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JOSEPH / SELLERS
'OHANA CONFERENCE SUMMARY

CPSS #: 118225

DATE: 11/18/19

This 'Ohana Conference is for **the family of the children**, and the Department of Human Services/ Child Welfare Services /Child Protective Services (DHS/CWS/CPS). **Melanie Joseph**, mother of the children, and **Adam Sellers**, father of the children, could not be reached and did not attend this conference.

CHILDREN'S NAMES:

DATES OF BIRTH:

[REDACTED]
Ariel Sellers

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]/14

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE:

- Build Partnerships to Support the Children
- Review Well-Being of Children
- Discuss Legal Timelines
- Discuss Visitation Plan
- Discuss Case Direction
- Identify Placement Options
- Concurrent Planning
- Discuss Guardianship/Adoption
- Support Family Connections

CWS GOAL:

Permanent Placement

CWS CASE STATUS:

Foster Custody

Date Case Opened:

10/16/17

Date [REDACTED] Ariel Removed:

02/08/19

Date of Next Court Hearing:

02/25/20

ECR No. 18-0228
State's Exhibit 61
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Clerk

CHILDREN:

Where Children Are Living at This Time:

[REDACTED]

Other Siblings:

[REDACTED]

Family Connections:

The children are surrounded by many people who love and care for them. They are supported by their maternal extended family that includes grand aunt, Lannette, cousins Ashley and Justin, and Justin's partner, Christine. They hope to maintain a family connection with the girls.

How Children Appear to Be Doing Physically and Emotionally at This Time:

[REDACTED]

Ariel (age 5) is described as a smart, strong, and active child. She is in Pre-K at Waimanalo Elementary School. She knows the alphabet, colors, and numbers, and is working on identifying animals and the sounds they make. Ariel is a leader but has a tendency to want to please others. She has had some adjustment difficulties and is working with play therapist, Gina, to address this. She has been thriving since starting therapy but still often looks sad.

Ariel had some injuries that went undetected so because of this resource caregivers are checking her body two times a day for new injuries. She has an appointment at Shriner's Hospital on 12/09/19 to test her pain threshold.

[REDACTED]

Services and Other Needs for Children:

MEDICAL

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

DENTAL

- Dental needs met by Dr. Paul Yim
- Next appointment: 12/06/19 at 6:30 am

EDUCATION

- Ariel has Special Education (SPED) services
- Ariel has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
 - Last IEP meeting was in July/August 2019

PLAY THERAPY

- [REDACTED] Ariel meet with Gina individually
- Once a week since August

HOME VISITING SERVICES

- [illegible]

WOMEN INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

- Nutritional education and subsidy program

DISCUSSION:

Legal Timelines: Foster Custody

The legal status of this case is Foster Custody with CWS and the Family Court. Under federal and state laws, if the parents are unable to provide the children with a safe family home within a reasonable period of time up to one year, even with a service plan, parental rights may be subject to termination.

If the children are not in a relative placement the family will need to provide CWS with the names and numbers of family members or friends who might be able to provide the child with foster placement. These placements need to meet CWS foster licensing requirements.

Case Direction

The current case status is Foster Custody. The CWS goal is reunification, however, due to the timeline of the case CWS is looking to move towards permanency. The next court hearing will be a Permanency Hearing and CWS will be filing a motion to Terminate Parental Rights (TPR). Publication for notification will happen soon for [REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Permanent Placement [REDACTED]

At the first `Ohana Conference Melanie and the family agreed that [REDACTED] Ariel should be placed with family friends, Lehua and Sonny. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

At today's Ohana Conference, maternal grand aunt Lannette, maternal cousin Ashley, maternal cousin Justin and his significant partner Christine attended and expressed their interest in being a long-term placement [REDACTED]. They understand the initial CWS goal for the children was reunification with a parent but has since changed to permanent placement to a stable, safe and protective home.

CWS social worker and Guardian Ad Litem share the goal of maintaining stability for [REDACTED] via adoption, rather than legal guardianship. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Guardian Ad Litem is supportive of [REDACTED] remaining in resource giver's care and supports adoption by Lehua and Sonny.

If adoption occurs visits between maternal and paternal extended families are encouraged to keep [REDACTED] connected to their biological families by their respective adoptive parents. Lehua and Sonny shared they are very interested in adopting [REDACTED] and are open to [REDACTED] maintaining a family connection with their extended families. They are also open to parents, Melanie and Adam having a relationship with [REDACTED] as long as they are sober.

The overall hope for [REDACTED] is that there is an open line of communication between families, so they remain close and be a part of each other's lives.

Update on Mother and Father's Status

Melanie is currently homeless and is reported to be staying in the Waimanalo area. CWS has not been able to reach Adam, father of [REDACTED] Ariel. It is reported that he may be incarcerated.
[REDACTED]

VISITATION:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ariel is very connected with her mother. She has some behavior issues after visits that lasts up to two days. She is attached to Lehua and Sonny but misses her mother.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Visitation Agreement:

Between Melanie and [REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]

1. Must be supervised:
 - a. Will be supervised by CWS
2. When: Thursdays at 2:30-4:00 pm
 - a. Holiday week: 1:30-2:30 pm
3. Where: CWS Office
4. Transportation: CWS aide transports Mother and the children together to the CWS office

CWS SOCIAL WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Social Worker: Maili Taele **Phone #:** 832-5450 **Supervisor #:** 832-5418

CWS Hotline #: 832-5300 (Oahu); 1-888-380-3088 (Neighbor Islands)

The role of the social worker includes making an assessment of any safety concerns for the children; developing a service plan with the parents; making referrals for services and assessing the effectiveness of all services; reporting to court; setting up visitation; and monitoring the family situation by home visits, office visits and/or telephone contacts.

NEXT STEPS:

- Next Court Date: 02/25/20 at 8:30 am
 - Permanency Hearing
 - Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)
- Next `Ohana Conference:
 - There is no need for a re-conference at this time
 - If the family wishes to have another `Ohana Conference they are welcome to contact CWS or EPIC (808-838-7752) at any time

`OHANA CONFERENCE LOCATION: Kailua Christian Church

FAMILY/FRIEND PARTICIPANTS:

Lannette Idao	Maternal Grand Aunt
Ashley Neal	Maternal 2 nd Cousin
Justin Kumai	Maternal 2 nd Cousin
Christine Kahalewai	Maternal 2 nd Cousin (Justin's Partner)
Isaac 'Sonny'	Family Friend / Resource Caregiver (RCG)
Lehua	Family Friend / Resource Caregiver (RCG)
Kulai Mendes	Friend / Support
Kalei Kam	Friend / Support
Bernadette Kalua	Friend / Support
Ryan Kahuena	Friend / Support
Healani Hikalea	Friend / Support

● PURPOSE OF NEXT 'OHANA CONFERENCE (to be filled in by EPIC facilitator)

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|---|---|
| ☐ Support Communication and Partnerships
Between Family and CWS | ☐ Discuss Guardianship/Adoption |
| ☐ Review Well-Being of Child/ren | ☐ Mediation |
| ☐ Review Legal Timelines | ☐ Case Closing |
| ☐ Review/Update Service Plan | ☐ Develop Support/Safety Plan |
| ☐ Update Visitation Plan | ☐ Discuss Post Permanency Concerns |
| ☐ Develop/Review Reunification Plan | ☐ Support Family Connections |
| ☐ Discuss/Review Case Direction | ☐ Other |
| ☐ Identify Placement Options | |

● SIGNATURES

By signing below:

- I acknowledge that I participated in today's 'Ohana Conference discussion and have reviewed the posted easel notes
- I agree to maintain the confidentiality of today's 'Ohana Conference

MOTHER'S SIGNATURE

CASE MANAGER'S/SOCIAL WORKER'S SIGNATURE

FATHER'S/PARTNER'S SIGNATURE

Patricia Hoke
 Patricia Zimmerman
 Jan
 [Signature]
 [Signature]
 Jackie Lewis - CALSA
 [Signature]
 [Signature]

Christie K. L.

The summary reflecting the content of this 'Ohana Conference will be created by EPIC staff following this conference. 'Ohana Conference participants reserve the right to contact EPIC to discuss any discrepancies or inaccuracies they feel are contained in the summary. Requests for additional summaries can be made through the main EPIC office.

Child Protective Service is a specialized child welfare service that is time limited. It is not intended to address all of the family's problems, but rather to resolve the most critical problem(s) that will reduce the risk of further harm to the child.

Confidential Report of the
Department of Human Services

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT
STATE OF HAWAII

IN THE INTEREST OF:

_____)
_____)
Ariel Sellers DOB: ____/14)
_____)
_____)
_____)

FC-S No: 18-00280

For No. 18-00280
State's Exhibit 62
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Clerk

SAFE FAMILY HOME REPORT
February 18, 2020

☒ This is a full SFHR for TPR Motion and is to be read in conjunction with all other reports submitted and dated: 11/2/2018, 02/11/2019, 05/07/2019 and 10/23/2019.

A. HARM: (2):

On 10/29/2018, the department received a report of threat of abuse and threat of neglect to _____ 3-year-old, Ariel Sellers, _____

It was reported that on 10/28/18, both Ms. Joseph _____ tested positive for methamphetamine at Castle Birthing Center. Ms. Joseph admitted using methamphetamine on 10/28/2018. She reported that she had been using meth for the past two years to cope with her brother's death, but prior to the two years, Ms. Joseph reported not really using methamphetamines or illegal substances. Ms. Joseph stated that she has used Vicodin for carpal tunnel pain, but doesn't use pills anymore. Ms. Joseph _____ is reported to be homeless however reported at the time that Ms. Joseph stays with maternal grandmother occasionally. Maternal Grandmother (MGM), Ms. Barbara Kumai, who was helping to care for _____ Ariel.

Ms. Joseph self-reported having depression. One year ago, Ms. Joseph reported that she prescribed the antidepressant, Zoloft, by a doctor at Waimanalo Health Clinic and

took the medication for her depression. She took the medication for one month and it helped, however, reported not going back to refill prescription, and since then has not been taking any antidepressants.

Mr. Adam Sellers the reported father of Ms. Joseph's children [REDACTED] Ariel declined to be interviewed at the time of this report. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Sellers reportedly has no phone or address for SW to contact him. Ms. Joseph and Ms. Kumai (who was present at the hospital at the time of this interview), agreed to give Mr. Sellers SW's phone number if they come in contact with him, so he can reach SW for an interview. Ms. Kumai reported that Mr. Sellers does come over and take the [REDACTED] Ariel, to the beach occasionally.

Ms. Joseph reported that she had been homeless [REDACTED], living in a tent with or near her father at Waimanalo Beach Park. She reportedly is staying with her mother now in a home in Waimanalo along with [REDACTED] Ariel. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ms. Joseph reported that she does not want to be with Mr. Sellers, as he is not good for her, and they have history of domestic violence.

Ms. Joseph has reportedly been at Women's Way two times [REDACTED] but left after only a few hours the first time, then next time she stayed for 3 days. Ms. Joseph verbalized her willingness to go back to Women's Way or into another substance abuse treatment program and participate in any other recommended services [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

DHS determined at the time of this initial report that Ms. Joseph was able to care for [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers in the home with the help of an in-home safety plan and with the help of maternal grandmother. DHS will continue to assess for the safety of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Ariel remained in the family home with Ms. Joseph.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 01/22/2019 the case was transferred to a DHS permanency social worker who conducted a home visit with Ms. Joseph and maternal grandmother on this date. Upon arrival to the home for the visit, SW met maternal grandmother (MGM) at the door who reported that Ms. Joseph was not home at that time. SW met with MGM and 4 year-old Ariel in the living room of the home. During the visit, 4 year-old Ariel overheard MGM state that Ms. Joseph was not at home at which time Ariel interjected and stated that was home and was laying on the bed in MGM room. MGM called for Ms. Joseph who entered the living room and completed the home visit with DHS SW and MGM. When MGM was asked by SW as to why MGM did not disclose that Ms. Joseph was in the home when asked by DHS SW. MGM stated that she was fearful that Ms. Joseph would be into trouble with DHS. SW asked to speak privately with 4 year-old Ariel during the visit, the child reported that Ms. Joseph did not live in the home with them, because papa, MGM's boyfriend would not allow it. When asked where Ms. Joseph was living, Ariel reported that Ms. Joseph lives in a tent. It is reported that MGM takes [REDACTED] to visit Ms. Joseph and that Ms. Joseph is allowed to come MGM anytime of the day. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Ms. Joseph has not taken Ariel for a DOE assessment as agreed upon in initial meetings. SW met with Ms. Joseph on 01/22/2019, Ms. Joseph admitted to drug use and was eager to get treatment for her addiction but did not know where to start. DHS SW reviewed the Safe Family Home Report and Service plan that Ms. Joseph received, identified the phone numbers of the agencies Ms. Joseph could call and make initial consultations with. A verbal plan was discussed and agreed on 01/22/19 that Ms. Joseph would call Hina Mauka by 01/24/19 to schedule an intake assessment with their agency. Ms. Joseph was compliant and did not initiate any of the services in the Family Service Plan. DHS determined that [REDACTED] would be removed from the family home and placed in foster custody due to imminent threat of harm.

[REDACTED] After investigating allegations by CASA, meeting with RCG, [REDACTED], Ms. Joseph, and maternal grandmother, DHS determined that mother was not sufficiently participating in the terms of the family service plan and had not engaged the required services to ensure that Ms. Joseph could provide a safe family home [REDACTED]. DHS is in agreement with the CASA motion, and has further changed the placement of [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers to live in the [REDACTED] foster home [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Ariel Sellers date of entry into foster was on February 8, 2019.

[REDACTED]

Yes No

☐ ☒ Has the child been harmed since the last report to court?

[] [] **If yes, did the harm require CWS intervention**

[] Not applicable, this is an initial report

Prior CWS involvement

Ms. Joseph was the victim in CWS case when she was 15-years-old. Her and her siblings were put into custody and she aged out of the system while in foster care.

Mr. Sellers was a victim in a CWS case as a minor.

B. Family's Strengths:

- *Resource caregivers are bonded the children.*

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

C. Safety Issues/factors (quote from safety assessment tool): (12)

6. Parent/caregiver's impairment due to drug or alcohol abuse is seriously affecting his/her ability to supervise, protect, or care for the child.

- a. Substance abuse prevents parent/caregiver from protecting or providing for the child.
- b. Other safety factors are directly related to the use of drugs or alcohol.

- It is reported that mother continues to abuse drugs.
- Ms. Joseph did not participate in court ordered drug assessments, or random UA's.
- Ms. Joseph reported to CWS SW that she would test positive for drugs on this date (2/8/19) due to recent methamphetamine use.
- Ms. Joseph reported that she has sought treatment for addiction in the past at least three times, through the Women's Way program, however, left the program before completing the program requirements.
- It is reported to DHS that father Mr. Sellers continues to use drugs and has not sought drug treatment for his addiction.

7. There have been reports of harm and the child's whereabouts cannot be ascertained and/or there is a reason to believe that the family is about to flee or refuses access to the child.

m. Other

c. Parent/caregiver is evasive, manipulative, no-shows, suspicious.

- Ms. Joseph and relative care giver attempted to deceive CWS by denying mother was in the home.
- Ms. Joseph was found to be hiding in a backroom, and came out when 4-year-old Ariel, told the SW that mother was at home.
- Ms. Joseph has been consistently late to her visitations and has not been consistent with attending her weekly visitations.
- Ms. Joseph was evasive and reported that she did not have identification to complete services.

14. Parent/caregiver lacks the knowledge, skill, or motivation to parent and this presents a threat of present or impending danger.

I. Other

- Ms. Joseph [REDACTED] is currently unemployed.
- Ms. Joseph was getting food stamps [REDACTED].
- Ms. Joseph did not participate in court ordered services to ensure the safety of [REDACTED].

➤ [REDACTED]

D. `Ohana Conference:

DHS completed two Ohana Conference (OC) meetings for the parties involved in the case:

- 3/12/2019, OC completed for Ms. Joseph and maternal relatives.
- 11/18/2019, OC completed for permanency with resource caregivers and maternal relatives. At the time of this OC, Ms. Joseph was contacted and informed of the OC, however, was a no-show.
- Mr. Sellers

E. Youth Circle:

Children not age appropriate at this time.

The following information concerns the current situation relevant to the Safe Family Home Factors as found in HRS 587A-7. Each of the factors MUST be considered in formulating the Department's assessment. Numbers in () indicate the number of the factor as set forth in statute.

1. CHILD: (1 – 3)

1.1 Child's current situation

A. Child's Safety:

i. Age & Vulnerability

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ariel Sellers—5 years old

Vulnerable based on age, she is reliant on others to provide for all her basic needs.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ii. Relationship & Bonding with Family

Throughout the onset of the case, Ms. Joseph has attempted to maintain Ohana Visitations [REDACTED]. DHS was able to work with Ms. Joseph when she was not able to consistently maintain her visitations by allowing her to meet on the SSA aid on the day of the visit at 8:30am in the morning. During the visitations, Ms. Joseph appeared to be very closely bonded to Ariel [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

iii. Fear of Being in the Family Home.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ariel does not have any fear of being in the family home and reported that she feels safe and stable in RCG home.

B. Child's Well-Being:

i. Health

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

***5-year-old Ariel** is being closely monitored by Dr. Titcomb for multiple fractures that Ariel has sustained in the last six months. Ariel has had two fractured fingers, one on each hand, a broken collar bone and her most recent injury was a broken leg. Ariel has been seen by specialist at Shriners Hospital for casting and a medical evaluation. Dr. Titcomb reported that Ariel's weight is also closely monitored because initially when Ariel was placed into foster care she was overweight. She has since lost the weight and is in an average percentile for her age. Ariel is not taking any medications at this time and is current on all of her immunizations.*

[REDACTED]

ii. Mental Health

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ariel is currently receiving ongoing individual play therapy [REDACTED]. Ariel was reported to have some mental issues that caused her to pull out her own hair and refer to herself in the second person. RCG reported that at times, when Ariel was good she would refer to herself as another name, but when she was bad, she would say that she was Ariel. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ariel did not disclose any sexual abuse at the time of the interview, but it was reported later by RCG that Ariel's reactions and comments after the interview was concerning. Ariel is also waitlisted to begin SA therapy when services can be initiated.

iii. Education

[REDACTED]

Ariel attend Special Education Preschool at Waimanalo Elementary School and has an Individual Education Plan to best fit her needs. Ariel is reported to be doing well in school and loves to go to school. Department of Education providers have reported that Ariel has multiple absences due to the various injuries she has sustained throughout the school year since August 2019. Ariel is now able to count from 1-20, sing songs and has a better memory retention for recognizing words and numbers.

