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CASE NAME: ALYSSA KEAST
CASE NUMBER: X2325462A
REPORT PERIOD: 04/25/2005 THROUGH 06/17/2005
REPORT COMPLETED: 6/17/2005
WORKER: BRIAN VANDERZALM

SOCIAL WORK CONTACTS:

04/19/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast.
04/19/2005 Telephone contact to Erica Keast.
05/03/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast; left message.
05/03/2005 Telephone contact to Erica Keast.
05/10/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast; left message.
05/10/2005 Telephone contact to Erica Keast.
05/23/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast.
05/25/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast.
05/25/2005 Telephone contact to Erica Keast.
05/26/2005 Face to face contact with Tim Atwood, Barb Atwood, Alyssa Keast, and Amber Keast at the Atwood residence; nonscheduled visitation.
05/26/2005 Face to face contact with Erica Keast and Richard Wingfield at Erica's residence; nonscheduled contact.
05/26/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast.
06/15/2005 Telephone contact from Tim Atwood.
06/15/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast.
06/16/2005 Telephone contact from Erica Keast.
06/16/2005 Case conference with Candace Baumgartner.
06/17/2005 Face to face contact with Tim Atwood, Barb Atwood, Alyssa Keast, and Amber Keast at the Atwood residence; nonscheduled home visit.
06/17/2005 Face to face contact with Erica Keast and Richard Wingfield at the local office; nonscheduled contact.
06/17/2005 Case conference with Kathy Sholty.

PROGRESS TO DATE:

Alyssa and Amber Keast remain placed with Tim and Barb Atwood, the children's maternal grandparents. They were placed with their grandparents on March 14, 2005, where they have resided since. There have been no placement changes during this report period.

Alyssa and Amber appear appropriately bonded to their grandparents. They appear happy, healthy, and well taken care of.

The children have had some difficulty adjusting to their new home environment. They struggle with the fact that their mother resides on the same property. It is difficult for them to understand they cannot reside with their mother at this time.

Alyssa attends Headstart in Newaygo. She attends school Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 2:00PM. She rides the school bus to and from school. She enjoys school and riding the school bus. Ms. Mary is her teacher.

Alyssa has been observed to exhibit some concerning behavior. She has been observed smelling Amber's buttock. She also has made some concerning statements. She told Mr. and Mrs. Atwood she saw mom having sex.

Amber and Alyssa have been healthy during this report period. Alyssa's latest physical examination was on April 28, 2005. Amber's latest physical examination was on April 28, 2005. The children's immunizations are up-to-date.

Currently, the children visit their mother at Mr. and Mrs. Atwood's home. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood supervise parental visitation. The frequency and duration of parenting-time varies. Visitation is offered at least weekly. Following the Disposition Hearing, Ms. Keast was permitted to begin taking the children to Church every Sunday. Unsupervised visitation is between Ms. Keast and the children. No other individuals are permitted to visit the children during this time, unless authorized by the Agency or the court.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood report Ms. Keast has difficulty managing the children's behavior during parenting-time. Reportedly, Ms. Keast provides very little structure, activity, or discipline.

To date, Erica Keast has complied with the recommended services. She submitted to a psychological evaluation. She submitted to a substance abuse evaluation. She is participating in substance abuse counseling, provided by Arbor Circle. She participated in and completed Love and Logic parenting classes. She has submitted to random drug and alcohol tests. Drug test results have been negative.

Although Erica is complying with recommended services, she violated the Parent Agency Agreement. She violated the terms of the agreement by allowing Richard Wingfield to stay at her residence. She also allowed Mr. Wingfield to have contact with the children. Mr. Wingfield is not an approved visitor. Mr. Wingfield has a history of using illegal drugs and criminal activity. Erica was residing at his home at the time of removal. The children were removed after the Police raided Mr. Wingfield's home. Mr. Winfield was charged with a drug-related crime.

Ms. Keast has a pattern of choosing abusive partners who have a history of drug use. At this time, her relationship with Mr. Wingfield, appears to be her primary concern. She knowingly violated the Parent Agency Agreement by allowing Mr. Wingfield to reside in her home, knowing the decision could jeopardize reunification.

Recently, the Agency received Children's Protective Services complaint involving Mr. and Mrs. Atwood and the children. The complainant alleged Mrs. Atwood threw Amber into the wall. No injuries were reported. A separate complaint was received alleging Mr. Atwood smokes marijuana and has smoked marijuana with Erica Keast. The C.P.S. investigation is underway:

When confronted about using marijuana, Mr. Atwood admitted to using marijuana. He also admitted to smoking marijuana with his daughter, Erica Keast. He claims the last time he used marijuana was approximately three months ago. Mr. Atwood denies using marijuana in front of the children. Mrs. Atwood denies using any illegal drugs.

When confronted about allowing unsupervised visits, Mr. and Mrs. Atwood admitted to allowing Ms. Keast take the children to Mr. Wingfield's home to swim in the pool.

Given the fact Mr. Atwood admits to smoking marijuana, smoking marijuana with his daughter, and allowing unsupervised visitation, potentially placing the children at harm, a change of placement is being considered.

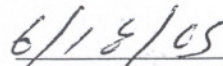
RECOMMEDATIONS:

With the above report in mind, the Family Independence Agency respectfully recommends:

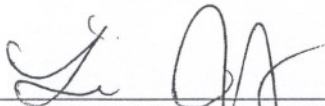
1. Erica Keast comply with the terms of the Parent Agency Agreement.



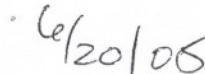
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