clothes and items he brought from his house. If asked he says he would like to paint his room and bring more of his stuff over since he is living there now. Michael said he was enjoying staying with his grandparents and is really glad to be able to go to the same school but would also be happy if he could move to his dad’s house in Virgina. He has stayed there a lot since his mom went back to work so it “feels like home”. He said he went to his doctor’s appointment this morning and they said everything was good but he is not looking forward to going to the dentist, because he hates to have cavities filled. If asked about visiting with his mother and brothers, he states he could use a break from them for now and doesn’t really feel like seeing them. Before you leave, he asks if you want to see the car him and his grandfather have been working on. It is a 1967 Shelby GT. He said he loves working on cars with his grandfather and is hoping to go fishing with him later this week.

Case Family Handout: Initial Face to Face Quality Contact with Phillip and Evelyn Wilson

The grandparents report, “so far so good”. They took him to his physical appointment this morning and everything was fine there. They asked if he would have to do therapy or what to expect. They also ask if he can visit with his mom. She has already called and asked about coming over, but they were not sure what to tell her and Michael said he really doesn’t feel like seeing her right now. They say they are so worried about Travis and hope he isn’t mad at them for not taking him right now, but they really don’t feel like they can manage everything he needs right now. They report they are shocked Marilyn was letting Andrew around again and she “never learns”. Sometimes you have to protect yourself and those around you by cutting others off no matter how much you love them.

Case Family Handout: Initial Home Visit/Face to Face Quality Contact with Mrs. Steward

The visit occurs in the home of Marilyn Steward, who is the only one home at the time. She states that she doesn’t understand why her boys were removed because she didn’t do anything wrong. Andrew is her son too and she should be able to see him if she wants. What happened between him and Travis was a long time ago and he would “never” do that again. She feels like Travis cuts himself to get attention and she is not going to “play his games”. She doesn’t know what got into Michael talking to her like that. He is normally the “good child”. She reports she called her parents and asked about visiting but they gave her the run around and never said she could come over. She asks how soon this will be over since it is ridiculous, we got involved to start with.