1.2 Ohana Time (Visitation) with parents (1) and sibling(s):

Ohana Time Visitations have currently been suspended due to Ms. Joseph not calling to confirm visitations. DHS SW has left voicemails on Ms. Joseph's internet phone number to have her contact DHS. DHS will make reasonable efforts to meet with Ms. Joseph to discuss barriers that may be preventing her from attending regular Ohana Time Visitations and services.

DHS has been unable to locate father, Mr. Sellers, at this time to establish visitations.

☐ **NA, Family Supervision**

2. Placement (3)

☐ Reasonable efforts do not apply in this case as a finding of aggravated circumstances was made by the court on (date).

2.1 Child's Date of Entry into Foster Care [REDACTED]
Ariel 2/8/19

2.2 [REDACTED] On 2/8/19
DHS assumed placement responsibility of [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers.

2.3 Placement history has been as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *been in their initial resource caregiver placement since the onset of the case.*

2.4 Assessment of the Safety of the Child's Placement, date and results:

Safety of Placement was completed on 10/23/19. The special licensed resource caregiver home was assessed and found to be safe for [REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] based on licensing policies and procedures.

2.5 Placement prevention/reasonable efforts during this reporting period.

☒ *NA, Child not removed; there was no potential removal. This section was completed in a prior report.*

Yes No

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| ☐ | ☐ | Was prevention of placement appropriate given the circumstances in this case? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Was placement assessed as preventable? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Would prevention of placement pose an unacceptable risk to the child? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Were parents willing and able to take the necessary action to prevent placement? |

2.6 Under the circumstances present in this case the parents/legal guardian(s) were provided the following opportunities to prevent placement during this reporting period:

☒ **NA, Child not removed; there was no potential removal.**

Yes No Provide a narrative under each statement to document reasonable efforts taken by CWS to maintain the child safely in the home and to prevent the child's removal.

☐ ☐ **The parents/legal guardian(s) were given time to make changes that would ensure the safety of the child in the home.**

Ms. Joseph was offered and agreed to an in-home safety plan for [REDACTED] Ariel on 10/31/18, and a family service plan. Mother did not participate in any of the services required in the family service plan, and continued to use drugs. On 2/8/19 [REDACTED] Ariel were removed from the family home. DHS reviewed the services plan with Ms. Joseph and was gave Ms. Joseph ample time to participate in services to ensure the safety of [REDACTED] in the family home.

☐ ☐ **The family was offered treatment and services to resolve the safety issues/factors in the home.**

Ms. Joseph was offered service referrals to participate in services. Ms. Joseph did not initiate or participate in services such as substance abuse treatment, participating in random drug screening, parenting education, domestic violence counseling, and individual counseling and completing a psychological evaluation.

☐ ☐ **Extended family members were sought who could ensure the safety of the child in the home.**

DHS has contacted family members such as MGM, however, MGM reported that she was overwhelmed at this time and not able to provide care for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

☐ ☐ **The family was asked to agree to court jurisdiction and an immediate service plan.**

Ms. Joseph was notified of court jurisdiction and has agreed to court jurisdiction

☐ ☐ **The Non-perpetrating parents/legal guardian(s) and child were asked to leave the home to a safe environment.**

There is no non-perpetrating parent.

☐ ☐ **The perpetrator was asked to leave the home.**

☒	☐	Parents were offered and agreed to an in-home safety plan Ms. Joseph was offered and agreed upon and in-home safety plan for [REDACTED] Ariel, and [REDACTED] placed in court ordered family supervision on 11/7/18. Ms. Joseph did not adhere to the family service plan.
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2.7 Child's Living Situation at time of Removal:

[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers were living in family home at time of removal with MGM. [REDACTED]

3. FAMILY: (4 – 10, 13)
3.1 Parent's background (history) (4)

Mother: Melanie Joseph

No current information provided by Ms. Joseph at this time.

Melanie Joseph is 30 years old, born and raised in Hawaii and graduated from Castle High School in 2006. Ms. Joseph reported that she attended culinary arts classes at Windward Community College during high school years to make up credits. Ms. Joseph reported that since graduating from high school Ms. Joseph has not pursued college but wants to go back to college to pursue a degree in a medical profession, so she can find a good job and be able to care for her children. Ms. Joseph is currently unemployed at this time and is not in school.

Ms. Joseph has three biological siblings, Brother Derek who lives in Palolo, Sister Alisha who lives in Kalihi and her brother Alika passed away two years ago from cancer. Ms. Joseph and [REDACTED] Ariel are living with maternal grandmother Barbara Kumai in Waimanalo.

Ms. Joseph reported that as a child, Ms. Joseph was put into foster custody along with her siblings at the age of 15-years-old. DHS placed Ms. Joseph in a relative foster placement with maternal uncle, Uncle Latham. Ms. Joseph aged out of the system while in foster care. Ms. Joseph reported seeing her mom and dad do drugs; smoke marijuana and meth. Ms. Joseph that as a child, she witnessed domestic violence between her parents and described her childhood as "okay, and a mix of everything."

[REDACTED]

Ms. Joseph reported that she didn't really use meth until her brother passed away two years ago and then she got bad. Ms. Joseph stated that she and her boyfriend, the father of all the children, were living at Weinberg village but were evicted for non-payment of rent, about 8 months ago. Ms. Joseph admitted that domestic violence in the relationship between them and stated that father is a trigger for her drug use, and Ms. Joseph is currently not in a relationship with father. She reported using alcohol from the age of 17, but only drinks a few times a year. Ms. Joseph reported smoking cigarettes, a pack a day since she

was 16-years-old. In 2016, she reported she began smoking ice and used daily, [REDACTED] She reported using Vicodin pills for a couple of years, but denies any use since 2016.

[REDACTED] Ms. Joseph did an assessment and went in to the Women's Way program, but left after three days. She has stated that she is willing to go back into Women's Way. Ms. Joseph agreed with SW to make an appointment with Women's Way as soon as possible.

During a home visit with Ms. Joseph on 01/25/2019, she disclosed that she made contact with the Women's Way program but was denied an assessment because Ms. Joseph had a history of entering their program and leaving the program on three different occasions.

Alleged Natural Father: Adam Sellers

Mr. Sellers whereabouts are currently unknown at this time, no current information provided at this time.

3.2 History of assaultive behaviors/domestic violence (6)

Ms. Joseph has not engaged in DV classes since the onset of the case. DHS is unable to update history for Ms. Joseph.

Mr. Sellers whereabouts are currently unknown at this time, no current information provided at this time.

3.3 History of substance abuse (7)

Ms. Joseph has not engaged in DV classes since the onset of the case. DHS is unable to update history for Ms. Joseph.

Mr. Sellers whereabouts are currently unknown at this time, no current information provided at this time.

3.4 Identified perpetrator (s) (8)

Mother-Melanie Joseph
Alleged Natural Father-Adam Sellers

3.5 Protective non-perpetrator(s) (9)

There is no protective non-perpetrator

3.6 Support system/Attempts to locate and place with family or friends (10)

Family finding was completed on 12/27/18. The department has utilized placement with a family friend whom mother has identified as a placement.

3.7 Appropriate parenting skills (13)

Ms. Joseph has not engaged in parenting education classes since the onset of the case. Ms. Joseph initially agreed to cooperate with DHS to engage in services. DHS provided referrals for mother to engage in services, however, services were closed due to mother not making contact with providers. Ms. Joseph lack of engagement in parenting education demonstrates that she is not motivated to seek new resource and learn new parenting strategies that would enable her to provide appropriate parenting to her children.

DHS has been unable to maintain locate Mr. Sellers to engage him in parenting education classes. At this time, due to Mr. Seller's lack of engagement, DHS is unable to assess parenting skills. Mr. Seller's has not demonstrated a motivation to contact DHS to engage in services.

3.8 Psychological/developmental evaluation (5)

DHS provided referrals to Family Programs for Ms. Joseph to complete a Psychological evaluation. Ms. Joseph was scheduled to complete an evaluation On 05/12/2019 but was a no-show. Soon after, Ms. Joseph lost contact with DHS to reschedule the evaluation. SW reconnected with Ms. Joseph in December to discuss re-referrals, however, Ms. Joseph reported that she did not have access to a regular cell phone number for providers to contact her. DHS will continue to make efforts to engage Ms. Joseph in services.

Mr. Sellers whereabouts are currently unknown at this time, no current information provided at this time.

4. UTILIZATION OF RECOMMENDED SERVICES (11)

THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD IS PARAMOUNT. WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD, reasonable efforts must be made to preserve the family unit and prevent the removal of the child from the family home and to return the child to a safe family home, by providing appropriate and available services to the family in a timely manner.

- () Reasonable efforts do not apply in this case as a finding of **Aggravated Circumstances** was made by the court on

4.1 Service recommendations/progress by family

- **Complete a Substance assessment and recommended treatment and random drug screenings through Hina Mauka: (Non-compliant)**

- 07/25/19-DHS provided a referral to Hina Mauka.
- 7/31/19-Hina Mauka closing letter received for Ms. Joseph due to non-participation, not able to make contact with mother.
- 8/20/19-DHS provided a referral to Hina Mauka for random drug screening and assessment.
- 8/23/19-Hina Mauka closing letter due to non-participation, unable to make contact with mother.
- 9/4/19- Ms. Joseph was scheduled for a Substance Abuse assessment but arrived late. The meeting was rescheduled to 9/23/19.
- 9/23/19-Ms. Joseph was a no-show to the Substance Abuse assessment meeting.
- *February 2020, as-to-date, Ms. Joseph has not engaged in services. DHS SW has made continual efforts to meet with Ms. Joseph to update her current information and to provide re-referrals for services, Ms. Joseph has been evasive and has not returned calls. No progress to date.*
- **Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services to address parenting education and domestic violence services: (Non-compliant)**
 - *DHS has not been able to engage Ms. Joseph to discuss re-referral for services. DHS will continue in its effort to engage mother in services.*
 - *No progress to date.*
- **Complete Psychological Evaluation and Recommended treatment: (Non-compliant)**
 - *DHS provided the following referrals to Family programs Hawaii on the following dates: 02/13/19, 3/20/19 and 04/11/19.*
 - *DHS has attempted multiple phone calls to internet number: (808) 400-5446 with no success. Ms. Joseph has not returned SW calls. DHS continue to make efforts to meet and engage Ms. Joseph in services.*
 - *No progress to date.*

4.2 DHS efforts with Face to Face Visits with Child since the last court hearing.

<i>Date of Visit</i>	<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Location of visit, i.e. home, school, office, others</i>	<i>Name of SW</i>	<i>Reasons for no monthly SW visit</i>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
01/22/19	[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers	Maternal grandmother's (MGM) residence	Maili S. Taele	
2/8/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
03/12/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
04/09/19	Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
04/09/19	[REDACTED]	Waimanalo Elementary School	Maili S. Taele	
5/17/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
6/12/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
7/03/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Waimanalo McDonalds	Maili S. Taele	
8/21/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
9/13/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
10/21/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
11/18/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
12/12/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	CWS office	Maili S. Taele	
12/31/19	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	
1/30/20	[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]	Resource caregiver home	Maili S. Taele	

4.3 Other Efforts including visits with parents, resource parents, referrals done, Ohana Conferences, family findings, placement with relatives, ICPC, phone calls, etc.

- *Ongoing attempts to make contact with Ms. Joseph.*
- *EPIC Ohana Conference meetings with maternal relatives and resource caregivers.*
- *EPIC Family finding and Family Connections.*
- *Act 199 applications provided to relatives.*
- *Ongoing attempts to locate whereabouts of Mr. Sellers.*
- *DHS referrals to providers for services.*
- *Location action requests completed for Mr. Sellers and unknown natural father.*
- *Placement with close family friend.*
- *Ongoing communication with primary care doctor, Dr. Titcomb.*
- *Ongoing communication with child therapists.*
- *Ongoing communication with GAL.*
- *Ongoing communication with resource caregivers.*
- *Referral to Multi-Disciplinary Team for assessment.*
- *Ongoing communication with Shriners hospital.*
- *Ongoing communications with SATC clinic.*
- [REDACTED]
- *Coordinating and maintain visitations for Ms. Joseph.*
- *Ongoing communications with Early Intervention Providers.*
- *Ongoing communications with Hoomau Early Home Visiting program.*
- *Ongoing communication with maternal relatives.*

5. PERMANENCY PLANNING (12)

5.1 ☒ Concurrent permanency plan is reunification and [X] adoption
Or [] legal guardianship.

☐ NA (Family Supervision case)

5.2 DHS' efforts to finalize the permanency plan

1. The reasonable efforts made by DHS to finalize permanency for children within the last twelve months:

DHS provided referrals for services for Ms. Joseph to address substance abuse issues to Hina Mauka Substance Abuse Treatment center on 7/25/19, 8/20/19 and on 9/23/19. Referrals were also made to CCSS, Family Programs Hawaii to address family service plan. DHS completed Family Finding through EPIC Ohana and completed two Ohana Conference meetings on 02/14/2019 and 11/18/2019 to discuss case

direction, provide referrals and establish family connections. DHS considered other possible family relatives for foster placement and provided interested relatives with an Act 199 form to complete the licensing process. DHS made reasonable efforts to maintain family connections with maternal grandmother and children by conducting special visits with maternal grandmother, [REDACTED] and Ariel. DHS worked with Ms. Joseph to maintain consistent Ohana Time Visitations with the children. DHS made reasonable efforts to contact Ms. Joseph to re-engage her in services and to discuss barriers that may be preventing Ms. Joseph from engaging in services. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Initially, maternal grandmother worked with DHS to be a point of contact for Ms. Joseph where DHS and providers could leave messages for mother. Maternal grandmother later changed her phone number and lost contact with DHS.

DHS has had ongoing discussions with resource caregivers regarding permanency during home visits. RCG's reported that they would like to be a forever home [REDACTED]

2. The continued safety concerns for children and continued need for out-of-home placement.

DHS has met with Ms. Joseph to review case direction and the Family Service Plan on 1/22/2019 and during an Ohana Conference meeting on 03/12/19. DHS provided Ms. Joseph with referrals and offered a bus pass for transportation to and from services, however, Ms. Joseph did not engage in services. Ms. Joseph maintained minimal contact with DHS by only attending Ohana Time Visitations [REDACTED].

Throughout the duration of the case, attempts were made to re-engage Ms. Joseph in services, however, Ms. Joseph cited that she did not have a regular phone number or identification. Ms. Joseph has not demonstrated the motivation to address safety concerns such as substance abuse that still remain prevalent in the family home. At this time, Ms. Joseph continues to have unresolved issues and lacks the parenting ability to provide a safe and stable home for her children.

DHS has not been able to locate Mr. Sellers to engage him in services. Mr. Sellers contacted DHS once on 8/18/19 throughout the duration of the case. Mr. Sellers reported at that time that he wanted to engage in services and to review the Family Service Plan with DHS SW on

08/28/19. Mr. Sellers was a no-show to the meeting with the DHS SW and soon after lost contact with DHS. Mr. Seller's whereabouts are unknown at this time.

Both parents have made no efforts to maintain communication and cooperation with DHS to resolve safety issues. DHS continues to have concerns about parent's ability to provide a safe family home for their children.

3. The extent of progress that each party has made to comply with the case plan and the progress made to make the home safe.

Ms. Joseph has not engaged in any services. No progress to date.

Mr. Sellers has not engaged in any services, initially his whereabouts have been unknown. Per Vinelink, as of 2/16/2020, Mr. Sellers is currently incarcerated at OCCC.

4. The extent of progress each party has made to resolve the safety issues that necessitated the initial and current need of out of home placement for children.

Both parents have not engaged in services since the initial onset of the case to resolve safety issues in the family home. Parents continue to have unresolved issues that necessitate continued out-of-home placement [REDACTED].

5. Likely projected date children can be returned to a safe family home, N/A

6. If will not be returned to a safe family home indicate the permanency Goal for children and the projected date for achieving the permanency Goal in the following order of preference:

❖ Termination of parental rights is expected by 05/2020

❖ X Placed for adoption by 07/2020

❖

❖ Referred for legal guardianship by

❖ Placed permanently with a fit and willing relative by or

❖ Placed in another planned permanent custody living arrangement (non-relative) but only in cases where the department has documented to the court a compelling reason for determining it would not be in the best interest of the child to follow one of the three specific options above by

☐ If the Permanency goal is legal guardianship/permanent custody, the CWS worker verifies that the child meets all of the following presumptive eligibility requirements for kinship guardianship assistance payments:

- a) That the prospective permanent caretaker meets the definition of "kin";
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- c) that the child was eligible for foster board payments during those same 6 months; and
- d) That the prospective permanent kin caretaker's home was unconditionally licensed during those same 6 months.

7. If children are not being returned home, indicate all in-state and out-of-state placement options reviewed and considered.

DHS considered maternal relatives for placement. DHS completed family finding for possible family connections. Initially DHS provided Ms. Joseph with an in-home safety plan to keep [REDACTED] Ariel in the family home, however, was unsuccessful. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

9. If children are currently living in a different state than the legal custodian, indicate whether that current placement continues to be in the best interest of children

Child currently living in the same state as both parents.

10. Efforts made to include and inform children of the proposed permanent plan or transition plan in a manner that was age appropriate.

Child is not age appropriate at this time.

11. If child is at least sixteen years old, what services are needed to help assist her transition from foster care into independent living.

Not age appropriate at this time.

