

NOTICE OF CHILD ABUSE ASSESSMENT: Founded

Date 03/21/2007

Incident Number 2007052148

Child Protective Worker
Michelle ShryockChild Protective Supervisor
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YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE YOU ARE:
THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN OF THE VICTIM.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT:

- The Department has completed its assessment of this report.
 An addendum (addition) to the initial child protection assessment summary has been submitted.

THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION IS: this incident is **FOUNDED (CONFIRMED and PLACED)** on the Central Abuse Registry. This decision may be different than the determination of abuse concerning your child. See below.

TYPES OF ABUSE FINDINGS: Founded (Confirmed and Placed), means that more than half of the available evidence shows that abuse occurred, and the abuse **DOES** meet the criteria for placement on the Central Abuse Registry. This assessment summary will be kept on the Registry for ten years (or ten years after the most recent confirmed abuse when the same victim or person responsible is placed on the Registry). This summary will be sealed for eight years and then destroyed. A summary involving founded sexual abuse is sealed for thirty years and then destroyed. **Confirmed**, means that more than half of the available evidence shows that abuse occurred, but the abuse **DOES NOT** meet the criteria for placement on the Central Abuse Registry. The child abuse assessment summary is retained five years from date of intake or five years from the date of closure of the service record, whichever occurs later. **Not Confirmed**, means that it was not possible to determine, by more than half of the available evidence, that abuse occurred. The child abuse assessment summary is retained five years from date of intake or five years from the date of closure of the service record, whichever occurs later.

THIS REPORT CONCERNS:Noah Roberts
Physical Abuse

Michael Roberts (Founded)

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Iowa Department of Human Services Child Protective Service Assessment Summary

Case Name(s) Noah Roberts, Mason Roberts		
Address: 5181 110th Ave Rembrandt, IA 50576		Home Phone: (712)286-8103
		Other Phone:
Incident #: 2007052148	Completion Date: 03/21/2007	Addendum Date:
Intake Date: 02/21/2007	Child Protection Worker: Michelle Shryock	County Name/County #: 11 - Buena Vista
Assessment Findings: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Founded	Safety Assessment Findings: <input type="checkbox"/> Safe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conditionally Safe <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe	If conditionally Safe, Date Safety Plan Completed:
		If Unsafe, Date of Removal: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removal Request, Court denied <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary <input type="checkbox"/> Relative <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Relative <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Custody

Household Composition Sex: Male (M), Female (F)					
Name	DOB	Sex	Role	FACS ID	Comments:
Noah Roberts	05/26/1988	M	Child Subject	0434196	
Mason Roberts	02/13/2000	F	Child Subject	0434197	
Tracey Richter	05/15/1968	F	Parent	0434198	

Non-Custodial Parent		
Name: Michael Roberts	DOB: 05/11/1967	Parent of: Noah Roberts
Address: 113 Main St PO BOX 248 Aurelia, IA 51005		Phone:

Others Involved in the Assessment - Not In Household					
Name	DOB	Sex	Role	FACS ID	Comments
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Person Determined Responsible for the Abuse (complete only if abuse is confirmed)				
Name: Michael Roberts	DOB: 05/11/1987	Role: Parent	FACS ID: 0434199	Sex: M
Address: 113 Main St PO BOX 248 Aurelia, IA 51005		Home Phone:		
		Work Phone:		

Intake Allegation Type:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Injury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denial of Critical Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Prostitution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presence of Illegal Drugs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing/ Possession of Dangerous Substances with intent to manufacture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bestiality in presence of a minor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-habiting with a Registered Sex Offender

Abuse Incident Reported: (give brief description of abuse allegations)
On July 19, 2005, Michael Roberts reported that he once used a very thin twig to hit Noah and that twig left little welts on him.

