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SUPERVISED VISITATION FEEDBACK FORM

Name of Child: Stephanie Kearns
Case Number: 96 CP 2139
Supervision Level: 2
Why Supervised: Family Dysfunction
Supervisor: Sandy Fluke
Date/Time of Visit: 11/5/01 1 hour

Drop off Behavior

Susie Friedenberger arrived first; introduced herself to me. I took her upstairs to visit room and went down to wait for Bob. He arrived, handed me a note from Rachel which I read as we went upstairs. Upon entering the room, I introduced him to Susie. I then went down for Stephanie. She asked to use the restroom first. Lou Ann discussed her relief that this would finally occur, stated that Stephanie's feelings have needed to be discussed with her dad for a long time and Stephanie has been very emotional since the visits began; said Stephanie was frustrated that she couldn't discuss her issues with dad. Lou Ann stated that discussing feelings and dealing with them should come first and then building a relationship would be easier to do. Stephanie came out of restroom, asked me if Susie was here; when I told her yes, she said, "Good". She asked if her dad was here yet; I said yes; she said, "Good". We went upstairs in elevator.

VISIT

Rules Followed? If not, describe: Followed

Visit Completed? If terminated, describe: Completed

Describe Visit: Susie described confidentiality and how she shares Stephanie's feelings only with her "team" and no one else. She stated what was to occur during this visit and asked Stephanie to read the letter she had written to her dad. Stephanie said she couldn't do it, was too embarrassed. Bob told her not to be embarrassed in front of him; she answered it was too hard for her and asked Susan to read the questions she had written. Stephanie had written that she was tired of all this "nonsense" and just wanted the divorce to end. She stated that she just wanted a house and a dog and was tired of all this fighting. Stephanie asked me if there were any tissues, took one from the box and held it. Bob was asked where Grandma was buried. He said at the cemetery Stephanie said she knew that but where was the cemetery. Bob did not answer the question at first and Stephanie asked why she hadn't been told about the death or invited to the funeral. Bob stated that he felt it would add more pain and hurt for Stephanie. Stephanie replied that it had the opposite effect. Bob stated that at the time he felt it was the best thing to do, that he hadn't been trying to keep anyone away, just didn't want Stephanie hurting any more than he felt she already was. Susie asked her how she felt about what dad had said; she said she felt he was lying. He said it was the truth. Stephanie asked if it had been because

of Aunt Diane and he said no. Stephanie mentioned the cemetery and looked at Susie. Susie asked Bob if he could tell Stephanie the name of where Grandma was buried. Bob stated he couldn't remember the name of it but described its location. Stephanie asked why she was buried there. He replied that was where they got a plot and where the services were held. Stephanie made no comment, asked Susie to read another question. Stephanie wanted to know why dad did not see her for a whole year. He stated he thought it would be too hard for Stephanie to go from being with him a whole week to just seeing him an hour one time per week. He asked her if she would have wanted to see him for just an hour. She said yes. She stated that she felt he didn't want to see her and had cried every night, telling herself that tomorrow would be the day he would call but he never did. He told her that at the time he had thought it was the best thing but as time went on he felt differently and that's why he wanted visits now. Susie asked her if she liked her visits with dad and she said yes. Susie asked her to describe; Stephanie said "he makes me happy, he makes me laugh." She then said that she just wanted the divorce to end so she can get a house and a dog, that it might be best not to visit at all. Dad said that the divorce should not be holding up their getting a house; Stephanie said that yes it was. Topic returned to visits and dad asked if she liked leaving him at the end of visits, she said no. Susie asked if she was afraid he wouldn't come back. Stephanie said she was afraid of getting in trouble to see him. Dad asked if she was afraid of visiting him because of what mom thinks. Stephanie answered that her mom is scared of dad but that has nothing to do with her own feelings. She stated that she has been scared, has been having flashbacks, is sleeping with mom again; said this brings back bad memories. She said she is afraid dad might come after her in a mean way. Susie asked what she meant. Stephanie shrugged. Susie asked if she meant because of what she wrote in her letter, Stephanie said yes. Susie told her to remember that while she (Susie) knew what Stephanie meant because they had discussed things, her father did not, and it was important to tell him what she meant by things. Susie explained my role at visits and that I was there for her safety. Bob asked Stephanie if she had been afraid of him before she had been taken away. Stephanie said yes. He asked, "Why did you ask to live with me, then?" She shrugged her shoulders; said it was hard when you love both parents and she wanted to live with both. She told dad that she remembered a time when she was younger when she saw dad push mom in the grass. She told him not to say it didn't happen because she was there and she saw it. Stephanie said there were always fights and she was having flashbacks. Susie asked Bob about anger and if he handled things differently now. I could not hear his response. Stephanie said she was tired of all the fighting and "nonsense" and just wanted this to all be over with. She wrote in her letter that he should grow up and let her go. He asked if she meant visits too. She said, "not to hurt you dad", and then described that she felt she couldn't trust him anymore. She asked him why he wanted to see her now, said, "Why do you want me, NOW? Is it for revenge?" He said no, not for revenge but because he thought he could make her happy. He asked her if she had been happy with him and she said yes. Susie asked her if she misses the family and she said yes. Susie asked if this meant Stephanie was still confused about her feelings for dad and visiting him; stated on one hand Stephanie was saying she didn't want to see him and on the other hand she was saying she did. Stephanie nodded and then said again how she just wants this all to be done, said again it's all "nonsense". She began talking about the divorce and Susie