5.3 Compelling Reasons to waive requirement to file for motion for TPR.

Due to Ms. Joseph's and Mr. Seller's lack of motivation and willingness to engage in services, it is apparent that parents will not in the foreseeable future be able to provide a safe and stable home for [REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED].

For this reason, DHS is pursuing the termination of parental rights.

6. FAMILY'S ABILITY TO CHANGE (12) AND ASSESSMENT: (14)

6.1 Family's demonstrated willingness and ability to resolve safety issues in the home within a reasonable time frame. (12)

It does not appear at this time that Ms. Joseph and Mr. Sellers are willing to participate in services to resolve their safety issues in the family home as evident by their lack of participation in services. Ms. Joseph has had minimal contact with DHS with the exception of only participating in Ohana Time Visitations. DHS attempted to engage Ms. Joseph in helping her to overcome her barriers that prevented her from engaging in services but she was not willing to maintain communication and was not consistent with calls or meeting with SW. There is no doubt that Ms. Joseph cares deeply for her children, however, she has demonstrated that she lacks the ability to provide a safe and stable home for her children. Mr. Seller's lack of engagement and willingness to engage in services speak volumes as to his ability to provide a safe and stable home for his children. Since the onset of the case, Mr. Sellers, as a father, only contacted DHS one time in September 2019 to schedule a meeting with DHS SW in which he was a no-show. Both parents were afforded ample amount of time to engage in services to resolve their safety issues in the home, however, even with the support of a family service plan was unable to resolve safety issues that remain prevalent in the family home.

6.2 Department's decision regarding the service direction of the case and why that decision is in the best interest of the child.

For the above reasons, DHS is convinced that even with the assistance of a Family Service Plan, Mr. Sellers and Ms. Joseph are unable to provide a safe and nurturing home for their children in a reasonable amount of time. DHS recommends that Foster Custody of [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] be continued until Permanent Custody [REDACTED] is ordered.

[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers have been in placement since 02/08/19 for 12 months. Ms. Joseph and Mr. Sellers were afforded ample time to learn and demonstrate their ability to provide a safe family home and to address safety concerns that initiated CWS intervention.

At this time, DHS continues to have ongoing concerns that parents lack the ability to provide a safe family home for [REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] as they have not made efforts to communicate with DHS and to engage in services to address substance abuse issues, domestic violence and any other issues that are prevalent in the family home. At this time, Mr. Seller's whereabouts are unknown at this time.

[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] require a nurturing home to enhance their development and sense of security. [REDACTED] unable to wait any longer for parents to commit to services and to make progress in those services as well as to understand the needs of their children. Parents have not worked to resolve safety issues in the home.

DHS believes that the goal of adoption for [REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] is the children's best interest. Resource caregivers [REDACTED] have provide a safe and stable home [REDACTED]

As such, DHS continues to have concerns that issues that predicated and necessitated DHS involvement still remain prevalent in the family home.

7. RECOMMENDATION:

	Temporary foster custody of the child/ren. The home is unsafe and temporary foster custody of the child is needed to protect the child from imminent harm.
	Foster custody of the children be awarded for ____. The family home is unsafe at this time, even with the assistance of a service plan.
	Foster custody of the child be continued for ____. The family home is unsafe at this time even with the assistance of a service plan.
X	Termination of parental rights and an award of permanent custody to the department or other appropriate entity. (Use of this choice requires a full set of 14 factors) The home is unsafe. The parents are not able now or in the foreseeable future to provide a safe family home for the child/ren, even with the assistance of a service plan. The permanent plan dated ____ is in the best interest of the child. The child, if over 14, agrees with the permanent plan.

7.1 Other recommendations:

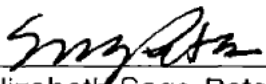
	Foster Custody of be continued to DHS until Permanent Custody is ordered.
X	Family Service Plan dated <u>10/31/19</u> be continued until the Permanent Plan <u>2/13/2020</u> is ordered.
	The attached Family Service Plan dated <u> </u> be made an order of the court.
	A periodic Review hearing be heard no later than <u> </u>
	A permanency hearing be heard no later than <u> </u>

	A Motion for TPR trial be set within the next 60 days after the Court made a finding that aggravated circumstances are present.
	Other:

Respectfully submitted by,

 2/20/2020

Mail S. Taele Date:
DHS Social Worker, East Oahu Child Welfare Services

 2/20/20

Elizebeth Saga-Petaia Date:
DHS Supervisor, East Oahu Child Welfare Service

Confidential Report of the
Department of Human Services

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE CIRCUIT
STATE OF HAWAII

IN THE INTEREST OF:

[REDACTED])
[REDACTED])
Ariel Sellers DOB: [REDACTED]/14)
[REDACTED])
[REDACTED])
_____)

FC-S No: 18-00280

PERMANENT PLAN
(February 18, 2020)

☒ This is an initial report to be read in conjunction with any other reports submitted and dated: 11/2/2018, 02/11/2019, 05/07/2019 and 10/23/2019.

Date of last hearing: 02/25/2020 Type of Hearing: Permanency

[REDACTED]

On February 8, 2019, DHS assumed placement of [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers via court order because of confirmed physical neglect by parents Ms. Melanie Joseph and Mr. Adam Sellers.

Child's Date of Entry into Foster Care. _____
[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers-2/8/19. _____

Date of last face to face contact by the assigned worker with the
[REDACTED]:

DHS face to face visit was on 01/30/2020 with [REDACTED] Ariel,
[REDACTED] and resource caregiver.

Indicate the permanency goal for the child and the projected date for achieving the permanency goal in the following order of preference:

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Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Ariel Sellers, [REDACTED]

Date: 02/18/2020

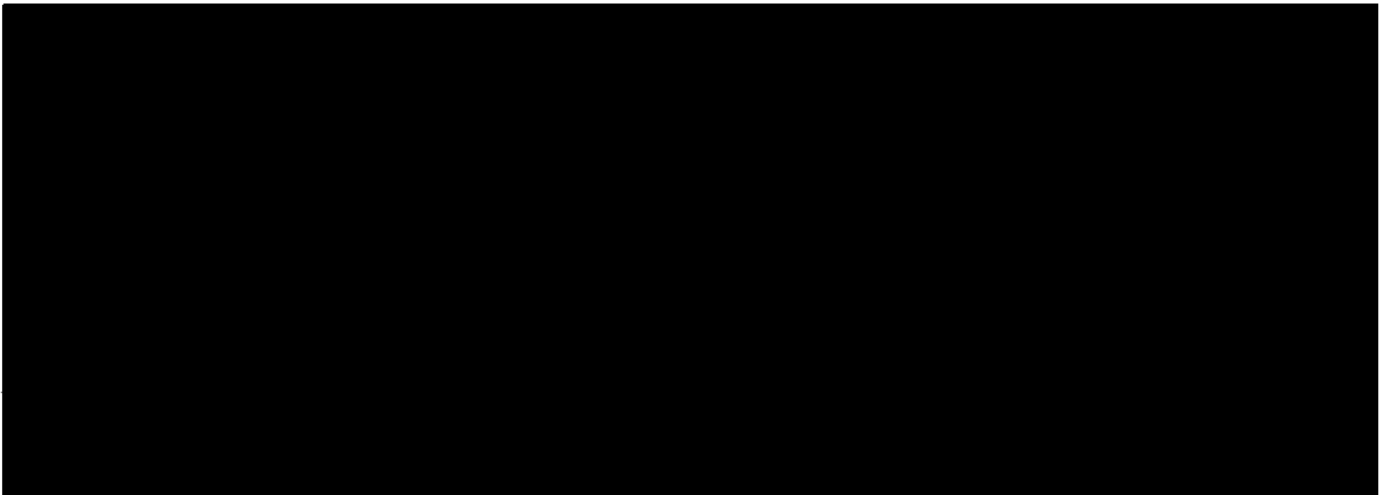
- Termination of parental rights is expected by May 2020.
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CHILD:

Child's current situation



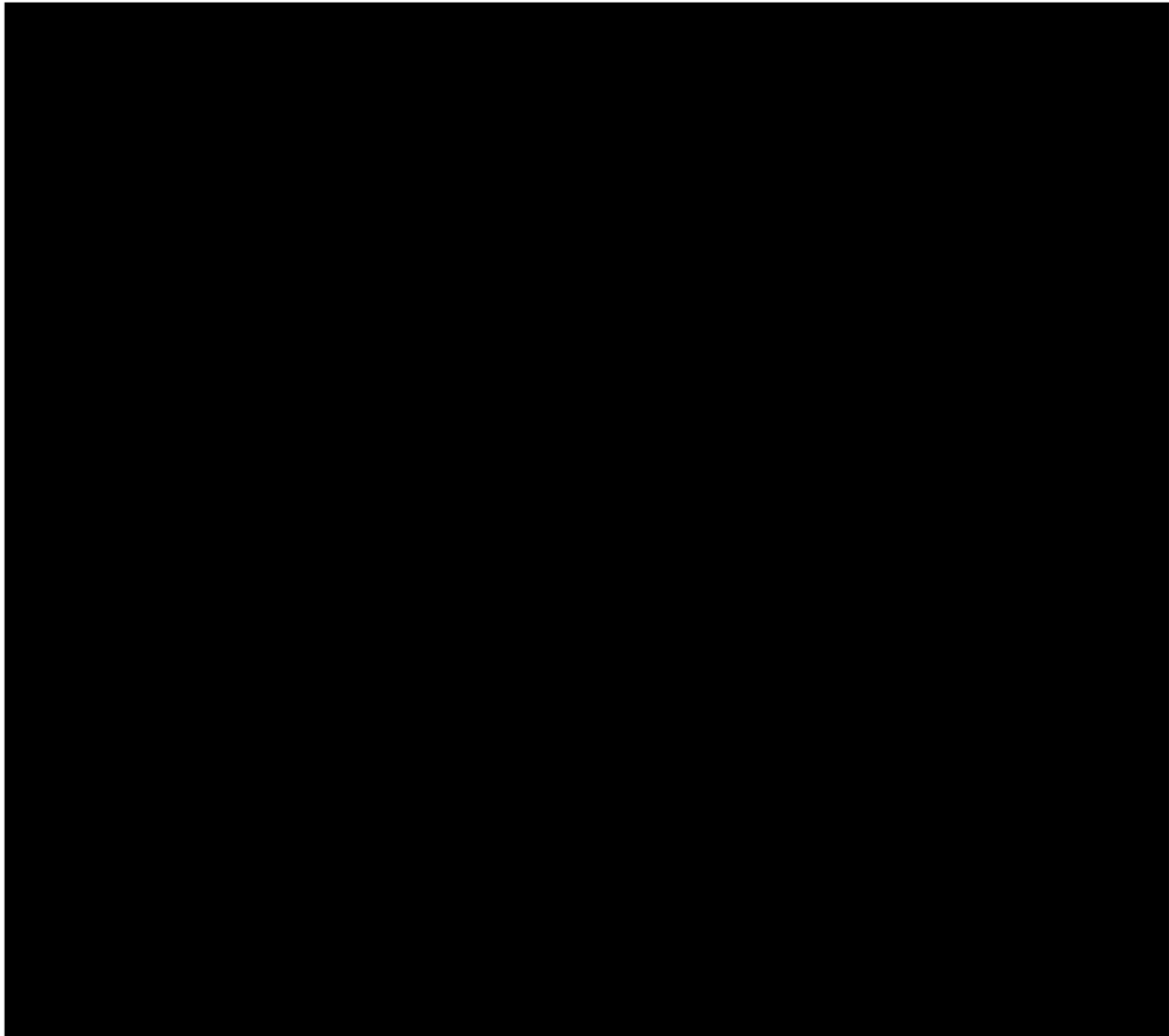
Ariel Sellers:

Ariel is a 5-year-old little girl who is physically active and loves to play on the playground and with her toys.

◇ GOAL : HEALTH:

- Objective: Assure that Ariel's physical health and dental needs will be met.
- Service: medical and dental insurance with HMSA Quest.
- Target date of completion: Till age of majority.

Ariel has medical insurance with HMSA Quest and is primary care facility and dental care is with Waimanalo Health Center. Ariel's primary care doctor is Dr. Titcomb. Ariel is current on all of her immunizations and is currently in good health, however, Ariel is prone to fractures and falls and has had a history of multiple fractures on her fingers, collar bone and leg. Ariel is being closely monitored by Dr. Titcomb and Shriners Hospital to determine if the fractures are due to other medical conditions.



Ariel Sellers:

Ariel is in Special Education Preschool services at Waimanalo Elementary School. She currently has an Individualized Education Plan to address her cognitive and academic needs.

◇ **GOAL: EDUCATION**

- **Objective:** Assure that Ariel continues to receive adequate and appropriate education that fits her needs.

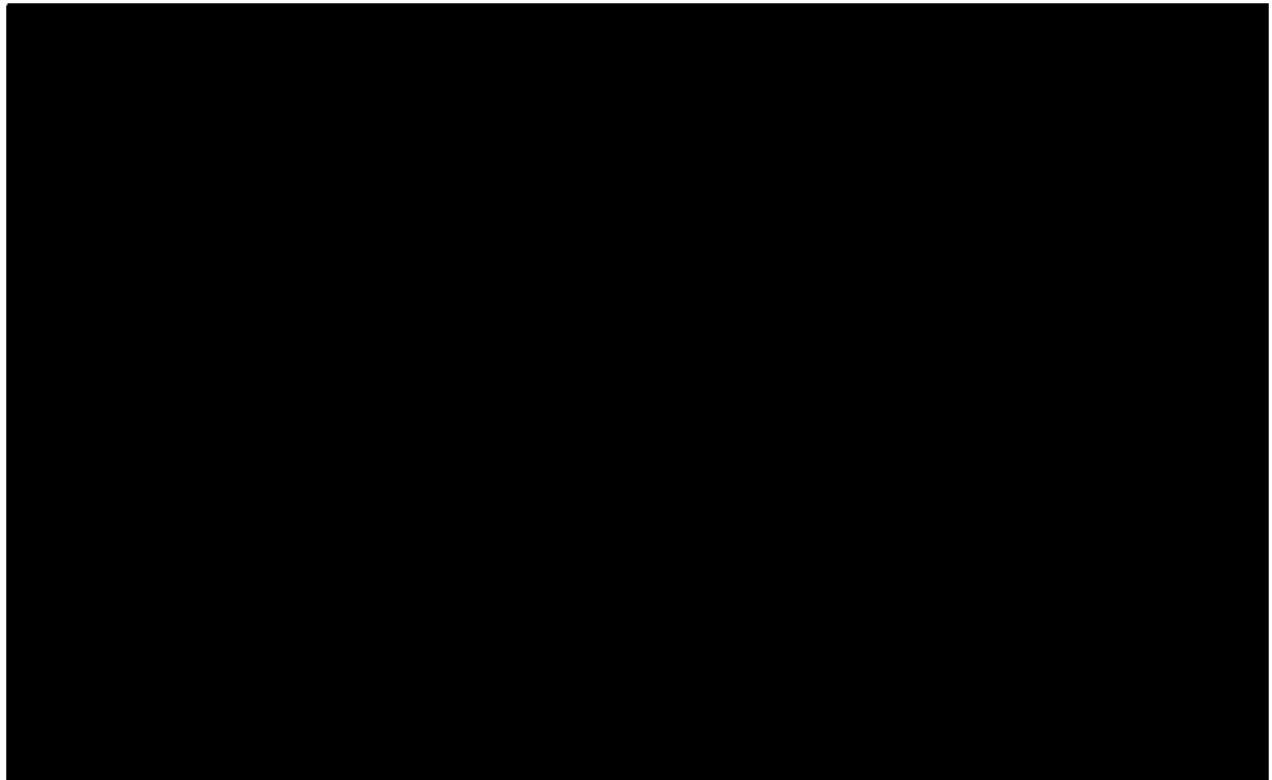
Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Date: 02/18/2020

- Service: Ariel continues to complete her schooling.
- Target date of completion: Diploma or GED equivalent.

Ariel is an energetic little girl who reportedly loves to attend school and has many friends. She is able to count from 1-20 and is now able to sing nursery songs and recognize some shapes and colors.



Ariel Sellers:

Ariel is a very happy little girl who is friendly and loves the attention of adults.

◇ **GOAL: COUNSELING**

- Objective: To provide Ariel with ongoing counseling to address any past traumas.
- Service: Ariel is currently in play therapy.
- Target date of completion: Ongoing as deemed appropriate or clinical discharge.

Ariel is a spirited little girl with lots of energy who reportedly loves play therapy. Ariel has demonstrated behaviors such as pulling out her hair, scratching her face and hands, having meltdowns for long periods of time, referring to herself in the 3rd party, having multiple personalities, displaying impulsive behaviors and swearing. Play therapy has been beneficial in teaching Ariel how to cope with her feelings when she becomes angry, frustrated or worried. She has learned to regulate her emotions and to advocate her wants and needs.

[REDACTED]

Ariel Sellers :

Ariel is 5-year-old little girl who is very observant little girl who is able to advocate for her wants and needs.

◇ **GOAL: PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

- **Objective:** To assure that Ariel learns the skills to prepare her for independent living when she turns 18-years-old.
- **Service:** Ariel will be referred to Imua Kakou when she turns of age.
- **Target date of completion :** This program is voluntary in which Ariel can receive independent living benefits and case management if she independently seeks the resource, benefits and programs that are available to help her to become independent.

Ariel is a bright little girl with a promising future ahead of her. She enjoys school and loves to learn.

Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED]

Date: 02/18/2020

[REDACTED], Ariel Sellers [REDACTED]

Connections:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] bonded to their resource caregiver who is a close family friend who maintains communication with maternal relatives that live in their same community.

Placement

Child's placement history:

[REDACTED]

2/08/19- Present, [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers was placed in the home [REDACTED] in a child-specific licensed resource caregiver home with a close family friend.

Assessment of the safety of the child's placement:

Safety of Placement was completed on 10/23/19. The special licensed resource caregiver home was assessed and found to be safe for [REDACTED], Ariel [REDACTED] based on licensing policies and procedures.

Has the current placement been identified as the child's permanent placement?

