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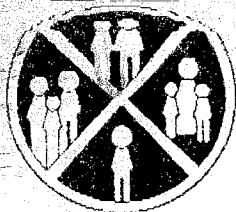
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September 18, 1997

Richard A. Consiglio, Hearing Officer
Blair County Court of Common Pleas
423 Allegheny Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

RE: LOU Ann (Kearns) Frederick
vs
Robert Kearns, Jr.
NO. 2139 CP 1996

Dear Mr. Consiglio:

This report is being submitted in compliance with the Court Order dated July 25, 1997. As directed by the Court, I met with Lou Ann and Stephanie following Stephanie's weekend visits with her father. A total of five counseling sessions were utilized for this report. Lou Ann was present for each session as Stephanie refused to meet with me alone.

I had an introductory session with Stephanie on 7/25/97. She was resentful about having to meet with me and was reluctant to talk to me. Stephanie was somewhat angered when I told her that the purpose of the sessions is to inform the Court of how her visits with her dad are going. She blurted out that she wants to live with her dad. Stephanie was a bit playful by the end of the session.

Stephanie was more receptive towards me when I met with her on 7/28 after her weekend visit. She gave me a good description of the visit. It involved her dad, paternal grandparents, paternal uncle and her cousin Rachael. The activities of the weekend involved going shopping, playing with her dad and Rachael, and swimming. The only dislike she mentioned was having to return home. I asked Stephanie what grade she would give the visit and she said 100%

The next session was held on 8/14/97 after the 8/8 - 8/10/97 visit. Stephanie was animated and talkative throughout the session. The visit involved the same family members as before and involved several activities such as shopping, going to Slinky Action Zone and going swimming at Canoe Creek. Stephanie said the visit was better than the previous visit because she got to buy a Barbie doll. With prompting from Lou Ann, Stephanie agreed that her dad was mad at her mom for forgetting to tell him that she had had an appointment with Dr. Hill. I asked Stephanie if her dad said anything negative about her mom and she said that he didn't.

Stephanie's next session was held on 8/28/97 following the 8/22 - 8/24/97 visit. I got limited information from Stephanie as she was having a difficult time as it was the first week of school. The only thing that she said that she did for the weekend was going shopping and shooting an air rifle with her dad. When asked if her dad or grandparents said anything negative about her mom, Stephanie said that they didn't. Stephanie's behavior deteriorated towards the end of the session as she was noncompliant when Lou Ann asked her to stay in her seat. She cried and repeatedly said that she wants to live with her dad, and she made negative comments about her mom.

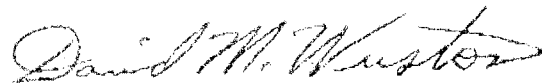
Stephanie's final session was held on 9/9/97 after her weekend visit held 9/5 - 9/7/97. Stephanie was in a playful mood, but she was unwilling to talk about the specifics of the weekend visit. She did say it was a good visit and that the only thing that she didn't like was that there was a spider in the swimming pool. Stephanie said that her dad didn't say anything negative about her mom or Dr. Baker, but she also indicated that he doesn't like them. She stated that her dad got mad about a medication change, and said that he doesn't want her to take any medication. However, Stephanie did say that her dad's family likes her mom.

Stephanie smiled as she said that she is going to live with her dad. When I asked her what she liked best about her last visit, she said it is "top secret." When I asked Stephanie if she tells her dad what happens when she is with her mom, she said that she does.

In the four sessions after the weekend visits, Stephanie's responses were consistent. The visits involved the same family members and various fun filled activities. Stephanie reported no negative statements by her dad or other family members against her mom or Dr. Baker. She did say that her dad expressed anger towards her mom when she didn't inform him about an appointment with Dr. Hill, but it did not involve negative statements.

Stephanie only made positive statements about her dad. She was quick to say that she wants to live with him, and she didn't hesitate to vent anger towards her mom. I would assume that Stephanie's protective stance towards her dad would preclude her from saying anything unfavorable about him. Stephanie made no negative statements about Dr. Baker so I am assuming that she likes her contact with Dr. Baker.

Sincerely,



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