told her the divorce was between her parents, to just focus on her feelings with dad. Dad told her both parents loved her. Stephanie asked dad why, then, hadn't he wanted her before she was born. Asked him if he knew abortion was killing a human being and she didn't like that he had felt that way at all. He told her that he and her mother hadn't been married at the time, he had been scared and had discussed options, also adoption. She asked why he had been afraid to hold her as a baby if he loved her. He said he wasn't afraid to HOLD her, he was afraid of hurting her, dropping her. He said that he HAD held her, though, and he'd fed her and changed her diapers. She said, "Then why didn't you support me?" Susie asked her if she meant child support or being there for her, stating for Stephanie to remember that her dad didn't know what she meant unless she told him, even though SHE knew from their sessions. Stephanie said it was paying child support, but also not being there. Bob stated to Stephanie that she shouldn't even know about a lot of these things and he would like to know who was talking to her about them. He stated divorce and court issues, also private ones, should not be told to her. She said she had a right to know these things. 15 minutes before visit was over, Stephanie asked if "we're almost done yet?" Susie told her "almost" and told her she was doing a great job. Stephanie said it was very hard not to "wig out" but she was trying. Bob asked Stephanie if he could ask her something. She said yes. He asked her if she was happy with Judge Carpenter's decision. She asked who Judge Carpenter was and he replied that he was the Judge Stephanie had talked to about all of these things. She said she couldn't recall talking to him or who he was. Bob stated that she had to know who he was, she had just talked to him not that long ago. He described what the Judge looked like; Stephanie said she thought she knew who he meant but did not answer the question. He asked her if she thought she could be happy with him; she said, "it depends". She asked her dad if he would buy her a horse for Christmas. He said no. She said that at one time he had told her he would get her one. He said no. She asked why. He listed reasons and she countered them. He said he had no problem with riding lessons, etc., but he could not buy a horse for her. She asked him why he let Aunt Diane buy her clothes that she didn't like. He stated that Stephanie had always liked the clothes. Stephanie said that no, she did not like them. He told her he had felt it was easier to have a woman buy her clothes and that at the time Stephanie had liked them. She said again that she had NOT liked them. As visit was almost over, Susie asked Stephanie how she felt now that she told dad her feelings. Stephanie said, "Good". Susie asked if she could describe a little more, Stephanie said "Better" Susie motioned for her to continue describing but Stephanie said nothing else. Bob asked where they went from here. Stephanie said she didn't want to hurt him but she is confused about seeing him. She said she would like to call and to write but not see him right now because she is too angry. She told him she'd tried calling him when she wasn't supposed to but always got a recorded message that said to dial again. He said she should have been able to get through, asked if she was sure she was dialing right number. She stated number and he said it was the right one. Susie stated to Stephanie that she still seems to be confused about visits with dad. Stephanie said yes, but that for now she wants to call or write dad and not visit him. Bob asked her if she was sure that's what she wanted; she nodded. He said ok. She stated she wanted to live with mom and asked dad if he can make things easy. He said he would.

Describe Interaction: Susie, Stephanie and Bob sat in a circle to discuss things. Stephanie often appeared near tears, sometimes looking at dad and sometimes turning her face and body away from him. When Bob was asked a question, his facial features sometimes resembled a smile and his eyes looked to ceiling--he would ask who told Stephanie that and say she should not know those things. Occasionally he looked as though he would cry but did not. Conversation was, for the most part, calm and controlled. Stephanie asked Susan to read most questions but also interjected things as well.

Main Activities: Therapy session

Pick up Behavior

Susan gave Bob a copy of the letter Stephanie had written. (Stephanie had also read a few questions that she had Susan write down for her; this was on a separate sheet of paper.) When it was time to say goodbye, Stephanie said, "I'll see you later." Bob said, "No, Steph, you won't. You made that decision." Stephanie nodded and Bob put coat on and left quickly. I told Stephanie that I could be contacted if she wanted to visit again, and explained I would have to find out whether phone calls and letters were allowed. She said ok. Susie talked to her about how to handle her emotions at home tonight and reminded her she would see her first thing in the morning. She asked Stephanie what she would do if she felt like she was "wiggling out". Stephanie said she would listen to music or play her Game Boy. Downstairs, I explained to Lou Ann that Stephanie chose not to see dad right now. Lou Ann looked surprised and nodded. I inquired if she knew whether phone calls and letters were covered in the order. She said they were not. She stated that phone calls would be a problem as she had numbers blocked and wouldn't always be there to monitor calls. She said she had no problem with writing letters through the attorneys. All said goodbye and left.

No future visits have been scheduled. The issues of phone calls and letters will need to be worked out between the attorneys and the parties.