Yes, resource caregivers have stated that they would like to adopt [REDACTED]

Is the children's placement stable? Yes

Services provided to the Child's resource family to support child's permanency goal:

◇ **GOAL : STABILIZE PLACEMENT**

- Objective: Provide services as requested.
- Service: Post Permanency services or other appropriate services.
- Target date of completion: Ongoing till age of majority.

PERMANENCY PLANNING

A. DHS efforts to finalize permanency plan

1. Describe progress toward achieving the goal of the plan, reasonable efforts made by DHS to finalize permanency for [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] within the last twelve months.

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2. Describe any proposed revisions to the goals of the plan and reasons for the revisions.

Not applicable. No revisions proposed.

3. Describe proposed revisions to the objectives for achieving the goals of the plan and reasons for the revisions.

Not applicable.

4. Describe proposed revisions to the services for achieving the goals of the plan and reasons for the revisions

Not applicable.

5. Any safety issues/factors for [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED]

NONE

6. Indicate all in-state and out-of-state placement options reviewed and considered.

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7. If the Seller [REDACTED] is currently living in a different state than the legal custodian, indicate whether that current placement continues to be in the best interest of the children.

Not applicable.

8. Efforts made to include and inform [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] of the proposed permanent plan or transition plan in a manner that was age appropriate.

[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers have been proposed of the permanent plan in an age appropriate manner and is in agreement with termination of

Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED]

, Ariel Sellers, [REDACTED]

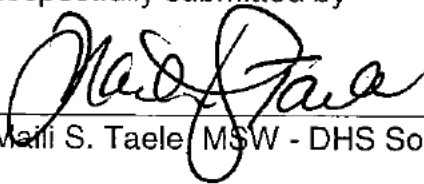
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parental rights.

[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] deserve to be adopted into a home where they can feel safe and stable and are in support of this goal.

A permanency hearing be heard no later than 05/2020

Respectfully submitted by



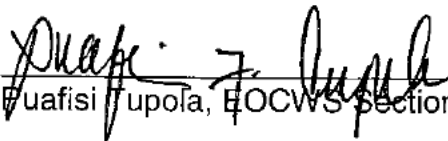
Mali S. Taele MSW - DHS Social Worker

Date: 2/20/20



Elizabeth Saga-Petaia - EOCWSU4 Supervisor

Date: 2/20/20



Tuafisi Tupola, EOCWS Section Administrator

Date: 2-20-20



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MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM - CONFERENCE REPORT

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All final case management decisions are made by the Department of Human Services.*

Conference Date	2/7/2020	Time: 9:00 am – 10:45 am
Conference Place	Child and Family Service - Ewa	

DHS Case Name: JOSEPH, MELANIE

Children Names: [REDACTED]
Ariel Sellers
[REDACTED]

DHS Case Worker: Maili Taele

DHS Supervisor: Pamela Nakanelua

Intake Date: 11/22/2019

Case #: 118225

Unit #: EOCWSU4-10 Sec 35

Family	Name	DOB	Location
Mother	Melanie Joseph	[REDACTED]	Waimanalo, Hawaii (homeless)
Father	Adam Sellers	[REDACTED]	OCCC
Children	[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers	[REDACTED] 2014	[REDACTED] Resource Care

Reason for Team:

- ☒ **Diagnostic** – Assessing the presence or absence of child abuse/neglect; threatened harm
☒ **Service Planning** – Assisting in the development of an appropriate service plan for the family
☒ **Case Review / Direction** – Assessing the current status of the case
☒ **Assessing the safety of the home for child(ren)**
☐ Other:

Type of Case:

- ☒ **Serious harm**
☐ Reabuse on an open (active) or closed case
☐ Hospitalization due to suspected child abuse or neglect on an open (active) or closed case
☐ Suspected child abuse or neglect on an open (active) or closed case
☒ **New MDT Case**
☒ **Case action moving toward TPR**
☐ Case moving toward reunification
☐ Other:

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Carol Titcomb, MD, FAAP	MDT Pediatrician / CFS	Go-To-Meeting
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Myrtle Parel, RN	MDT Nurse / CFS	Go-To-Meeting
Erin Yamamoto Gove, LCSW	MDT Social Worker / CFS	Child Family Service - Ewa
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Jessie Addison	CASA Social Worker	Child Family Service - Ewa
Jacky Levien	CASA	Child Family Service - Ewa
RCG	RCG	Child Family Service - Ewa
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION	MD	RN	PSY.D.	LCSW
Information provided at MDT Conference (2/7/2019)	X	X	X	X
DHS Intake (11/22/2019)	X	X	X	X
Intake Assessment Summary (11/23/2019)	X	X	X	X

Waimanalo Health Center medical records for Ariel Sellers
(11/8/2016, 2/19/2019, 7/6/2019, 7/25/2019, 8/5/2019,
8/21/2019, 10/14/2019, 1/10/2020)

Shriners Hospital for Children Progress Notes for Ariel Sellers
(10/31/2019, 11/8/2019, 12/9/2019)

Ohana Conference Summary (11/18/2019)

Types of Child Abuse / Neglect / Injury:

☒ Fractures for Ariel (clavicle, tibia, fibula, finger)

☒ Significant weight loss (Ariel)

Analysis of Child Abuse / Neglect / Injury: ☒ Yes Analysis

Comments: All fractures have a plausible explanation not consistent with child maltreatment.

Analysis of Home: ☒ Unsafe Home

Comments: Ms. Joseph is assessed as unable to provide a safe and protective home.

Reteam Offered: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Reteam Accepted: TBD

CASE ANALYSIS

MEDICAL AND NURSING REPORT: Child(ren)'s Status, Functioning, Needs

Physical Status of Each Child:

This is the first MDT Conference for this family; [REDACTED] 5 year, 3-month-old Ariel Sellers, [REDACTED] the children of Melanie Joseph and Adam Sellers. [REDACTED]

Medical records were received from Waimanalo Health Center (WHC) and Shriners Hospital for Children and reviewed prior to this MDT conference. Additional information was provided at the MDT conference.

Medical History:

[REDACTED]

Ariel established care with WHC when she was brought in by mother, Melanie Joseph, for her 2-year-old well child visit on 11/8/2016. While she was reported to be in good general health, Ms. Joseph shared concerns for her development, reporting that she only started walking at 18 months, spoke only 20 words, had no phrases, tended to just scream when she wanted something and didn't even point at what she wanted. She was referred for early intervention services, but mother failed to follow through. Ariel missed her 3-year-old visit in 2017, but returned with her RCG at 4 years and 3 months for a catch up well-child visit. Ariel is in pre-K at WEIS and has an IEP which describes developmental and cognitive delays. In the first months of foster placement, Ariel had an 8 lb. weight loss. While she was then overweight and is now at an appropriate weight for height, this is not a recommended way to achieve a healthy body mass index. RCG explains that Ariel was accustomed to a diet of fast food pizza, cheeseburgers and French fries and initially refused the healthy foods that she was served by her caregiver. Ariel has taken time to adjust to the change in diet and is now gaining weight appropriately. She is due for a 5-year-old well-child visit and two catch-up immunizations.

Ariel was seen for concerns with hair-pulling on 7/6/2019 and referred for play therapy. She was brought in on 10/14/2019 for red and swollen right pinky and left ring fingers, said to have been present for about a week or two and initially thought to be insect bites. Ariel spontaneously

disclosed in the doctor's office that [REDACTED] X ray obtained that day showed two buckle deformities with extensive callus formation signifying fractures that were at least two weeks old, and she was referred to Shriners. She was not seen at Shriners until 10/30/2019. At that encounter, RCG pointed out a bump on Ariel's right collarbone, which had first been noted after the girls returned from a visit with their mother. Ariel explained that she had fallen off the monkey bars during that visit. RCG shared Ariel's history of concerns for abuse and neglect, and a full skeletal survey was obtained, which showed the closed, angulated right midshaft clavicle fracture that was thought to be 7 to 14 days old, and no other findings. Because Ariel did not complain of pain with either fracture, there were concerns raised for intolerance to pain. Most recently, Ariel was seen in CMC ER on 1/14/2020 after she cried in pain after falling from a trampoline. She is receiving care for fractures of the tibia and fibula bones of the right leg from Dr. Christopher Lynch at Kapiolani Medical Center Orthopedics. She is doing well, and plans are to remove the cast on 2/18/2020.

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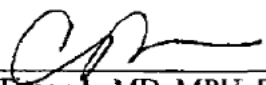
Dr. Yim in Kaneohe provides dental care for all three children. [REDACTED]

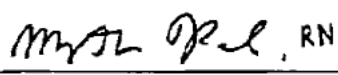
[REDACTED] Ariel was seen in November 2019 and had no cavities, but grinds her teeth. [REDACTED]

Overall Child(ren)'s Medical Assessment:

Ariel has sustained a series of three fractures over a 4 month period. These do not appear to be consistent with pathological fractures, because Ariel has provided a plausible mechanism of injury for each fracture, but it would not be unreasonable to exclude bone disease as a contributing factor. Finger fractures in young children are commonly associated with a door-slam mechanism, but it has been observed that there is a greater likelihood of associated child abuse or neglect when a child presents with finger fractures.¹ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Falls from playground equipment are common causes of collar bone and leg fractures in children and non-accidental trauma is not suspected for these. The frequency of skeletal injuries does raise concerns for adequate supervision both at home and during visitations.


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Medical Consultant


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Nurse Consultant

¹ Klifto, CS et al., Pediatric Fingertip Injuries: Association With Child Abuse, *Journal of Hand Surgery Global Online* (2019) 1-4.

PSYCHOLOGIST REPORT

Psychosocial Status of Each Child:

[REDACTED] Ariel, age 5, were removed from their mother's home on 02/08/2019 (Ohana Conference Summary 11/18/2019). The RCG reported to the MDT that Ariel presents with cognitive delays. The RCG stated that when Ariel first arrived, she did not seem to have any pre-academic skills such as identifying letters, numbers or colors. She attends special education preschool. Since receiving instruction that is reinforced at home, the RCG's stated that she has made significant progress, but tends to have difficulty with short-term memory and retention.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Problems with Adjustment after Removal from Maternal Grandmother's Home

[REDACTED] The RCG reported to the MDT that Ariel would throw chairs, dishes and shoes at the caregivers when she was angry, and threw tantrums after contact with her mother, or when her mother did not arrive for scheduled visits. The RCG reported to the MDT that Ariel seemed to have "multiple personalities" as she would refer to herself in the third person and give specific names to aspects of herself. Tantrums directed toward the RCGs have decreased, but appear to be replaced by anxious, self-injurious behavior (e.g. pulling out her hair and scratching herself). Ariel has been described as extremely friendly and outgoing at school, though the DHS social worker clarified to the MDT that she needs guidance by school staff to tone down attempts to hug and kiss peers.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] has since
assumed a more appropriate nurturing stance. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

There were no records available from the current play therapist. The CWS social worker stated
that communication and reports of progress have been very limited with this provider. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Overall Child(ren) Psychosocial Assessment:

[REDACTED] Ariel present with a range of emotional and behavioral symptoms that appear to
stem from severe, ongoing histories of abuse and neglect throughout development. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED]
interpersonal and intrapsychic boundaries seem somewhat loose. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

benefit from additional hands-on assistance with parenting skills with access to respite care

Psychosocial Status of Caregiver:

According to the CWS social worker, visitation with Ms. Joseph have been inconsistent and are currently suspended due to her lack of contact with the department. Ms. Joseph has not engaged in any other recommended services and the CWS social worker stated to the MDT that active substance use is suspected. According to DHS Intake information (11/23/2020) she and Mr. Sellers have a history of domestic violence in the home [REDACTED]. Mr. Sellers is not involved or interested in custody. The case is moving toward a termination of parental rights.

Overall Caretaker's Psychosocial Assessment:

According to the CWS social worker's report to the MDT, Ms. Joseph has not engaged with any recommended services and is suspected of active substance use. She has not made progress in services and does not appear able to take a protective stance toward the children based on a lack of participation with the department. No other information relevant to psychosocial functioning was provided.

Circuit: $\parallel R, R_D$

Cindy K. Ikeda, Psy.D.
Psychologist Consultant

SOCIAL WORKER REPORT

Review of Current Social System:

Housing: Ms. Joseph is currently homeless in the Waimanalo area. Per DHS Worker, Mr. Sellers (father of [REDACTED] Ariel), is currently incarcerated, as of yesterday 2/6/2019. The children, [REDACTED] Ariel (5), [REDACTED] live in resource care in Waimanalo with family friends. RCGs have a 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home; the two adults and [REDACTED] are the only residents of this home. [REDACTED] Ariel have been in resource care since 2/8/2019, [REDACTED]

The RCGs participated in this MDT Conference and are open and willing to be considered a permanent placement [REDACTED]

At an Ohana Conference dated 11/18/2019, Maternal Grand Aunt and maternal cousins, attended the

meeting and expressed interest in being a long-term placement [REDACTED]; however, they have since retracted this interest.

Visitations: Visitations are currently suspended due to Ms. Joseph's lack of attendance. Supervised visitations were previously established on Thursdays from 2:30 – 4:00 pm at the CWS office. There was an arrangement for a CWS aide to pick-up Ms. Joseph at a 7/11 to transport her to the visitation. Ms. Joseph was given a 30-minute grace period until she was eventually provided a bus pass from DHS. However, Ms. Joseph missed several visits, and thus, visitations were suspended. [REDACTED]

Education / Fiscal: Ms. Joseph's highest level of education is high school. She is currently unemployed and has possible retail experience.

Legal / Criminal: There are no known legal or criminal history for Ms. Joseph. Mr. Sellers has a history of criminal involvement for unknown reasons and is currently incarcerated at OCCC. The next court date for this case is set for 2/25/2020 with the intent to determine termination of parental rights and permanency planning.

Services: Ms. Joseph has not engaged in any DHS recommended services. She has not participated in referrals for Hina Mauka and continues to not have a working phone. Mr. Sellers has not been involved in this case and has not participated in any services, nor demonstrated any interest in reunifying with the children.

Supports: DHS worker and RCG shared that Ms. Joseph has extended family support, as demonstrated at the Epic Ohana Conference. Her family is supportive of her engaging in support services to address her substance abuse and mental health.

Protective Factors:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ariel is in Pre-K at Waimanalo Elementary School. She receives special education and has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) due to cognitive and developmental delays. RCGs have reportedly been working with her to learn her alphabet and numbers.

[REDACTED]

Risk Factors:

There are many risk factors that limit Ms. Joseph's ability to provide a safe and protective home for the children. Ms. Joseph has a long history of homelessness, substance abuse, and domestic violence that has not been addressed. Ms. Joseph has not engaged in any recommended services.

Overall Social System Assessment:

The risk factors outweigh the protective factors in this case. Ms. Joseph has not made any progress towards reunification. Lack of stable housing, unresolved substance abuse, unaddressed mental health concerns, and general disregard for the CWS Family Service Plan indicates no progress for Ms. Joseph's ability to provide a safe and protective home for her children.

Erin Yamamoto Gove, LCSW
Erin Yamamoto Gove, LCSW
Social Work Consultant

TEAM ASSESSMENT

Based on the consensus of the Multidisciplinary Team Consultants, the following has been determined:

This is the first MDT Conference convened on behalf of this family. The purpose of the MDT Conference was to provide a diagnostic assessment, for case review/direction, for service planning, and to assess the safety of the home. A diagnostic assessment pertaining to fractures found on Ariel (clavicle, tibia, fibula, finger), indicate that all fractures have a plausible explanation and are not consistent with child maltreatment, however, further evaluation may be needed to rule out a medical cause such as bone disease.

Developmental delays that were not promptly addressed and medical neglect (well-child care and immunizations) were confirmed for Ariel while in the care of her mother. Significant weight loss was confirmed during the first month of her placement in resource care, which appears to be related to her transitioning to a more healthy diet. Ms. Joseph has not engaged with DHS recommended services, does not have stable housing, and has unaddressed substance abuse and mental health concerns, which have resulted in suspension of visitation with her children. The MDT has determined that Ms. Joseph is unable to provide a safe and protective home for any of the children.

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are consultative in nature.

All final case management decisions are made by Department of Human Services.

Placement Recommendation

1. Ariel should remain in resource care. Support for permanency

planning with current RCGs with continued engagement in support services is supported by the MDT.

Desired Outcome: Maintain sibling unity, and support a stable home environment and safety of the children.

Child(ren) Recommendations

1. [REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] to maintain pediatric, behavioral and dental care with primary care providers.

Desired Outcome: Optimize physical and dental health and provide continuity of care.

2. [REDACTED]

3. Obtain serum levels of Calcium, Parathyroid and Vitamin D on Ariel.

Desired Outcome: Optimize health and rule out bone disease and a contributing cause of multiple fractures.

4. [REDACTED]

5. Obtain Play Therapy progress update for Ariel.

Desired Outcome: Assess progress in play therapy.

6. Explore referral to the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii, or enrollment in other extra-curricular activities offered in the community or school such as sports, martial arts, music, etc for [REDACTED] Ariel.

Desired Outcome: Promote their health, wellness, and social building skills through activities community involvement.

7. [REDACTED]

Caretaker Recommendations

1. RCGs to continue to support [REDACTED] Ariel, [REDACTED] mental and physical development through continued engagement in therapeutic support services.

Desired Outcome: Support healthy development of the children and address trauma history.

Social System Recommendations

1. Review Family Service Plan with Ms. Joseph for her to understand unresolved safety concerns: substance use, mental health, financial stability, permanent residency, and cooperation with DHS that is leading to termination of parental rights in this case.

Desired Outcome: For Ms. Joseph to understand the consequences of her failure to

participate in her service plan, which has not allowed her to demonstrate her ability to provide a safe and protective home for her children.

Reviewed By:

Linda C. Fox, Ph.D.

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Child and Family Service
Program Supervisor, Administrator*

Date: 2.16.2020



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COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM
TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis Castro, Court Officer
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Melanie Joseph, Mother
Rebecca Lester, Mother's Attorney
Adam Sellers, Father
Jacquelynn Levien, CASA

FROM: Jessie U. Addison
CASA Program Social Worker

DATE: February 14, 2020

RE: [REDACTED] **ARIEL SELLERS:** [REDACTED]
FC-S No. 18-00280

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STATE OF HAWAII

ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:

Court Appointed Special Advocate's Fourth Report to the Court.

