**CASE FAMILY HANDOUTS-INTERVIEWS**

**CORE WEEK 2 INTERVIEWS**

Interview with Michael

Michael reports that he wants to make good grades and go to college, but he can’t get anything done with his mom and brother constantly yelling and fighting. He reports that his brother “has problems” and he needs help. He loves his mom, but she just can’t control Travis. He and Travis fight like “brothers do”. He states when Travis is around their mom, he “can’t stand him” and he tells him to shut up and other times they enjoy lifting weights, playing ball, and working on cars together. He would like to go to Virginia to live with his dad, stepmom, and baby sister. If he can’t go there, he wants to live with his grandparents, Phillip and Evelyn Wilson since they have fun working on cars. Then he would be far away from his mom and Travis’ non-sense and can focus on his life. If asked about his contact with Andrew, Michael reports he can’t recall the last time he saw him and would be happy to never see him again.

Interview with Mr. Wilson, Maternal Grandfather

Phillip and Evelyn Wilson (maternal grandparents) have been married for 20 years. They live in the same neighborhood as Marilyn. They are active in their church and feel supported by friends and extended family who live in the area. His health is good and says he stays active to keep his health in check. They have been actively involved in the lives of their grandchildren. Mr. Wilson works as a manager at an auto parts store and enjoys working on antique cars and often involves Travis and Michael in this activity. Additionally, he often takes Travis and Michael fishing and engages in other activities with them. They spend a considerable amount of time with their grandparents, especially Michael. In fact, when Marilyn returned to work last year, the boys began riding the bus home from school to their grandparent’s house where they stay until Marilyn gets off work. Both boys are attached to their grandparents. Evelyn Wilson has been married to Phillip since before the boys were born, so they are as attached to her as they are their grandfather. The Wilsons believe the boys should live with them. He gets along with the boy’s father but feels like they should not have to move schools or the life they know since it was his decision to move out of the state.

Mr. Wilson states that he loves his daughter, Marilyn, but believes that she has never been able to manage the behavior of any of her children. He states that Marilyn’s mother was confrontational and that her primary method of disciplining their children was yelling at them. He believes that Marilyn has repeated this behavior with her children. He believes this is unproductive. He also is frustrated that his daughter “allowed” Andrew to hurt his brother, stating she should have been paying closer attention to the boys. He loves Andrew but doesn’t know how he could do that to his brother, and he hoped he got the help he needed with his father.

Interview with Evelyn Wilson (Philip Wilson’s wife)

Evelyn Wilson states she might not be the boy’s biological grandmother, but she is just as much their grandmother as anyone and loves them like her own. She loves having them come over to the house and would be happy to have them live there. The boys come over frequently especially since Marilyn returned to work. She states Phillip, Travis, and Michael enjoy working on their vintage vehicles together in their garage. She states she loves Marilyn and wants to support her in any way she can, especially with the boys. She and Grace Wilson see each other at family events such as birthday parties, etc, but they try not to talk to one another.

She continues to work at a daycare and loves taking care of children. Her health is good other than the usually “getting older” aches and pains. If asked about Andrew, she states she isn’t sure what happened to cause him to do that to his brother.

Interview with Grace Wilson, Maternal Grandmother

Grace Wilson states she loves her daughter and grandchildren. She talks to Marilyn on the phone regularly. She doesn’t know why Marilyn is having so much trouble with Travis. She states that when Marilyn was growing up she would “lay down the law” and Marilyn had to obey if she knew what was good for her. She feels that Marilyn needs to be sterner with the boys. If asked about Andrew, she says Marilyn should have been stricter on him and they should have been able to work everything out without sending him away. If asked about work or her living situation, she reports she worked in a nursing home for years before taking retirement. She still sits with people on occasion. She lives in a one-bedroom apartment and has some health concerns such as high blood pressure and osteoporosis.

Interview with Richard Collins, Travis and Michael’s Biological Father

Richard Collins currently lives in Virginia with his new wife, Paula. They have been married two years and have a 9-month-old daughter, Emma. Paula also has a teen-age son from a previous marriage, who lives with them. His health is good but having a new baby is exhausting! Richard works as a mechanic. Mr. Collins has a good relationship with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Travis and Michael have visited with their father since their parent’s divorce. They enjoy their time with him and have a positive relationship with him and Paula and her son. They are also excited to have a new baby sister. Mr. Collins would like to have custody of the boys but lives out of state and doesn’t want to make them have to change schools.

Richard and Marilyn got a divorce in 2011. A few years later Andrew, sexually abused Travis. Richard tends to blame himself for Travis being sexual abuse and says if he had gotten custody of the boys when they divorced this might have never happened.

Interview with Paula Collins, Richard Collins’ wife

Paula Collins states she loves Travis and Michael and gets along well with them when they visit. Richard and she have a 9-month-old daughter, Emma, and Mrs. Collins has a 13-year-old son, Easton Smith who lives with them. She reports she had Easton right after high school and they “grew up together.” When she met Richard, it was a “dream come true.” He is so loving and cares for her and her son and they are so happy to have a baby of their own. She worked in retail before the baby but a stay-at-home mom now. She hates to even think about what happened to Travis when he was young and can’t believe someone would do that to a child. Her health is good other than continuing to adjust to having a new baby and the lack of sleep that comes with an infant.

Interview with the school guidance counselor

School personnel state that Travis is withdrawn and has few friends. Travis skips school on occasions and when asked about skipping, he states he “doesn’t want to deal with the stupid people at school”. He was also caught with a vape at school. The school met with the family, and they decided Travis could complete a tobacco cessation class as part of the diversion efforts of the school; however, the school resource officer is now keeping a close eye on him. Due to suspensions and unexcused absences, he is currently making low grades in all his classes.

School personnel report that Michael is a “star student”. He makes excellent grades, has friends, his behavior is good, and is involved in extracurricular activities.