

SESSION 4 AMARILLO CASE

“SAVING KIDS—CHILDREN OF ADDICTS” WORKSHEET

After watching the “Saving kids: Children of addicts” video, take time to respond to the following questions and prepare to share them with your facilitator during your Session 4 debrief:

1. What was going through your mind as you listened to the stories of the siblings impacted by their mother’s substance use disorder? How did you feel about the mother?
2. Did anything change for you the way you think about people impacted by addiction? Why or why not?
3. After watching the video and thinking about your role as a volunteer, what challenges might you have balancing the children’s best interests with their mother’s addiction?
4. If you were the CASA/GAL volunteer in this case, what concerns would you have regarding these children and potentially reunifying with their mother?
5. Unlike what happened in this video to the mother, most addicts don’t have that one dramatic experience that “scares them straight.” It’s often a difficult journey to sobriety with peaks and valleys. What concerns would you have supporting a child of a parent who struggles with addiction? What additional information would you want to have at your disposal to inform your recommendations to the court?