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| ☐ FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT | ☐ PER OUR CONVERSATION |
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REMARKS:

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Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

In the Interest of	)	FC-S No. 18-00280
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[REDACTED]	)	COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL
	)	ADVOCATE'S FOURTH
	)	REPORT TO THE COURT
ARIEL SELLERS,	)	
Bron on [REDACTED] 2014.	)	
	)	HEARING DATE: February 25, 2020
[REDACTED]	)	TIME: 8:30 a.m.
	)	
	)	PRESIDING JUDGE

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE'S FOURTH REPORT TO THE COURT

DATE OF CASA APPOINTMENT: 11/7/18

TYPE OF CASE: Threat of abuse, threat of neglect

TYPE OF HEARING: Shortened Review

TOTAL NUMBER OF MONTHS IN FOSTER PLACEMENT:

[REDACTED] Ariel: 12 months (since 2/8/19)

[REDACTED]

NUMBER OF MONTHS IN CURRENT FOSTER PLACEMENT:

[REDACTED] Ariel: 12 months (since 2/8/19)

[REDACTED]

CASA'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING LEGAL STATUS OF CASE:

Continue foster custody to the DHS and move towards permanency.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue foster custody to the DHS.
2. The DHS file a motion to terminate parental rights.
3. The children remain in their current resource placement with the goal of adoption by RCGs.
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. Continue supervised visits with Mother until parental rights are terminated; however, with the condition that Mother contacts the DHS and takes action to lift the current suspension of visits.

SUMMARY OF CASA'S FINDINGS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ariel (age 5) loves attending special education pre-kindergarten and is very attached to RCGs, but whenever she has visits with Mother (or whenever Mother cancels visits, which is frequent) Ariel has extreme tantrums that can last for days. The tantrums have subsided over the last few weeks because visitation with Mother was suspended on January 13, 2020 after Mother missed four visits in a row. Mother's last visit was on December 12, 2019.

Ariel is often very rough with herself and with others, and does not seem to feel physical pain, which sometimes results in injuries to herself. In October 2019, Ariel suffered two fractured fingers (one on each hand), [REDACTED] When she was taken to the doctor for treatment of her hand, an old clavicle fracture was discovered. On January 14, 2020, Ariel suffered a fractured leg from jumping on the trampoline. She is being monitored by Shriners Hospital for these fractures. Due to injuries without complaints of pain, there was concern for a diagnosis of possible congenital insensitivity to pain.

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Ariel Sellers, age 5:

HOME/PLACEMENT:

This writer visited Ariel at RCG's home on 11/7/2019, 12/17/2019, and 1/14/2020. During the 11/7 and 12/17 visits, Ariel continued to appear energetic, playful, and bonded to RCGs. She has expressed her love of attending special education pre-kindergarten and enjoys showing this CASA her improvement in learning letters and numbers.

On 1/14/2020, Ariel fell while jumping on a trampoline and suffered a fracture in her right leg. RCGs immediately took her to the ER and her leg was placed into a full cast at Kapiolani Medical Center on 1/17/2020. She was excused from school for several days, but has since returned to school, though her teachers have reported that it is sometimes difficult to keep her off her leg.

RCGs reported that after scheduled visits with Mother, Ariel would have extreme tantrums that sometimes lasted for days, during which she would scream, cry, swear, and attempt to hurt herself. These tantrums also occurred if Ariel expected a visit with Mother and then Mother cancelled. Since visits with Mother were suspended on January 13, 2020, RCGs have reported that Ariel has not had a single tantrum and has been kinder to them and to herself.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

EDUCATION:

Ariel has made huge improvements since starting school at Waimanalo Elementary for the first time in August 2019. She is in an early childhood special education class due to having been assessed by the Department of Education as having developmental delays, i.e., trouble with counting and the alphabet, sorting, vocabulary and social skills. Ariel enjoys showing visitors that she can now count and do her ABCs, though she sometimes struggles with memory, retention, and sorting. She reported that she loves school and playing with new friends. However, she has been absent due to being sick and due to the fractures of her fingers and leg that she suffered in October and January, respectively.

HEALTH:

On 1/14/2020, Ariel fell while jumping on a trampoline and suffered a fracture in her right leg. RCGs immediately took her to the ER and her leg was placed into a full cast at Kapiolani Medical Center on 1/17/2020. She was excused from school for several days, but has since returned to school, though her teachers have reported that it is sometimes difficult to keep her off her leg. Ariel was seen by Dr. Yim of Kaneohe Pediatric Dentistry on 1/8/2020 and she does not have any dental issues at this time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS:

Ariel has been attending weekly play therapy sessions with Dr. Gina Eustaquio. She seems to be benefitting significantly from these sessions, as Dr. Eustaquio is helping her work on being kinder to herself. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dr. Eustaquio has also indicated that Ariel should have a consultation with a sex abuse therapist. On 2/13/2020, Ariel had a consultation with Noe Pereira, PsyD. [REDACTED]

VISITATION:

Ariel was previously having scheduled visits with Mother at the DHS office, which were closely supervised by DHS. However, she has not had a visit with Mother since December 12, 2019. Visitation with Mother was suspended on January 13, 2020 after Mother missed or otherwise failed to confirm four visits in a row. RCGs reported that after visits with Mother, or on the occasions where a visit was scheduled but Mother cancelled, Ariel would have extreme tantrums that sometimes lasted for days. However, since visits with Mother were suspended, Ariel has not had a single tantrum.

CHILD'S WISHES:

Ariel expressed to this writer that she is happy living at RCG's house.

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PARENTS:

Melanie Joseph, mother:

Mother did not attend the hearing on 11/5/2019 or the Ohana Conference on 11/8/2019. To this writer's knowledge, Mother has not enrolled or participated in any of the court ordered services.

Adam Sellers, alleged natural father:

There has been no contact with Mr. Sellers directly. On 2/7/2020, DHS SW Maili Taele reported that Mr. Sellers' parole officer had contacted her and confirmed that Mr. Sellers is incarcerated at OCCC. On 11/22/2019, this Court authorized the DHS to serve Mr. Sellers by publication in the Honolulu Star Advertiser. CASA has not yet received confirmation whether the DHS has so served Mr. Sellers.

PARENTS' COMPLIANCE/NON-COMPLIANCE TO SERVICE PLANS/COURT'S ORDERS:

It is this writer's understanding, including a review of Hina Mauka's 9/23/2019 Notice of Client Non-Participation in Drug Monitoring Program, that Mother has not made progress with respect to any portions of her service plan.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:

The DHS social worker has been sufficiently responsive.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

N/A

WOULD THIS CASE BENEFIT FROM FACILITATIVE/CONSULTATIVE SERVICES:

An Ohana Conference took place on 3/12/19 and another took place on 11/8/2019.

CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN COURT:

[REDACTED]

EDUCATIONAL STABILITY:

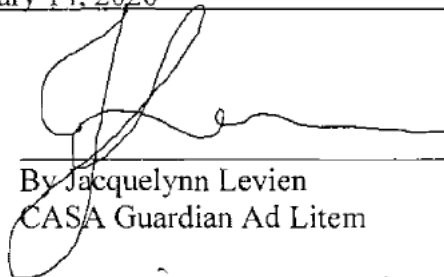
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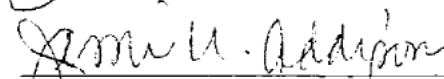
[REDACTED] Ariel started school for the first time in August 2019, also at Waimanalo Elementary.

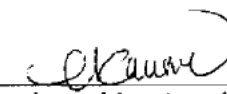
CASA FOLLOW UP PLANS:

This writer will continue to monitor the children's safety and wellbeing.

DATED: Kapolei, Hawaii, February 14, 2020


By Jacquelyn Levien
CASA Guardian Ad Litem


Reviewed by Jessie U. Addison
CASA Program Social Worker

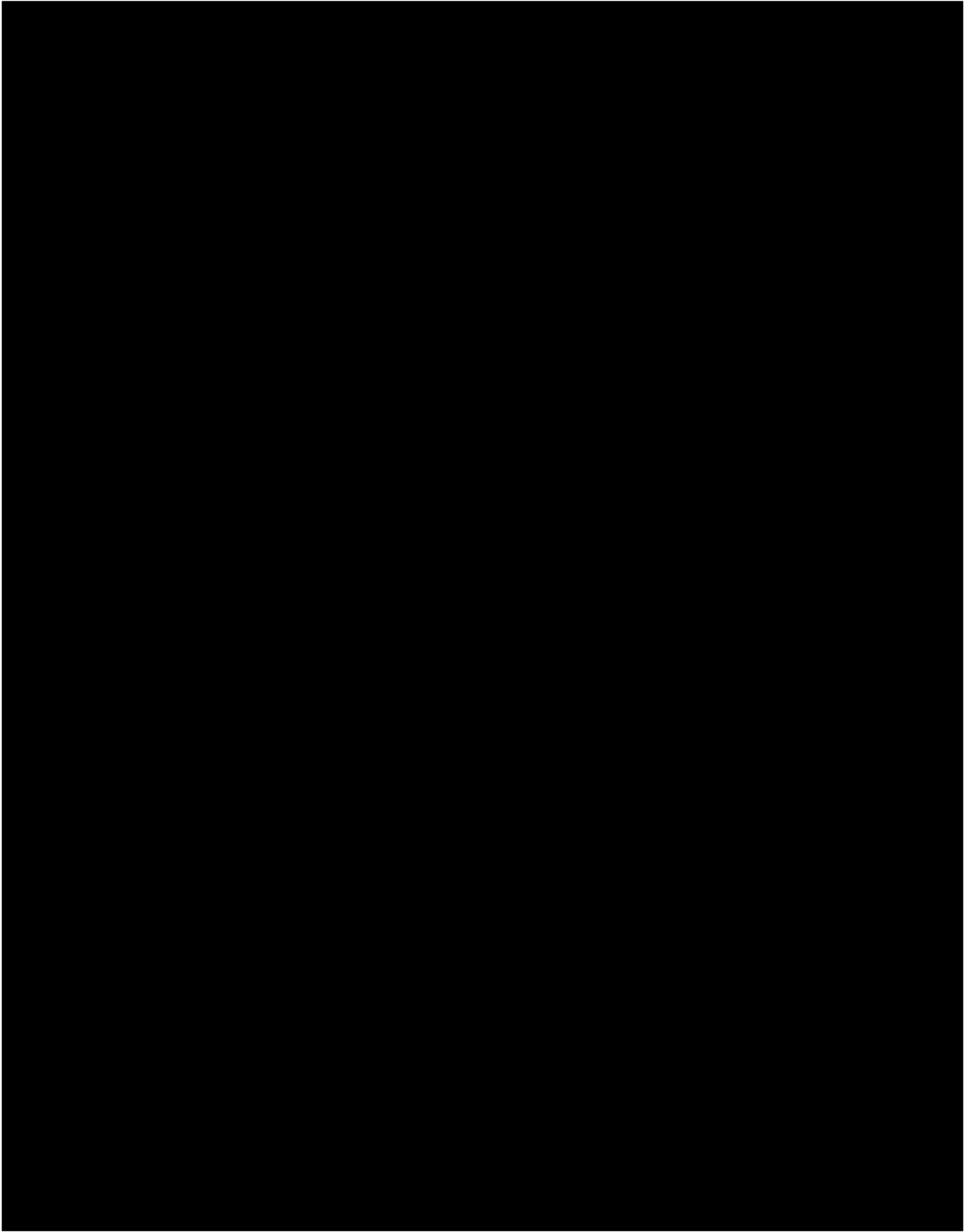

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Contact Report
SELLERS / JOSEPH/FC-S 18-00280
12/1/2019 To 2/14/2020

<u>Person's Interviewed</u>	<u>Title/Relationship</u>	<u>Date(s) of Contact</u>	<u>Method of Contact</u>
Ariel Sellers	Child	12/17/2019	Home Visit
Ariel Sellers	Child	1/14/2020	Home Visit



RCG	Interested Party	12/17/2019	Home Visit
RCG	Interested Party	1/14/2020	Home Visit



Ariel Sellers,



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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT
STATE OF HAWAII

In the Interest of

[REDACTED]

ARIEL SELLERS,
Born on [REDACTED] 2014;

[REDACTED]

FC-S No. 18-00280

ORDERS CONCERNING CHILD
PROTECTIVE ACT

[] EXHIBIT "A"

JUDGE: *Bode A. Vale*

DATE: April 22, 2020
1:30 p.m.

ORDERS CONCERNING CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT

The following parties were present:

[]	<u>Melanie Joseph</u>	,	<u>mother</u>
[]	<u>Adam Sellers</u>	,	<u>father</u>
[]	_____	,	_____
[]	_____	,	_____
[]	_____	,	_____
[]	<u>Maili Taele</u>	,	<u>DHS social worker</u>

Also present were:

[]	<u>Rebecca Lester</u>	,	<u>counsel for mother</u>
[]	_____	,	<u>counsel for father</u>
[]	_____	,	_____
[]	_____	,	_____
[]	<u>Jacquelynn Levien, CASA</u>	,	<u>guardian ad litem CASA</u>
[X]	<u>Gary Tanaka for SM</u>	,	<u>deputy attorney general</u>

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Based upon the record and/or the evidence presented, the Court finds that:

A Adam Sellers and Unknown Natural Father having been duly served by publication and having failed to respond to three calls, is found to be in default.

Adam Sellers and Unknown Natural Father were served in open court with a certified copy of the petition and summons.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

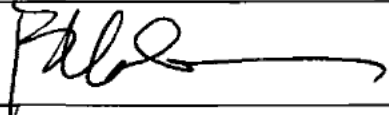
1 Adam Sellers and Unknown Natural Father are defaulted for failure to appear and notice of future hearings is waived;

Adam Sellers and Unknown Natural Father are ordered to appear at a review hearing on _____, before the presiding judge;

Adam Sellers and Unknown Natural Father shall contact Maili Taele, the DHS social worker, within two (2) working days at 832-5450;

2 All prior consistent orders shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Court;

DATED: Kapolei, Hawaii, MAY - 6 2020


JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

IN THE INTEREST OF:

) FC-S No. 18-00280

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) ORDER RESETTING HEARING

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ARIEL P. SELLERS,

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Born on [REDACTED] 2014;

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ORDER RESETTING HEARING

WHEREAS, the scheduled hearing in the above-entitled case that was postponed to a date after Friday, May 29, 2020, pursuant to the **Order of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, filed on March 16, 2020, in case number SCMF-20-0000152.**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The hearing referenced above is being rescheduled and set for **Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.**, before the presiding judge at the Ronald T. Y. Moon Judiciary Court Complex located at 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707.

2. All parties and attorneys shall appear **IN-PERSON** for the hearing. Social distancing arrangements will be made in the courtroom.

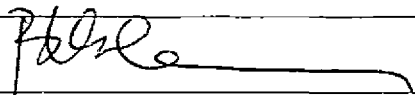
3. Representatives from the Department of Health and other ancillary agencies may appear via phone or WebEx.

4. If you are appearing by phone, call the bailiff's desk fifteen minutes prior to the hearing time at (808) 954-8087.

5. If you are appearing **via video or audio** through WebEx, provide the court officer with your phone and e-mail address information. The Court will send an "Invitation" to attend the hearing by telephone or through E-mail. At the time of the hearing, all participants must be in a quiet place, without interruption or distractions.

6. Reports for which the deadline to file was prior to June 1, 2020 by the Department of Human Services and Guardian Ad Litem are due one week prior to the rescheduled hearing. All reports ordered to be due after June 1, 2020 shall be filed as previously ordered.

7. The Court's standing rules prohibiting video and audio recording of courtroom proceedings remain in effect. You are prohibited from recording the hearing in any way. The hearing shall be recorded by the Court's official court recorder, and transcripts may be ordered from the certified court reporter as with any other hearing.

DATED: Kapolei, Hawai'i, JUN 04 2020


BODE A. UALE
Judge of the Above-Entitled Court

cc: DAG/DHS Simeona Mariano
Atty/Mother Rebecca Lester
Atty/Father Jacob Delaplane
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ORDER TERMINATING PARENTAL
RIGHTS

[X] EXHIBIT "A"

JUDGE: Bode A. Uale

DATE: June 17, 2020
11:30 a.m.

ORDER TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS

The following parties were present:

☐	Melanie Joseph	, mother
☐	Adam Sellers	, father of [REDACTED] Ariel
☐	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
☐	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
☒	Maili Taele	, DHS social worker

Also present were:

☒	Rebecca Lester	, counsel for mother
☒	Jacob Delaplane by Kaupena Swin	, counsel for father
☐	Isaac and Lehua Kalua	, resource caregiver(s)
☒	Jessie Addison	, CASA program social worker
☐	Jacquelynn Levien, CASA	, guardian ad litem/CASA
☒	Simeona A. Mariano	, deputy attorney general

All necessary parties were duly served and/or present and/or duly represented by counsel except:

- ☒ Melanie Joseph (Mother), who, having been ☒ duly served ☒ previously ordered to appear and having failed to respond to three calls, was found to be in default.
- ☒ Adam Sellers (Father), who, having been ☒ duly served ☐ previously ordered to appear and having failed to respond to three calls, was found to be in default.
- ☒ Melanie Joseph (Mother), who was previously defaulted at the hearing on February 26, 2019.
- ☐ _____, who was excused by previous order of the Court on _____.
- ☒ Adam Sellers, _____ for whom three calls were made with no response ☐ and were reserved.