Summary of Previously Confirmed or Founded Reports concerning Subjects
No prior reports found

Summary of Contacts			
Confidential Access: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If Yes, give justification:			
Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
2/21/2007	3:00 PM	Telephone Call	Heidi Roberts, Central Intake Unit

Summary of Contact:
The abuse allegations were received by Heidi Roberts at Central Intake. Documentation was also received and is contained in the case file. That documentation is a partial transcript from a District Court hearing conducted on Tuesday, July 19, 2006 at the Buana Vista County Courthouse in Storm Lake, Iowa, concerning Michael Ross Roberts (Petitioner) and Tracey Richter Roberts (Respondent) before the Honorable John P. Duffy. In summary, this document states: Question by Mr. Kolpin: How have your discipline techniques changed over the years? Answer by Witness Michael R. Roberts: I used to spank them. I don't believe there's anything wrong with spanking, as long as it's done in love and never in anger. I did make a mistake once when I used a small twig, a very, very thin

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twig, in the backyard on Noah. And I'd probably say that I was probably angry when I - when I hit him with that, and it left little welts from where the stick - like the growing points of the stick were. And after that I just - I just never done it since then. And I have been told by Jazza in Scandinavia it's illegal. It's absolutely illegal for people in Finland to use corporal punishment at all. And that was a condition of us considering a relationship, that it wouldn't be used. But she had other good ideas beyond that, beyond the - the moral yes or no for corporal punishment. With children of the self-absorbed - that they have what's called narcissistic world, and she give me some materials to study, and that corporal punishment doesn't work for them. It needs to be emotional. You need to get the children at their emotional level and understand what's going on in their mind and use, first of all, emotional discipline, timeout, things like that, and then work through the answers.

The Court: Excuse me, Mr. Koipin. I think we better take a short break.

This document is contained in the case file.

Upon assignment of this case, a 98 hour time frame was assigned. DHS systems were checked and the following information was obtained.

There were no previous confirmed or founded child abuse reports regarding the subjects of this assessment. The family is currently receiving food stamps, medical and FIP benefits from the Department of Human Services.

Iowa Courts Online was checked and Tracey was found to have two traffic violations. The non-custodial parent, Michael Roberts, was found to have traffic violations, a small claim and other civil filings. Additionally, there was a petition for a protective order filed by Tracey on 4/26/04 against him.

Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
2/22/2007	2:50 PM	phone	Bert Richter - grandfather of Mason and Noah

Summary of Contact:
I called the phone number provided at intake and spoke with Bert Richter, father of Tracey Richter - Roberts. He informed me that Tracey was not there and asked what this is about. I explained the allegations to him and asked him if he had any information regarding this incident. He stated that he was a homicide detective in Chicago for 30 years and that Michael is crazy. He stated that last he knew, Michael was in Australia and then in Sweden. He stated that he was recently informed that Michael was on America's Most Wanted because a woman who was sent to prison for a murder had provided authorities with information that Michael was involved with that murder. Mr. Richter stated that Michael uses that "born again Christian routine" whenever it serves his interest. He stated that at one point Michael wanted Tracey to take out a million dollar life insurance policy on herself and each of her children. He stated that then Michael wanted to take Bert on a "missionary trip" to Bolivia. He stated that it just wasn't allowed to happen because he knew that Bert would not be coming back. He stated that he saw Michael spank Noah 5 times with a wooden spoon while they were in a restaurant. Mr. Richter stated that Michael and Tracey are not divorced yet because Michael keeps dragging this thing out. Mr. Richter agreed to ask Tracey to contact me as soon as possible regarding these allegations.

Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
2/28/2007	3:35 PM	phone	Tracey Richter

Summary of Contact:
I called Tracey and left her a message at the number I had received at intake requesting that she contact me to schedule an appointment for me to meet with her and see the children.

Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
2/26/2007	7:57 PM	voice mail	Tracey Richter

Summary of Contact:
I received voice mail from Tracey stating that she did not know why I was calling as she lives in Buena Vista County

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and has nothing to do with Clay County. She was obviously quite upset and stated that she thought this was investigated in 2004 when a worker went to the school and saw the children without calling to notify her and stated that DHS didn't even see the kids until 2 days after the incident was reported and by then any bruises Noah had were gone and Michael had told Noah to say he fell off his bike. Tracey stated that he didn't fall off his bike because this was in February and no kid rides their bike in February because of the winter snow so she didn't know why anyone would believe that. She stated that the phone number I have been calling is her parent's number and she provided me with her own number. She stated that she is not getting the children out of school to meet with me for something that happened so long ago and she did not want me taking the children out of class for the same reason. She stated that Michael is living in Finland now and isn't going to even see the children for awhile. She stated that there have been several incidents where Michael admits hitting the children and he even wanted to send them to the Liberty School in Texas because they practice corporal punishment there.

Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
2/27/2007	11:30 AM	phone	Tracey Richter

Summary of Contact:
I called Tracey and left her a message requesting she contact me.

Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
2/27/2007	12:45 PM	phone	Tracey Richter

Summary of Contact:
I spoke to Tracey Richter. She stated that she thought this was related to an incident in February 2004 where her son, Bert, told his teacher that Mike had whipped Noah. She stated that, at that time, the teacher called her, they talked, and then the next day the teacher locked at Noah and saw marks, and DHS was contacted. She stated that DHS supposedly investigated it in February of 2004 but Noah had told the DHS worker that he fell off his bike. She stated that Noah couldn't even ride a bike then and it was February, in the winter, and no kid in Iowa rides a bike in the snow. She stated that Bert currently attends a private school in Virginia and does not live in the home. She stated that Michael has been diagnosed as Bi-Polar, having Mania/Hypo Mania, Peranola and Amphetamine Induced Psychosis. We made arrangements for me to come to the home on 3/2/07 at 2:00 PM to meet with her and the children.

It should be noted that due to a blizzard, I did not meet with the family as planned.

Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
3/8/2007	5:43 AM	phone	Michael Roberts

Summary of Contact:
Michael Roberts left me voice mail stating that he was calling regarding the child abuse assessment notification he had received in the mail. He called again at 8:11 AM, 9:45 AM, and at 3:33 PM he left me a message stating that I need to read the past DHS reports and an affidavit that Teri Rohrett at Spencer Psychiatry wrote in May of 2005 where Teri documents that the children have clearly been coached and that I should also check with the children's therapist, Karen Gotto. He stated that in Iowa, the father/husband is guilty until proven innocent and even more so if you are a foreigner. He called again at 4:00 PM and I was in my office and able to speak with him. I informed him of the allegations. He repeatedly insisted that I speak with CPW Barb Velt and she would clear this up. I again explained the allegations and repeatedly attempted to keep him focused on the allegations at hand. He stated that it was a very thin branch that he spanked Noah with and he had a welt in one area. Mr. Roberts stated that it was a green stick that had some kind of sap on it and the sap caused the injury. Mr. Roberts described the injury as a slight variation in shape and he stated, "I repented completely". He stated that it is quite a coincidence that he and Tracey have Court on March 20th and this is now open. He stated that it was also quite a coincidence that the day he filed for divorce, Tracey filed a 286 allegation on him that same day. He admitted that he used to think that corporal punishment was OK. He stated that after he punished Noah with the "twig", he hugged him. Mr. Roberts tried to tell me that the discipline was "done in love". I asked him several times how hitting a child and causing pain and injury could be loving. He tried to change the focus and started telling me how he is emotionally, physically and financially exhausted from this battle with Tracey and he has spent over \$450,000.00 on this. I repeatedly told him this conversation is not about Tracey but about him injuring a child. He tried to reason that it was not an injury, it was a

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welt caused from sap that got in Noah's skin. I asked him if he was saying the sap caused the injury and he stated that it was the sap. I asked him if Noah would have had an injury had he been standing under the tree and a drop of sap fell on his bare skin. He stated that he isn't a botanist and I would have to ask one myself. I explained to him that I do not need to even ask a botanist because I know that in my professional experience, the force of striking a child with a very thin branch would cause the injury, not some sap. He insisted it was the sap and that it wasn't a "branch" but a "small twig". During our conversation he also repeatedly insisted that the welts did not last long. His time frame for the welts varied from 10 - 15 - 20 minutes. I explained to Mr. Roberts that I had a court transcript in hand where he himself had admitted to hitting Noah and causing an injury. I explained that causing an injury to a child during discipline is child abuse. He demanded that I quote the Iowa Code to him. I suggested that he contact his attorney or research that information himself. I explained that the report would be confirmed for abuse because he did cause an injury. He requested my email address and I provided that to him. He stated that he would be sending me some information so I could better understand the situation. Mr. Roberts then stated, "I appreciate your enthusiasm regarding the protection of children and hope you have a wonderful impact with your influence and the protection of children".



Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
3/8/2007	4:30 PM	In person	Tracey Richter, Mason and Noah at DHS

Summary of Contact:

I met with Tracey, Mason and Noah at DHS. Due to snow/muddy conditions and the family house being down a long dirt lane, Tracey had advised that I not travel to the home. Initially, I met with Mason. We discussed safety and good and bad touches. We talked about her being afraid of scary noises. She stated that once her Dad saved 2 baby squirrels from a tree on fire. I asked her who lives in her home and she told me that she, her Mom and Noah live there with their dogs, Otis, who is old and sleeps a lot, and Maxine. I asked her what happens when they get into trouble at home. She stated that they get a time out. She stated that her mom used to spank with her hand. She stated that her Dad spanks with a wooden spoon. She stated that it is a 'glow in the dark' spoon and if they wake up and start playing, he will spank them. She stated that it really hurts. She stated that "one time my Dad spanked Noah. He said to Noah to pick a stick and Noah picked one that looked like a whip but he didn't know he was getting a spanking with it. After Noah got a spanking, there was blood and dirt and stuff in the cuts". Mason stated that her Dad didn't ever hit her with a stick because when he is mad, she hides from him. I asked Mason if she knew why she came to see me. She stated that she didn't know but they were going out to eat when her mom gets done talking to me. I explained to Mason that I help keep kids safe and just wanted to check on her and her brother to see if they are safe. She stated that she isn't scared of her mom but she is scared of her Dad when he yells. She stated that he yells a lot, is mean, and chases them to give spankings. I asked her if she likes her Dad. She stated "Kinda, he buys us good stuff". Mason informed me that "Mom's fighting over me and Noah but Dad's fighting over Noah only. I think that Dad was yelling at my Mom that she could have me and he wanted to keep Noah." She stated that her Dad lives with his girlfriend, Jazza, and her daughter, Nissa, in Finland. I asked her if she had one wish, what it would be. She stated that she wishes she had more pets.



I then met with Noah. We also discussed safety and good and bad touch. We also discussed Pokemon at length. He did not know what he was here for except "probably to talk about some stuff". I asked him what happens when they get in trouble at home. He stated that they get games or TV taken away. He stated that his Mom used to spank them on the hiney with her hand but now they are too old. Noah stated that their Dad used to spank them on the hiney, too, but he would use a long green stick or a wooden spoon. He stated that once his Dad made him get a stick that was twisty like a whip and his dad hit him on the bare hiney with the stick. He stated that he pulled up his pants, ran screaming to his mom, took his pants down and laid on the bed. He stated that he was bleeding a little where he got hit and his Mom asked his brother, Bert, to help her get some things to clean him up with. I asked him what his Dad said afterward. Noah stated that his Dad didn't say he was sorry or nothing. I asked him if his Dad hugged him or said he loved him or did anything to make him feel better. Noah stated that he didn't hug him or say sorry. I asked Noah if this was the only time he got hit with a stick. He stated that he thought there was another time during the summer, but he was not positive. I asked him if he likes his Dad. Noah stated that his Dad is really nice since the divorce. He stated that his Dad moved away but is coming in March and they are going to trade in his XBOX and games for a Wii. Noah stated that he used to hide under the table sometimes when his Dad was mad. Noah stated that he doesn't remember his Dad ever spanking his sister with a stick. Noah stated that his Dad spanked Bert with a stick once when Bert went to a friend's house without permission. He stated that his Dad also put Bert in a diaper and made him drink out of a baby bottle. I asked Noah how he knew this. Noah stated that he heard yelling and snuck out of his bed and saw Bert in the diaper and crying. Noah stated that he feels safe with his mother and likes living with her and his sister.



