

SESSION 2 BLEUX CASE: SAMPLE CASE NOTES

BULLET POINTS

- Ms. Duval is located out-of-state
- Dropped everything to be with her son to support him during this time.
- Parents young, inexperienced and lack parenting skills
- Believes both parents were raised right
- Believes that the doctors jumped to conclusion by accusing Tony and Miles of hurting their child
- Stated that Deshawn is a very active child and she believes that what happened to him was only an accident
- Believes that Tony and Miles have the ability to take care of grandson, but might need some help
- Wishes that Tony would have called her or her mother as soon as the incident occurred
- She stated that Tony is mad at the girl next door for leaving the baby
- Believes that Tony and Miles could have handled the situation differently if they would have understood that doctors always have to know how kids get injuries
- Doesn't believe that is in the best interest of the child to be placed with her because she works full-time and has to also take care of her husband as he is not doing well. She also lives long distance, which would make it difficult for Tony and Miles to be able to visit Deshawn
- Frustrated with the system and concerned about Deshawn's placement
- Stated that Tony does not have the best relationship with her mother
- Confirmed that Tony has issues with anger and she and Miles fight a lot especially after Deshawn was born
- Appears to overly critical and judgmental towards Tony and her mother
- Mrs. Duval cannot stay long to visit due to her job and responsibilities of taking care of her husband; however, she is willing to help in any way that she can
- Expressed an interest in helping any way she can
- Stated that Miles' sisters are also planning to visit from out-of-state after she leaves
- Tony and Miles appear to have a great long distance support network, but is in need of a local support network as Tony attends school full-time and Miles works a lot of overtime.
- I reassured Mrs. Duval that the best way for Tony and Miles to show the courts that Deshawn can come home would be to meet all of their commitments and have positive visits with Deshawn
- I reminded Mrs. Duval that the family can best help Tony and Miles through this by keeping the goal in mind.

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I conducted my interview with Mrs. Duval, Deshawn’s grandmother via telephone. Mrs. Duval was very critical and judgmental of Tony. She did not appear to like Tony at all. She also criticized Tony’s mother accusing her of not being a good mom as she has not come to visit Deshawn. Mrs. Duval also complained that Tony and her mother fought all the time and that Tony also fought with Miles. It appears that Mrs. Duval does not like Tony and may even blame her for Deshawn going into foster care. Mrs. Duval was very critical of Deshawn’s foster parents and expressed concern because they were gay. Mrs. Duval appears to believe that Tony and Miles are immature parents and are not equipped to parent a new born child.

SAMPLE STRENGTH-BASE CASE NOTE TAKING

Notes from a telephone conversation with Deshawn’s paternal grandmother, Mrs. Duvall.

Meeting Occurred: via telephone April 1 from 10:00-10:05 a.m.

My meeting with Mrs. Duval was conducted via telephone as Mrs. Duvall had just travelled in from out-of-state, where she currently lives. Mrs. Duval is Miles’ mother and appears to be very involved with her son and his family despite the distance. Mrs. Duval expressed concern for her grandson regarding his placement; however, she believes it is in Deshawn’s best interest to be placed closest to his parents so they can visit him more frequently.

Mrs. Duval believes that Tony and Miles love Deshawn very much; however, she just thinks they are young and inexperienced when it comes to parenting. She believes that with the appropriate resources, Miles and Tony can become better parents.

While Mrs. Duval expressed concern about Deshawn’s foster parents Mrs. Duval does not believe she is equipped to care for a newborn. She works full-time and is also the primary caretaker for her husband who is he is not well. Mrs. Duval currently lives out-of-state and believes that would be a hindrance as Tony and Miles would not be able to visit Deshawn as frequently.

Mrs. Duval expressed concern regarding Tony’s anger issues and stated that she and Miles have been fighting more frequently since the baby was born. She also stated that Tony and her Mother do not have a good relationship; however, her mother is planning on visiting soon. Miles’ sisters are also planning on visiting as well.