Based upon the record and/or the evidence presented, the Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that pursuant to HRS § 587A-33(a) and after full consideration of the relevant prior and current evidence pertaining to the safe family home guidelines, as set forth in HRS § 587A-7, including, but not limited to, the report/s submitted pursuant to HRS § 587A-18, that:

- A The children's legal mother, legal father, adjudicated, presumed, or concerned father as defined under HRS Chapter 578 are not presently willing and able to provide the children with a safe family home, even with the assistance of a service plan;
- B It is not reasonably foreseeable that the children's legal mother, legal father, adjudicated, presumed, or concerned father as defined under HRS Chapter 578 will become willing and able to provide the children with a safe family home, even with the assistance of a service plan, within a reasonable period of time;
- C The proposed permanent plan ☐ as modified, dated February 18, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is in the best interests of the children;
- D Under the circumstances that are presented in this case, DHS has made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan which in this case is ☒ permanent out of home placement;
- E _____ Ariel's date of entry into foster care was February 9, 2019;
- _____ The children have reached the age of fourteen and consents to the permanent plan;

— The children have reached the age of fourteen and it is in the best interests of the children to dispense with their consent to the permanent plan;

— The DHS has made reasonable efforts to complete or have the children's parents complete:

- ☐ the medical information form for father;
- ☐ the medical information form for mother;
- ☐ the medical records release form for father;
- ☐ the medical records release form for mother; and
- ☐ a signed release from mother to receive a copy of all of her medical records relating to the birth of the children;

— _____ and _____ have knowingly and voluntarily stipulated to ☐ permanent custody ☐ and the permanent plan dated _____;

— The ☐ legal mother and ☐ legal father, adjudicated, presumed, or concerned natural father as defined under HRS Chapter 578 has/have consented in writing to the adoption of the child(ren) by adoptive parents who will be approved by the Court;

— _____

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1 The Motion to Terminate Parental Rights is granted;
- 2 The existing service plan is revoked and the prior award of foster custody is revoked;
- 3 The parental and custodial duties and rights of Mother, the children's natural and legal mother, are hereby terminated pursuant to HRS § 587A-33;
- 4 The parental and custodial duties and rights of Father [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the children's legal father, adjudicated, presumed, or concerned father as defined under HRS Chapter 578, are hereby terminated pursuant to HRS § 587A-33;

- 5 The Director of Human Services is hereby appointed permanent custodian of the above-named children, with authority to delegate his/her responsibilities and duties to a professional member of his/her staff;
- 6 Until the children reach the age of eighteen or are adopted, the permanent custodian is awarded each of the parental and custodial duties and rights as are set forth in HRS § 587A-15(d) and are stated in the Letters of Permanent Custody, a copy of which is being filed concurrently with this order;
- 7 Each term set forth in the Permanent Plan [] as modified, dated February 18, 2020 is hereby ordered by the Court, and a copy of said plan is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein and made a part of this Order;
- 8 The mutual rights of inheritance of the child(ren) and the child(ren)'s family members or any other benefit to which the child(ren) may be entitled shall not terminate, but rather, such mutual rights of inheritance as existed prior to the transfer of permanent custody shall continue in effect until the child(ren) is/are legally adopted;
- 9 The continuing responsibility of the child(ren)'s family members for the support of the child(ren), including, but not limited to, the payment for the cost of any and all care, treatment, or any other service supplied or provided by the permanent custodian, any subsequent permanent custodian/s, other authorized agency, or the Court for the child(ren)'s benefit, shall not terminate, but rather, such responsibilities as existed prior to the transfer of permanent custody shall continue in effect until the child(ren) is/are legally adopted;
- 10 The permanent custodian shall have authority to receive funds and tangible property deliverable to the child(ren) and apply the money and property for the support, care and education of the child(ren), and to exercise care to conserve any excess for the child(ren)'s needs;
- 11 The permanent custodian shall serve without bond and without compensation and shall only be discharged upon further order of the Court, but a discharge of the permanent custodian does not affect the permanent custodian's liability for prior acts, nor his/her obligation to account for funds and assets of the child(ren). Resignation of the permanent custodian of the child(ren) does not terminate permanent custody until it has

been approved by the Family Court;

12 The appointment of the GAL shall continue;

13 Pursuant to HRS § 587A-33(b)(5) Mother and Father are excluded from participating in adoption or other subsequent proceedings and he/she/they shall not be noticed of future hearings and he/she/they shall not appear at future hearings unless he/she/they receive further legal notice requiring such appearance;

14 All parties are ordered to appear at a [☒] permanency hearing [☒] adoption hearing, if timely filed by the DHS, which shall be held on December 1, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., before the presiding judge;

15 The permanent custodian and the GAL shall each prepare an appropriate report and the permanent custodian shall prepare a revised permanent plan, if such revisions are deemed necessary. The permanent custodian's report and plan are due on November 16, 2020 and the GAL report is due on November 24, 2020;

16 All other currently existent orders consistent herewith shall continue in full force and effect until further order of the Court;

17 Mother, Father, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is/are defaulted for failure to appear and notice of future hearings is waived;

 The hearing previously scheduled for _____ at _____ .m. is set aside;

 The family court restraining order filed on _____ is rescinded and a copy of this order may be released to the appropriate law enforcement authorities;

 The bench warrant issued for _____ is recalled;

 The child's/children's parent/parents is/are ordered to remain in the family court waiting room until they are provided with a filed copy of this order;

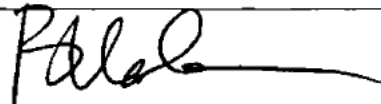
18 DHS is authorized to publish the child's photograph and or any other appropriate information on the internet and/or other publication, as well as to allow the child to participate in

events and activities, for the purpose of recruiting a permanent home for the child;

- 19 Rebecca Lester, counsel for Mother,
is discharged effective July 17, 2020 because Mother
failed to appear today and has been defaulted
_____, ☒ subject to recall;
- 20 Jacob Delaplanc, counsel for Father,
is discharged effective July 17, 2020 because Father
failed to appear today and has been defaulted
_____, ☒ subject to recall;

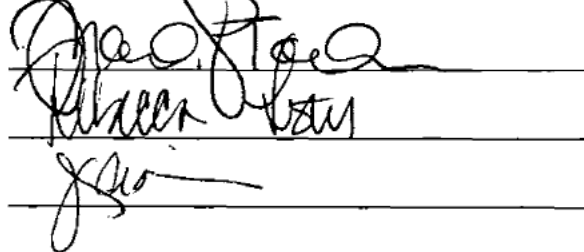
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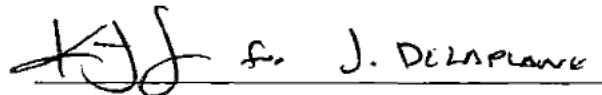
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JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 for J. Delaplanc

COURT CLERK: Kay

Confidential Report of the
Department of Human Services

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE CIRCUIT
STATE OF HAWAII

IN THE INTEREST OF:

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	)	
Ariel Sellers	DOB: [REDACTED]/14	)	FC-S No: 18-00280
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	)	
		)	

PERMANENT PLAN
(February 18, 2020)

☒ This is an initial report to be read in conjunction with any other reports submitted and dated: 11/2/2018, 02/11/2019, 05/07/2019 and 10/23/2019.

Date of last hearing: 02/25/2020 Type of Hearing: Permanency

[REDACTED]

On February 8, 2019, DHS assumed placement of [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers via court order because of confirmed physical neglect by parents Ms. Melanie Joseph and Mr. Adam Sellers.

Child's Date of Entry into Foster Care. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers-2/8/19.

Date of last face to face contact by the assigned worker with the Seller/Joseph minors:

DHS face to face visit was on 01/30/2020 with [REDACTED] Ariel, [REDACTED] and resource caregiver.

Indicate the permanency goal for the child and the projected date for achieving the permanency goal in the following order of preference:

EXHIBIT A

Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers, [REDACTED]

Date: 02/18/2020

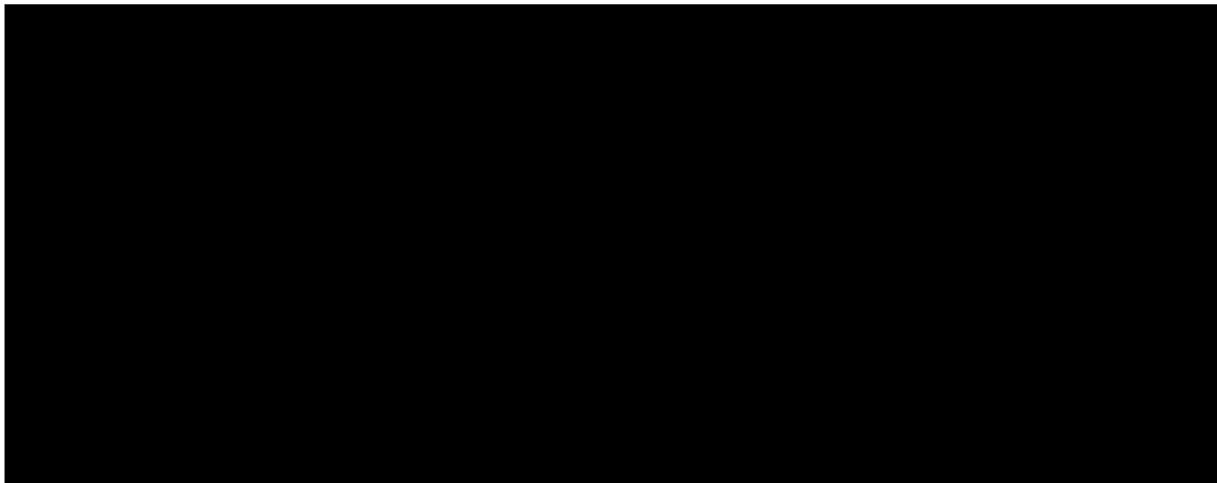
- Termination of parental rights is expected by May 2020.
 - XX Placed for adoption by July 2020.
 - _____ Referred for legal guardianship by _____
 - _____ Placed permanently with a fit and willing relative: by _____ or
 - _____ Placed in another planned permanent custody living arrangement(non-relative) but only in cases where the department has documented to the court a compelling reason for determining it would not be in the best interest of the child to follow one of the three specific options above by _____

☐ If the Permanency goal is legal guardianship/permanent custody, the CWS worker verifies that the child meets all of the following presumptive eligibility requirements for kinship guardianship assistance payments:

- a) that the prospective permanent caretaker meets the definition of "kin";
- b) that the child resided with the prospective permanent kin caretaker for at least 6 consecutive months prior to the award of LG/PC ;
- c) that the child was eligible for foster board payments during those same 6 months; and
- d) that the prospective permanent kin caretaker's home was Unconditionally licensed during those same 6 months.

CHILD:

Child's current situation



Ariel Sellers:

Ariel is a 5-year-old little girl who is physically active and loves to play on the playground and with her toys.

◇ GOAL : HEALTH:

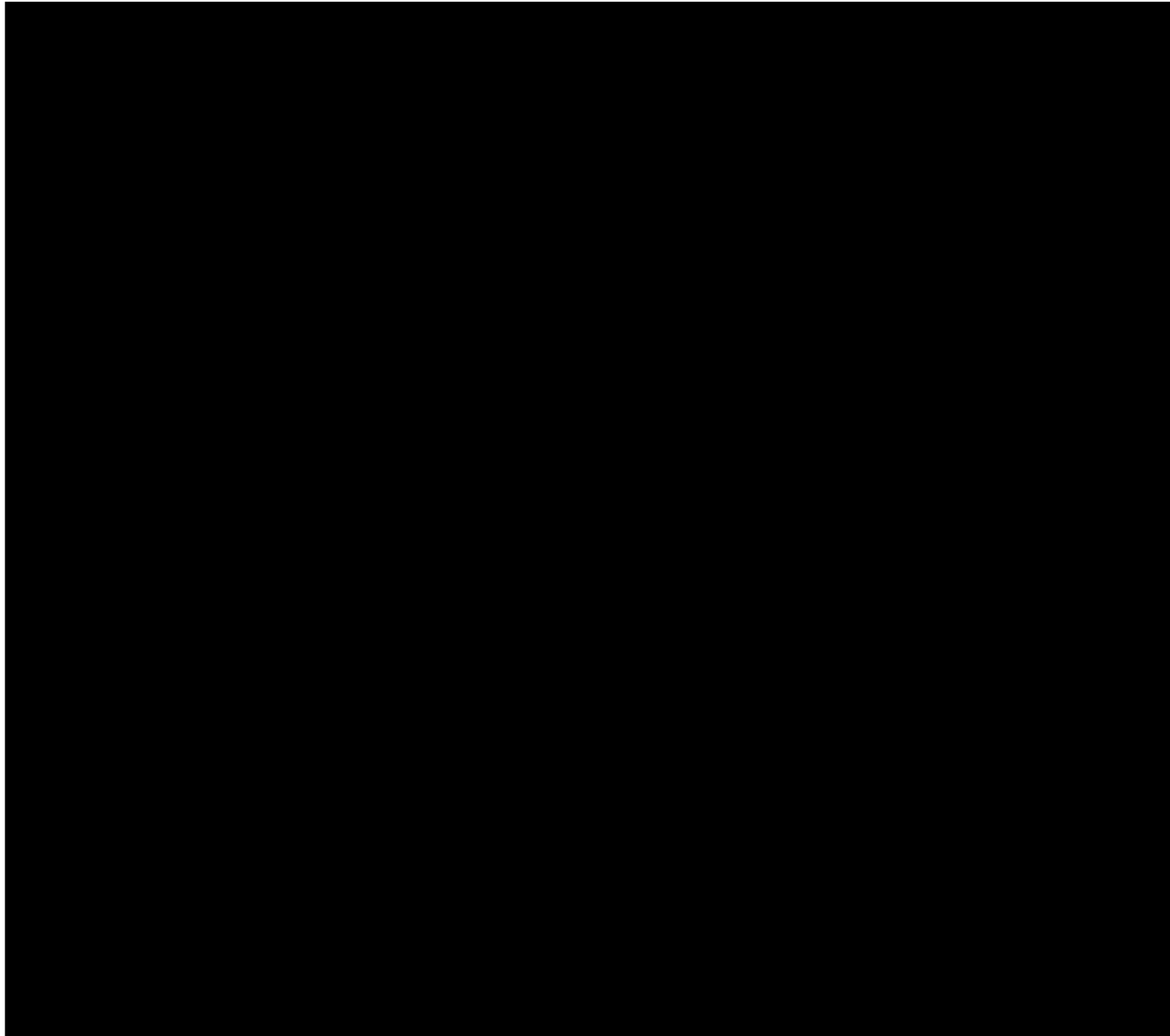
- Objective: Assure that Ariel's physical health and dental needs will be met.
- Service: medical and dental insurance with HMSA Quest.
- Target date of completion: Till age of majority.

Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED]

Date: 02/18/2020

Ariel has medical insurance with HMSA Quest and is primary care facility and dental care is with Waimanalo Health Center. Ariel's primary care doctor is Dr. Titcomb. Ariel is current on all of her immunizations and is currently in good health, however, Ariel is prone to fractures and falls and has had a history of multiple fractures on her fingers, collar bone and leg. Ariel is being closely monitored by Dr. Titcomb and Shriners Hospital to determine if the fractures are due to other medical conditions.



Ariel Sellers:

Ariel is in Special Education Preschool services at Waimanalo Elementary School. She currently has an Individualized Education Plan to address her cognitive and academic needs.

◊ **GOAL: EDUCATION**

- **Objective:** Assure that Ariel continues to receive adequate and appropriate education that fits her needs.

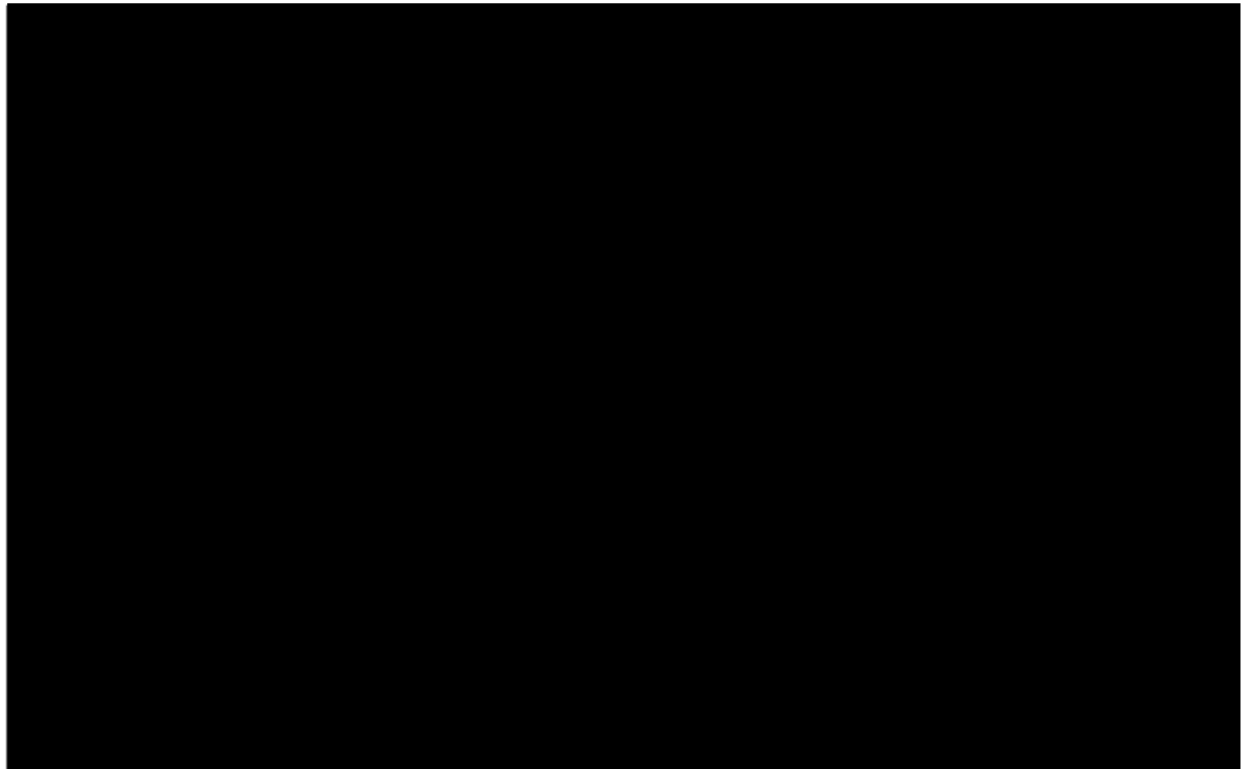
Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED]

Date: 02/18/2020

- Service: Ariel continues to complete her schooling.
- Target date of completion: Diploma or GED equivalent.