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I then spoke to Tracey. I kept the topic of our conversation focused on the allegations. I informed Tracey that I would recommend that she follow up with counseling for the children with Karen Gotto at Plains Area and Tracey stated that the children are familiar with Karen and Karen is familiar with the children and family situation. She stated that she would make appointments as soon as possible.

Following my meeting with Tracey and the children, I did review past incident reports. I note that in incident #2006067118 both Noah and Mason were interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center on 4/4/06. The allegations addressed in that assessment were regarding Denial of Critical Care only. In that assessment documentation, Mason stated that her dad used to spank with his hand and a spoon, and that she had bruises from getting spanked with a spoon. During his interview, Noah stated that his Dad used to spank with a spanking rod that looked like a whip. Noah stated that his dad used to spank him and Mason. Noah stated that he had marks when he got spanked. Since these allegations were never assessed in the previous child abuse report, a determination will be made with regard to these physical abuse allegations regarding both children in this report.



Date of contact	Time of contact	Type of contact	Contact (Name, Location/Affiliation, Phone)
3/20/2007		mail, email	documentation

Summary of Contact:

It should be noted that during the course of this assessment, I received literally hundreds of pages of a variety of psychiatric assessments, psychological assessments, counseling reports, school reports, and other documents too numerous to mention. Mr. Roberts also felt it necessary to email me a graphic, bloody crime scene photograph of a man who Tracey shot and killed in her home. I did review a majority of the documentation and it appears - just from reviewing those documents - that both parents should come under careful scrutiny with regard to custody issues. However, I have interviewed the children and observed their interactions with their mother and it appears that the children are bonded to Tracey and they are physically safe in her care. Tracey has agreed to resume counseling for the children as well.

Findings and Determination of Abuse Allegations (List the Factors per Employee manual)

This report of Physical Abuse is CONFIRMED as all the following factors have been met by the required preponderance of the credible evidence.

Factor 1: Mason Roberts is a child: DOB: 2/13/00
Noah Roberts is a child: DOB: 5/26/98

Factor 2: Michael Roberts is the biological father of both children and was a caretaker for the children at the time of the abuse.

Factor 3: Both of these children have sustained a physical injury. A preponderance of the evidence does support that Noah did have injuries caused by Michael Roberts whipping him with a branch/stick/twig. A preponderance of the evidence also indicates that Michael Roberts has also struck Noah and Mason with a wooden spoon and it is likely that the children received bruises from that as indicated in the above report.

Factor 4: The injuries to the children were not accidental as they were inflicted upon the children by their father, Michael Roberts, as a method of punishment. Michael Roberts does attempt to explain Noah's injuries that resulted from the whipping as being caused by "sap" from the branch. This is not a credible explanation.

Factor 5: The injuries to the children resulted from the acts of Michael Roberts. He struck the children with objects, causing injury. Any reasonable and prudent person would know that hitting a child with an object will likely cause an injury to the child.

This report of Physical Abuse as defined by Iowa Code is CONFIRMED.



Placement on Registry

Name:	Person Responsible:	Abuse Type:	Assessment Finding:

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Noah Roberts	Michael Roberts	Physical Abuse	Founded
Justification: This report will be placed on the registry as a FOUNDED report as the risk to the childrn was not minor, not isolated, and is likely to reoccur as there have been multiple incidents in the past.			
Name: Mason Roberts	Person Responsible: Michael Roberts	Abuse Type: Physical Abuse	Assessment Finding: Founded
Justification: This report will be placed on the registry as a FOUNDED report as the risk to the childrn was not minor, not isolated, and is likely to reoccur as there have been multiple incidents in the past.			



Summary and Analysis of Safety/Risk Assessments Identified

Review of the numerous assessments indicates that neither Michael or Tracey are emotionally stable/healthy people. I did interview the children and observe them interacting with their mother and no concerns were noted. Both children stated that they feel safe with their mother and are not afraid of her. They were not able to say the same about their father Michael. The children did rate at LOW risk for abuse in the care/home of Tracey on the Risk Assessment Scale. Both children do need to continue counseling and follow recommendations of that therapist.

RISK LEVEL:

Assigned family's scored risk level based on the highest score on either the neglect or abuse instrument using the following chart.

Neglect Score	Abuse Score	Scored Risk Level	Final Risk Level
<input type="checkbox"/> -3 to -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2 to 0	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
<input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/> 8+	<input type="checkbox"/> 7+	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High

Strengths/Needs (Address Family Functioning identified through the risk assessment, safety assessment and abuse assessment)		
Family Functioning Domain Assessment Findings – Strengths, Needs and Issues Linked to Family Functioning Domains		
Child Well-Being		
Child(ren's) Mental Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Child(ren's) Behavior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
School Performance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Relationship with Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Relationship with Sibling(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Relationship with Peers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Motivation/Cooperation to Maintain the Family	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Narrative and Comments Both children appeared to be happy and healthy when I met with them. They are current with physicals; dental		

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checkups, and immunizations. They attend private school and both children do well. Noah does struggle with attention/concentration issues, but Tracey is working with the school and counselors to address that issue. The children are bonded to each other and to their mother.

Parental Capabilities

Supervision of Child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Disciplinary Practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Developmental/Enrichment Opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Parent/Caregiver's Physical Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Parent/Caregiver's Mental Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Parent/Caregiver's Use of Drugs/Alcohol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need

Narrative and Comments

There are no concerns regarding use of drugs/alcohol in the home. Information obtained from documents submitted to this worker throughout this assessment appear to indicate that both parents need to address mental health issues with professional therapists. Both parents also need to think about how their inability to get along negatively affects their children.

Family Safety

Absence/Presence of Physical Abuse of Child(ren)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Absence/Presence of Sexual Abuse of Child(ren)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Absence/Presence of Emotional Abuse of Child(ren)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Absence/Presence of Neglect of Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Absence/Presence of Domestic Violence Between Parent/Caregivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need

Narrative and Comments

Neither parent should be using physical discipline on either of these children. Both parents appear to be blind to the negative affect their bitterness toward each other has on their children. Both parents need to prioritize their children's emotional/mental health and work with professionals to raise emotionally healthy and stable children.

Family Interactions

Bonding with Child(ren)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Expectations of the Child(ren)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Mutual Support Within the Family	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Relationship Between Parents/Caregivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need

Narrative and Comments

The children appear bonded with each other and to their mother. Tracey appears to have age appropriate expectations of the children and she does have her parents nearby for support. Tracey and Michael need to put aside their differences and be civil to each other and be mindful of the children's best interest.

Home Environment

Housing Stability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Safety in Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need

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Habitability of Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Income/Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Financial Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Food/Nutrition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Personal Hygiene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need
Learning Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need

Narrative and Comments

Tracey is able to provide a safe stable home for her children. She does need to obtain and maintain employment. She needs to support her family without public assistance as FIP is only available for a total of 60 months. Michael needs to meet his responsibility of child support and assist with providing for his children's needs. Tracey does have transportation and a driver's license.

Recommendation for Service

It is recommended that both children resume counseling with Karen Gotto and follow her recommendations. It is also recommended that Michael and Tracey set aside their differences for the sake of the children and be civil to each other. They need to prioritize the children as the children are not pawns in a game.

Recommendations for Court Involvement

Jurisdiction	Date	Type of Action Requested
Juvenile		none
Criminal		none

Case Transfer

Referral Date:

Approval

CPW Signature: Michelle Shryock	Date: 03/21/2007
Supervisor Signature: Phyllis Slawson	Date: 03/21/2007

cc: County Attorney:
cc: Juvenile Court

James McHugh
Mary Timko

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Treatment services were recommended or continued (DHS or other agency).
- Juvenile court action was recommended or continued.

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Name of Requestor: _____ Address: _____ Relationship to Child(ren) named in the report: _____

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