Ariel is an energetic little girl who reportedly loves to attend school and has many friends. She is able to count from 1-20 and is now able to sing nursery songs and recognize some shapes and colors.



Ariel Sellers:

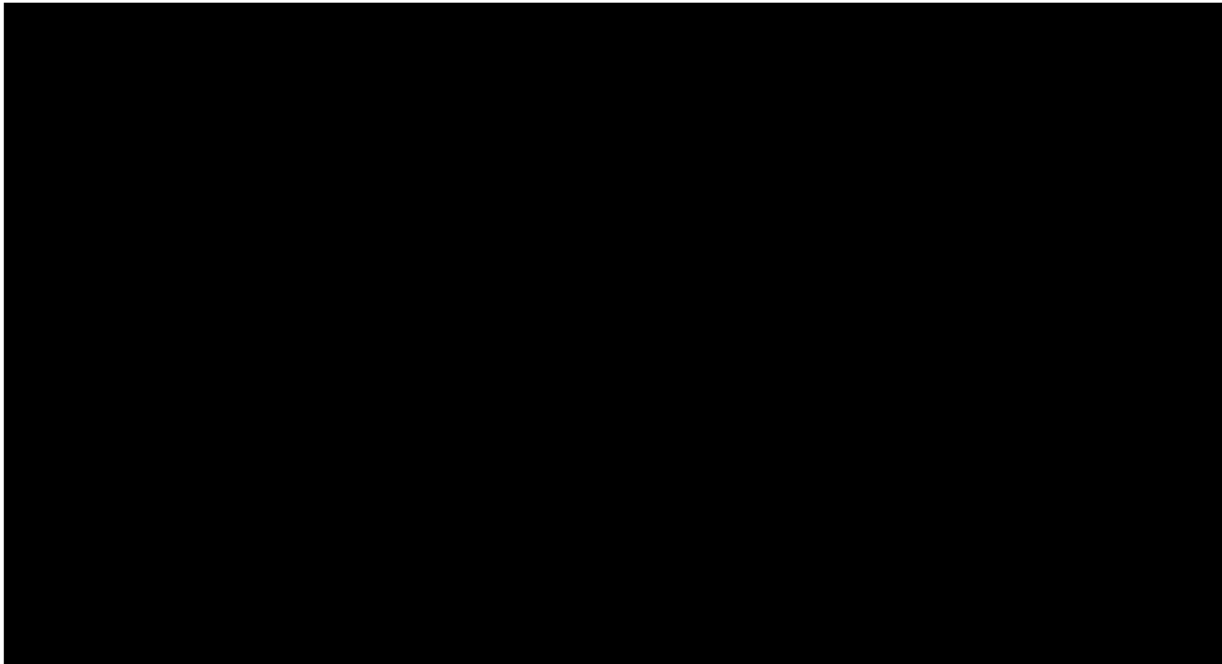
Ariel is a very happy little girl who is friendly and loves the attention of adults.

◇ **GOAL: COUNSELING**

- Objective: To provide Ariel with ongoing counseling to address any past traumas.
- Service: Ariel is currently in play therapy.
- Target date of completion: Ongoing as deemed appropriate or clinical discharge.

Ariel is a spirited little girl with lots of energy who reportedly loves play therapy. Ariel has demonstrated behaviors such as pulling out her hair, scratching her face and hands, having meltdowns for long periods of time, referring to herself in the 3rd party, having multiple personalities, displaying impulsive behaviors and swearing. Play therapy has been beneficial in teaching Ariel how to cope with her feelings when she becomes angry, frustrated or worried. She has learned to regulate her emotions and to advocate her wants and needs.

[REDACTED]



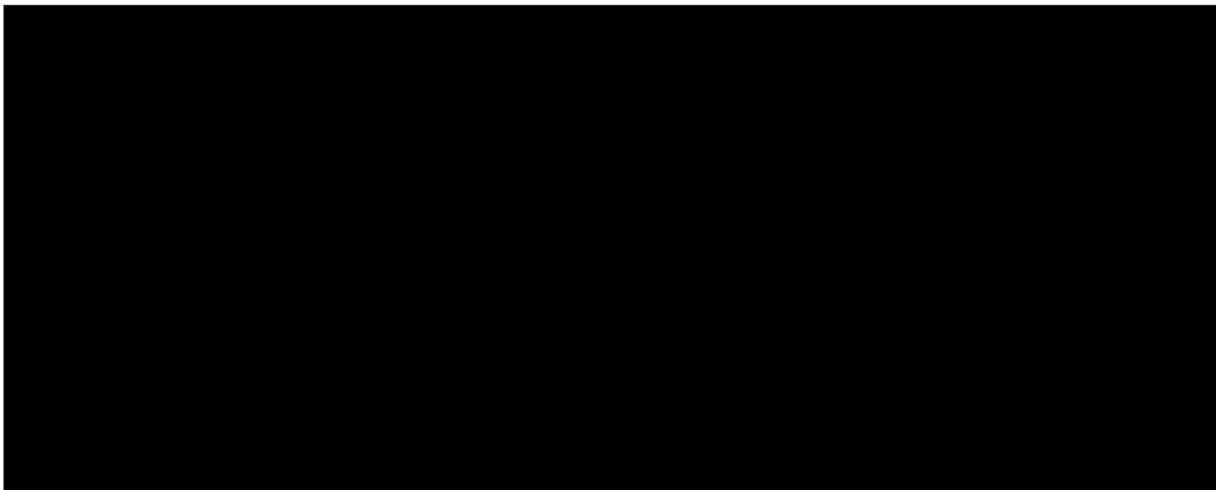
Ariel Sellers :

Ariel is 5-year-old little girl who is very observant little girl who is able to advocate for her wants and needs.

◇ **GOAL: PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

- **Objective:** To assure that Ariel learns the skills to prepare her for independent living when she turns 18-years-old.
- **Service:** Ariel will be referred to Imua Kakōu when she turns of age.
- **Target date of completion :** This program is voluntary in which Ariel can receive independent living benefits and case management if she independently seeks the resource, benefits and programs that are available to help her to become independent.

Ariel is a bright little girl with a promising future ahead of her. She enjoys school and loves to learn.



Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED]

Date: 02/18/2020

Connections:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ariel [REDACTED] bonded to [REDACTED] resource caregiver who is a close family friend who maintains communication with maternal relatives that live in their same community.

Placement

Child's placement history:

[REDACTED]

2/08/19- Present, [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers was placed [REDACTED] in a child-specific licensed resource caregiver home with a close family friend.

Assessment of the safety of the child's placement:

Safety of Placement was completed on 10/23/19. The special licensed resource caregiver home was assessed and found to be safe for [REDACTED], Ariel [REDACTED] based on licensing policies and procedures.

Has the current placement been identified as the child's permanent placement?

Yes, resource caregivers have stated that they would like to adopt [REDACTED]

Is the children's placement stable? Yes

Services provided to the Child's resource family to support child's permanency goal:

♦ **GOAL : STABILIZE PLACEMENT**

- Objective: Provide services as requested.
- Service: Post Permanency services or other appropriate services.
- Target date of completion: Ongoing till age of majority.

PERMANENCY PLANNING

A. DHS efforts to finalize permanency plan

1. Describe progress toward achieving the goal of the plan, reasonable efforts made by DHS to finalize permanency for [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] the last twelve months.

DHS provided referrals for services for Ms. Joseph to address substance abuse issues to Hina Mauka Substance Abuse Treatment center on 7/25/19, 8/20/19 and on 9/23/19. Referrals were also made to CCSS, Family Programs Hawaii to address family service plan. DHS completed Family Finding through EPIC Ohana and completed two Ohana Conference meetings on 02/14/2019 and 11/18/2019 to discuss case direction, provide referrals and establish family connections. DHS considered other possible family relatives for foster placement and provided interested relatives with an Act 199 form to complete the licensing process. DHS made reasonable efforts to maintain family connections with maternal grandmother and children by conducting special visits with maternal grandmother, [REDACTED] and Ariel. DHS worked with Ms. Joseph to maintain consistent Ohana Time Visitations [REDACTED]. DHS made reasonable efforts to contact Ms. Joseph to re-engage her in services and to discuss barriers that may be preventing Ms. Joseph from engaging in services. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Initially, maternal grandmother worked with DHS to be a point of contact for Ms. Joseph where DHS and providers could leave messages for mother. Maternal grandmother later changed her phone number and lost contact with DHS. DHS has had ongoing discussions with resource caregivers regarding permanency during home visits. RCG's reported that they would like to be a forever home [REDACTED]

2. Describe any proposed revisions to the goals of the plan and reasons for the revisions.

Not applicable. No revisions proposed.

3. Describe proposed revisions to the objectives for achieving the goals of the plan and reasons for the revisions.

Not applicable.

4. Describe proposed revisions to the services for achieving the goals of the plan and reasons for the revisions

Not applicable.

5. Any safety issues/factors for Ariel Sellers
 NONE

6. Indicate all in-state and out-of-state placement options reviewed and considered.

DHS considered maternal relatives for placement. DHS completed family finding for possible family connections. Initially DHS provided Ms. Joseph with an in-home safety plan to keep Ariel in the family home, however, was unsuccessful.

7. If the Seller is currently living in a different state than the legal custodian, indicate whether that current placement continues to be in the best interest of the children.

Not applicable.

8. Efforts made to include and inform Ariel Sellers of the proposed permanent plan or transition plan in a manner that was age appropriate.

 Ariel Sellers have been proposed of the permanent plan in an age appropriate manner and is in agreement with termination of

Permanent Plan

Case Name: [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED]

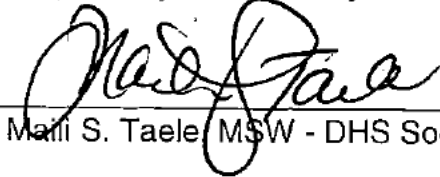
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parental rights. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] deserve to be adopted into a home where they can feel safe and stable and are in support of this goal.

A permanency hearing be heard no later than 05/2020

Respectfully submitted by



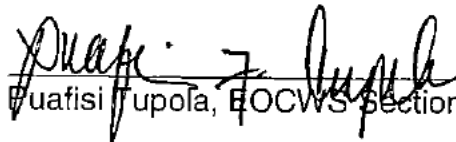
Mali S. Taele, MSW - DHS Social Worker

Date: 2/20/20



Elizabeth Saga-Petaia - EOCWSU4 Supervisor

Date: 2/20/20



Puafisi Tupola, EOCWS Section Administrator

Date: 2.20.20

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FC-S No. 18-00280

LETTERS OF PERMANENT CUSTODY

JUDGE: Bode A. Uale

DATE: June 17, 2020
11:30 a.m.

LETTERS OF PERMANENT CUSTODY

- 1 The Director of Human Services is hereby appointed permanent custodian of the above-named child(ren), with authority to delegate his/her duties to a professional member of his/her staff.
- 2 Until the child(ren) reach/reaches the age of eighteen or is/are adopted, permanent custody vests in the permanent custodian/s, each of the parental and custodial duties and rights of a legal custodian and family member, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - A To determine where and with whom the child(ren) shall live; provided the child(ren) shall not be placed outside the State without prior order of the Court;
 - B To assure that the child(ren) is/are provided in a timely

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manner with adequate food, clothing, shelter, psychological care, physical care, medical care, supervision and other necessities;

C To monitor the provision of the child(ren) of appropriate education;

D To provide all consents that are required for the child(ren)'s physical or psychological health or welfare, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, psychiatric, psychological, educational, employment, recreational, or social needs; and to provide all consents for any other medical or psychological care or treatment, including, but not limited to surgery;

E To provide consent to adoption, change of name pursuant to HRS 574-5, or to marriage with prior Court approval; and

F To provide the Court with information concerning the child(ren) that the Court may require at any time, and to submit written reports to the Court stating the then-current situation and other significant information concerning the child(ren) at intervals not to exceed one year, unless otherwise ordered by the Court;

3 If the child(ren) reside/s without the home of the permanent custodian/s for a period of seven consecutive days, to submit a written report to the Court stating the then-current situation of the child(ren) on or before the tenth consecutive day or the next working day after such date;

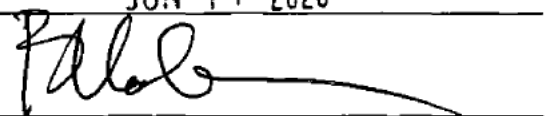
4 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the child(ren)'s family members shall retain, to the extent that each family member possessed such responsibility prior to the transfer of permanent custody, the continuing responsibility for support of the child(ren), including, but not limited to, repayment for the cost of any and all care, treatment, or any other service supplied or provided by the permanent custodian/s, any subsequent permanent custodian/s, other authorized agency or the court for the child(ren)' benefit;

5 A family member may be permitted visitation with the child(ren) at the discretion of the permanent custodian/s; provided that the exercise of such discretion may be reviewed by the Court and the Court may order that a family member be permitted such visitation as is in the best interests of the child(ren);

- 6 An order of permanent custody shall not operate to terminate the mutual rights of inheritance of the child(ren) and the child(ren)'s family members or any other benefit to which the child(ren) may be entitled, unless and until the child(ren) has/have been legally adopted;
- 7 The permanent custodian/s shall have authority to receive funds and tangible properly deliverable to the child(ren) and apply the money and property for the support, care, and education of the child(ren), and to exercise care to conserve any excess for the child(ren)'s needs; and
- 8 The permanent custodian/s shall serve without bond and without compensation and shall only be discharged upon the further order of the Court, but a discharge of the permanent custodian/s does not affect the permanent custodian's liability for prior acts, nor his/her/their obligation to account for funds and assets of the child(ren). Resignation of a permanent custodian of the child(ren) does not terminate permanent custody until it has been approved by the Family Court.

DATED: Kapolei, Hawaii, _____

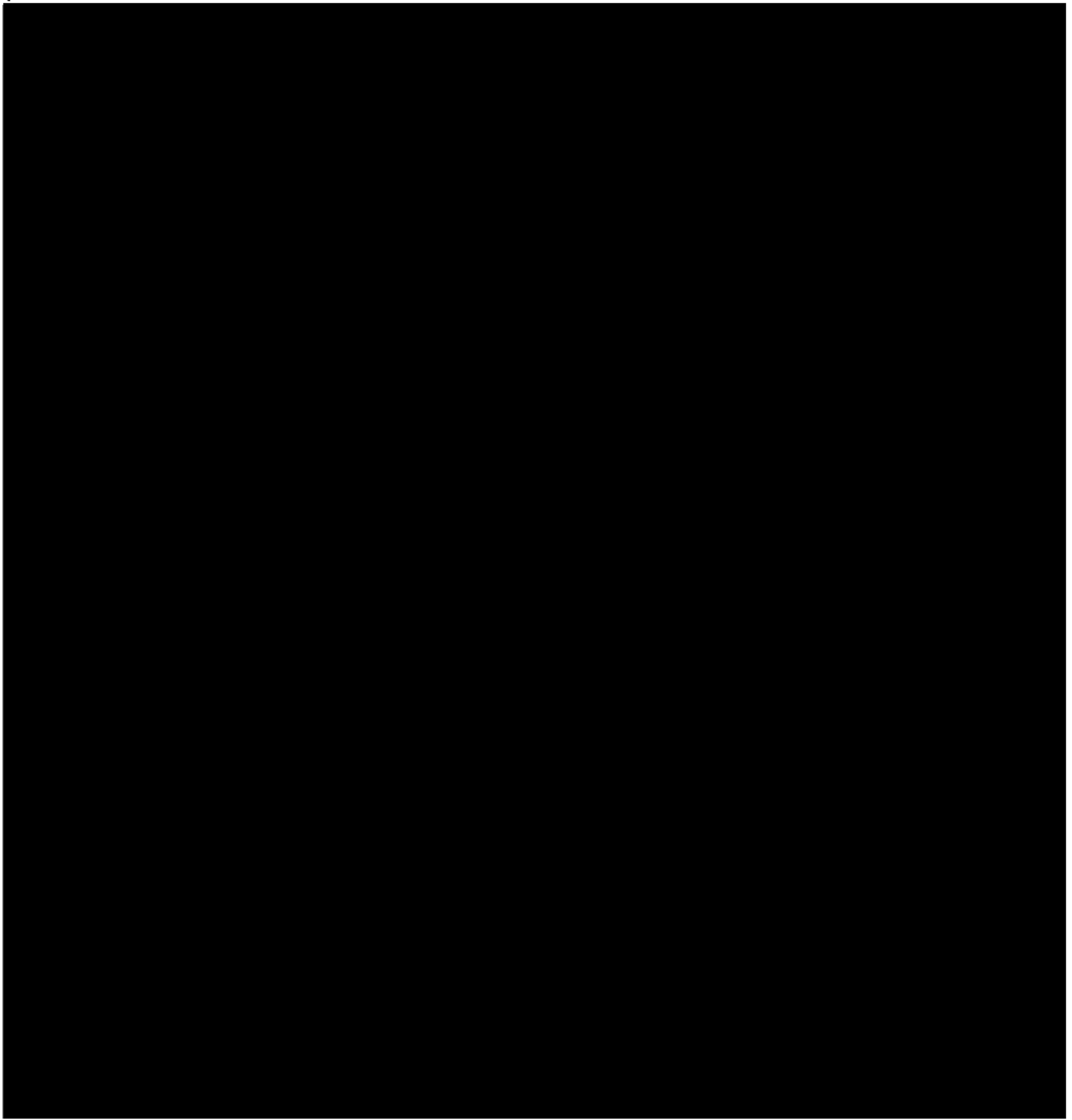
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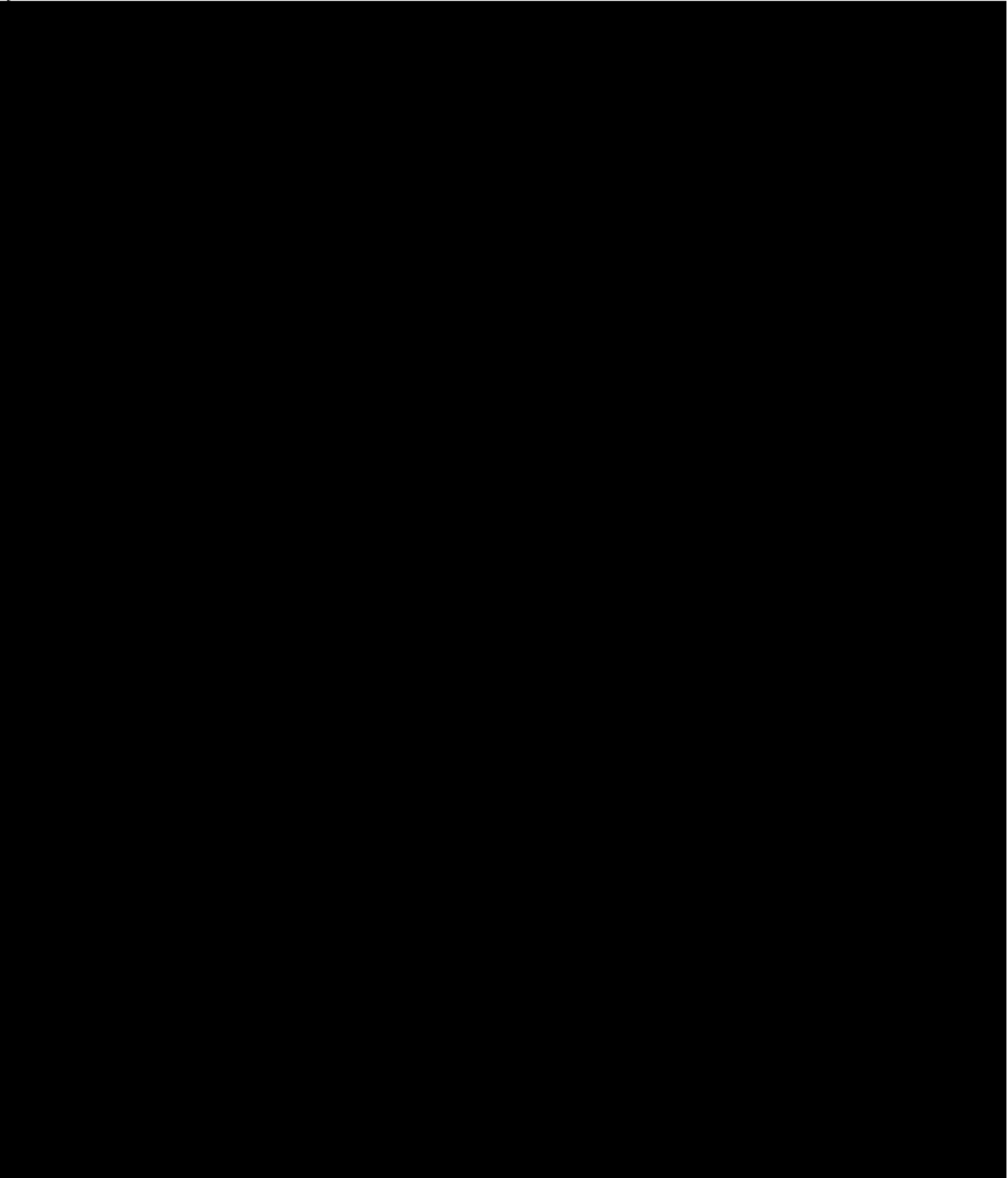
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PART 1

FAMILY SERVICE PLAN

DATE: MARCH 23, 2020

FC-S No.: 18-00280

CHILD'S NAME:

Ariel Sellers

DOB:

/2014

This Family Service Plan is between Melanie Joseph; Mother and Adam Sellers, alleged natural father and the Department of Human Services (DHS). The Family Service Plan is designed to help the family address and resolve the safety issues as identified by DHS.

I. CASE GOAL FOR THE JOSEPH/SELLER MINORS:

Initial goal: Maintain a safe family home with DHS intervention.

Target date: 08/2020

Final goal: Maintain a safe family home without DHS intervention.

Target date: 1/2021

I. CASE GOAL FOR FAMILY SUPERVISION [REDACTED]:

Initial goal: Maintenance in family home

Target date: January 2021.

Final goal: Case Closure

Target date: June 2021.

II. TASKS:

The following tasks are based on the safety issues, as outlined in the Safe Family Home Report dated 2/18/2020.

A. Mother: Melanie Joseph

1. Complete Substance Abuse Assessment and Recommended Treatment:

a. Focus of task:

- Understand personal/family dynamics that led to drug use/abuse.
- Recognize and understand behavior of addiction and dependency
- Understand/identify relapse warnings and prevention
- Recognize the effects of drug use on the children.
- Learn to live and maintain a clean and sober lifestyle

STATE'S EXHIBIT

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b. Names and addresses of providers:

- Women's Way
845 22nd Ave,
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 732-2802
- Hina Mauka
45-845 Po'okela Street
Kaneohe, HI 96744
236-2600

Or DHS approved provider

c. Time Frame

- Apply by November 7, 2019
- Participate until clinically discharged

d. How progress will be measured

- Participation in program
- Completion of program-Certificate
- Testing clean in **ALL** random drug tests
- Attend AA/NA meetings after program completion (minimum 3 a week)
- Support system with clean friends/relatives
- Reports from providers

Expected changes and Outcomes

- Openly verbalize what drugs have done to your life
- Verbalize relapse prevention methods
- Demonstrate positive thinking and behaviors
- Participate in enjoyable, healthy and drug-free activities

2. **Random drug screens**

a. Focus of task: To confirm sobriety

b. Name and address of provider:

Women's Way
845 22nd Ave,
Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 732-2802

Or

Hina Mauka
45-845 Po'okela Street
Kaneohe, HI 96744
236-2600

or DHS approved provider

c. Time frame: A referral will be made by your DHS social worker

d. How progress will be measured:

- Completion of drug screens as requested by Hina Mauka or the DHS social worker.
- Provide a picture ID to the laboratory at the time of the screening.
- Consistently test negative.
- All no-shows for the urine drug screens (UA) monitoring will be considered "dirty".

Expected changes and Outcomes

- Demonstrate a clean and sober lifestyle

3. Comprehensive Counseling & Support Services (CCSS) including Parenting Education:

- a. Focus of task:
 - Understand personal/family dynamic that leads to appropriate parenting skills
 - Resolve issues and provide a safe, nurturing home environment
 - Willing and able to resolve safety issues
 - Develop appropriate parenting skills
- b. Name and address of provider
 - Comprehensive Counseling & Support Services (CCSS)
Child and Family Services
91-1841 Fort Weaver Rd
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone: 681-1467
Or geographic provider
- c. Time Frame
 - A referral will be made.
- d. How progress will be measured
 - Participation in ALL sessions
 - Attendance at ALL scheduled meetings
 - Completion of ALL assignments
 - Reports from providers

Expected changes and Outcomes

- Ability to identify the needs of the children
- Ability to interact with the children in a positive manner
- Demonstrate positive thinking and behaviors
- Demonstrate appropriate methods of non-corporal, non-abusive discipline.
- Develop Healthy, trusting relationships with children

4. Complete Psychological Evaluation and Recommended Treatment

- a. Focus of task
 - Identify areas of childhood and adult life that can be addressed in therapy.

- Focus on recovery and address any previous history of childhood trauma, childhood trauma, failed relationships and inter-personal relationships and any adult trauma
- b. Name and address of provider
 - Psychological Evaluation to be arranged by the DHS
 - Therapy to be completed with a recommended or approved psychologist by DHS.
- c. Time frame
 - Upon contact from DHS, you will attend assessment
 - Evaluations are scheduled in advance so if you are unable to attend the appointment, it is your responsibility to reschedule.
 - If you fail to attend the evaluation, you are required to pay a fee for "no show" of \$220.00
- d. How progress will be measured
 - Attend the scheduled appointment date and time.
 - Follow all recommendations of psychological evaluation.
 - Be open and honest during evaluation.

Expected Changes and Outcomes

- Ability identify areas of concern and seek professional help to address these issues.
- Build on self-esteem and mental health wellbeing to assist in decision making
- Practice coping strategies in daily life

5. Domestic Violence/Survivor Support

- a. Focus of task
 - To develop ways to address and recognize domestic violence, and develop supportive services for survivors
- b. Name and address of provider
 - Child and Family Services
91-1841 Fort Weaver Rd
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone: 681-1467
or another approved DHS provider
- c. Time frame
 - Services shall begin upon the first available opening and continue until notification is received by the DHS social worker that services have been successfully completed.
- d. How progress will be measured
 - By keeping all scheduled appointments, classes, by cooperating with the service provider and by following the recommendations made
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Expected Changes and Outcomes

- Parent shall be able to identify his children's needs and how to meet the needs in a positive manner.
- Parent shall be able to identify her role in the domestic violence cycle
- Parent shall be able to identify power and control issues that occur within domestic violence cycle and address them appropriately
- Parent shall be able to identify and utilize supportive resources for victims of domestic violence.

6. Cooperate with the DHS Social Worker by:

- a. Informing DHS Social Worker of child's important medical, physical, psychological and social conditions such as allergies, medications, fears, food likes and dislikes, other likes and dislikes, disabilities, etc.
- b. Keeping appointments with worker and providers
- c. Attending other services as recommended
- d. Informing of any changes in the home
- e. Informing of any problems in following the service plan
- f. Completing birth parent forms

7. Work in partnership with DHS Social Worker to:

- a. Ensure the child's **physical health needs** are met.
 - Participate in medical and dental appointments
- b. Ensure the child's **educational/developmental needs** are met.
 - Participate in education or development appointments
- c. Ensure the child's **mental health needs** are met.
 - Participate in therapy with child if requested
 - Participate in family therapy if recommended
 - Be involved in child's appointments

B. Alleged natural father: Adam Sellers

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 - Recognize and understand behavior of addiction and dependency
 - Understand/identify relapse warnings and prevention

- Recognize the effects of drug use on the children.
 - Learn to live and maintain a clean and sober lifestyle
- b. Names and addresses of providers:

➤ Hina Mauka
45-845 Po`okela Street
Kaneohe, HI 96744
236-2600

Or DHS approved provider

- c. Time Frame
- Apply by November 7, 2019
 - Participate until clinically discharged
- d. How progress will be measured
- Participation in program
 - Completion of program-Certificate
 - Testing clean in **ALL** random drug tests
 - Attend AA/NA meetings after program completion (minimum 3 a week)
 - Support system with clean friends/relatives
 - Reports from providers

Expected changes and Outcomes

- Openly verbalize what drugs have done to your life
- Verbalize relapse prevention methods
- Demonstrate positive thinking and behaviors
- Participate in enjoyable, healthy and drug-free activities

2. Random drug screens through Hina Mauka:

- a. Focus of task: To confirm sobriety
- b. Name and address of provider:

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- c. Time frame: A referral will be made by your DHS social worker
- d. How progress will be measured:
- Completion of drug screens as requested by Hina Mauka or the DHS social worker.
 - Provide a picture ID to the laboratory at the time of the screening.
 - Consistently test negative.
 - All no-shows for the urine drug screens (UA) monitoring will be considered "dirty".

Expected changes and Outcomes

- Demonstrate a clean and sober lifestyle

3. Comprehensive Counseling & Support Services (CCSS) including Parenting Education

- a. Focus of task:
 - Understand personal/family dynamic that leads to appropriate parenting skills
 - Resolve issues and provide a safe, nurturing home environment
 - Willing and able to resolve safety issues
 - Develop appropriate parenting skills
- b. Name and address of provider
 - Comprehensive Counseling & Support Services (CCSS)
Child and Family Services
91-1841 Fort Weaver Rd
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone: 681-1467
Or geographic provider
- c. Time Frame
 - A referral will be made.
- d. How progress will be measured
 - Participation in ALL sessions
 - Attendance at ALL scheduled meetings
 - Completion of ALL assignments
 - Reports from providers

Expected changes and Outcomes

- Ability to identify the needs of the children
- Ability to interact with the children in a positive manner
- Demonstrate positive thinking and behaviors
- Demonstrate appropriate methods of non-corporal, non-abusive discipline.
- Develop Healthy, trusting relationships with children

4. Complete Psychological Evaluation and Recommended Treatment

- e. Focus of task
 - Identify areas of childhood and adult life that can be addressed in therapy.
 - Focus on recovery and address any previous history of childhood trauma, childhood trauma, failed relationships and inter-personal relationships and any adult trauma
- f. Name and address of provider
 - Psychological Evaluation to be arranged by the DHS
 - Therapy to be completed with a recommended or approved psychologist by DHS.

- g. Time frame
 - Upon contact from DHS, you will attend assessment
 - Evaluations are scheduled in advance so if you are unable to attend the appointment, it is your responsibility to reschedule.
 - If you fail to attend the evaluation, you are required to pay a fee for "no show" of \$220.00
- h. How progress will be measured
 - Attend the scheduled appointment date and time.
 - Follow all recommendations of psychological evaluation.
 - Be open and honest during evaluation.

Expected Changes and Outcomes

- Ability identify areas of concern and seek professional help to address these issues.
- Build on self-esteem and mental health wellbeing to assist in decision making
- Practice coping strategies in daily life

5. Domestic Violence/Survivor Support

- a. Focus of task
 - To develop ways to address and recognize domestic violence, and develop supportive services for survivors
- b. Name and address of provider
 - Child and Family Services
91-1841 Fort Weaver Rd
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706
Phone: 681-1467
or another approved DHS provider
- c. Time frame
 - Services shall begin upon the first available opening and continue until notification is received by the DHS social worker that services have been successfully completed.
- d. How progress will be measured
 - By keeping all scheduled appointments, classes, by cooperating with the service provider and by following the recommendations made

Expected Changes and Outcomes

- Parent shall be able to identify his children's needs and how to meet the needs in a positive manner.
- Parent shall be able to identify her role in the domestic violence cycle
- Parent shall be able to identify power and control issues that occur within domestic violence cycle and address them appropriately

- Parent shall be able to identify and utilize supportive resources for victims of domestic violence.

6. Cooperate with the DHS Social Worker by:

- a. Informing DHS Social Worker of child's important medical, physical, psychological and social conditions such as allergies, medications, fears, food likes and dislikes, other likes and dislikes, disabilities, etc.
- b. Keeping appointments with worker and providers
- c. Attending other services as recommended
- d. Informing of any changes in the home
- e. Informing of any problems in following the service plan
- f. Completing birth parent forms

7. Work in partnership with DHS Social Worker to:

- a. Ensure the child's **physical health needs** are met.
 - Participate in medical and dental appointments
- b. Ensure the child's **educational/developmental needs** are met.
 - Participate in education or development appointments
- c. Ensure the child's **mental health needs** are met.
 - Participate in therapy with child if requested
 - Participate in family therapy if recommended
 - Be involved in child's appointments

DHS SOCIAL WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES:

The DHS social worker will:

- A. Monitor the progress of the family in services by monthly home visits, telephone contact, etc.
- B. Continue to assess the needs of the family members.
- C. Refer for any additional services for any identified needs of family members in a timely manner.
- D. Assess services that parents may wish to self-refer for appropriateness and whether it will meet the criteria of needed service.
- E. Complete safety and risk assessments when needed.
- F. Assess the safety of the home and if an In-Home Safety Plan is appropriate for a safe reunification at any time.
- G. Inform parents by phone or in writing, of any changes in placement or visitation, initiated by DHS, at least two weeks in advance, except in emergencies (within 3 working days).

- H. Keep parents informed of the child's development and progress in placement.
- I. Inform parents and the GAL by phone or in writing immediately of any reports of institutional abuse regarding the child(ren).

III. TIME FRAME FOR THIS SERVICE PLAN:

This Family Service Plan shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

IV. CONSEQUENCES:

- A. If you successfully complete and utilize the services that are outlined in this service plan, you should then be able to demonstrate that [REDACTED] **Ariel Sellers** [REDACTED] is no longer at risk of abuse or neglect in the family home. Once you are able to demonstrate you can provide a safe family home for [REDACTED] **Ariel Sellers** [REDACTED] without further protective services, the department can then recommend that this case be closed.
- B. If the children have been in foster care under the responsibility of the department for an aggregate of **fifteen out of the most recent twenty-two months** from the children's date of entry into foster care, the department is required to file a motion to set a termination of parental rights hearing, and the parents' failure to provide a safe family home within two years from the date when the children were first placed under foster custody by the court, may result in the parents' parental rights being terminated.
- C. **YOUR PARENTAL AND CUSTODIAL DUTIES AND RIGHTS CONCERNING [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] WHO IS SUBJECT OF THIS FAMILY SERVICE PLAN MAY BE TERMINATED. PERMANENT CUSTODY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZED AGENCY UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO PROVIDE [REDACTED] Ariel Sellers [REDACTED] WITH A SAFE FAMILY HOME WITHIN THE REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS FAMILY SERVICE PLAN.**

VI. RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

In compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 45 C.F.R. §164.512(e)(1)(i), parents and all providers of services, treatment, or care of the child and family, even if not specifically referred to in this service plan, shall provide information to the Department of Human Services ("DHS"), the Guardian Ad Litem ("GAL"), and each other to the extent needed to ensure the safety of the child, prevent further abuse or neglect, and to provide appropriate treatment to the child and family. The DHS and the GAL are authorized to share information to any of the service providers and to each other. The findings upon which this is based are as follows: 1) There is

reasonable cause to believe the child has been abused or neglected; 2) Safety of the child must be ensured and treatment of the child and family must be provided; 3) Information must be shared among those providing services, treatment, and care to the child and family; and 4) The need to share information to provide safety to the child and treatment to the family takes priority over the right to privacy of the family members.

V. SIGNATURES:

 3/23/2020
Maili S. Taele, MSW Date:
DHS Social Worker, East Oahu Unit 1

 3/23/20
Elizabeth Saga-Petaia, MSW Date:
DHS CWS supervisor East Oahu Unit 1