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**Case Name:** Kassenoff

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**Treatment Summary/Update**

This writer has been providing therapeutic visitation services to this mother and her three daughters since March of 2022. Prior reports detail the progression from zoom visitation to in-person visitation and also has included a standing recommendation to move forward to "sandwich" /unsupervised monitored visits which has not been approved to date. They also outline the standing recommendation that these three girls be engaged in individual therapy services asap. The last two reports detail issues in the August visits that all seemed to occur in the same time frame of a cps report and meeting with the forensic evaluator. The girls seemed to be responding to the energy that these two events had created.

Visits had improved once again in September. The issues of the electronics was addressed by Mr. Kassenoff giving his children a clear message about electronics and the electronics no longer come into the visits as far as this writer is aware. The Nanny has had minimal contact over the last few visits except for continuing to believe that she has the ability to decide the order of the girls visitation which Mr. Kassenoff has supported her decision to ignore this writer's clinical recommendations about the order in which the girls should come into their visitations. On September 6th the Nanny communicated with this writer via text while driving the girls to their visit here. She admitted to doing so but downplayed how dangerous a decision this is by saying she was doing so while stopped at a stop light. This writer has informed both parents of this as it seems a dangerous decision/habit that should be addressed.

Mr. Kassenoff did ask to confirm with this writer that Charley has come to visits with no underwear on as that was an issue raised by Ms. Kassenoff to him. He was told that at least once it appeared to me that Charley had come without wearing underwear based on what was visible from how she was sitting.

The visit on September 6th had begun very positively but ended on a difficult note. There were numerous emails/letters/etc about this visit. The facts seemed to have

been shared by the children in an incorrect manner or were interpreted in an incorrect manner. There was no abusive behavior related to the buying of school clothes/ sneakers for the girls by their mother. Ally had asked on the previous visit for some hooded sweatshirts saying she needed nothing else as her dad's girlfriend had bought her sneakers and school supplies. Her mother went online with her and the two chose and bought these sweatshirts right then. However, the younger two girls came in and said they wanted sneakers which their mother then bought for them. Then on the 6th Ally came in and asked for sneakers now in addition to what was already bought for her and despite saying she had a new pair from her father's girlfriend. Her mother said she would get them but needed a week for financial reasons as she had just bought the sweatshirts and sneakers. This had an immediate and visible effect on Ally who became very angry and went online and canceled her sweatshirts and began to whisper to her sisters which then caused them to be angry with their mother. The next visit an attempt was made to discuss/process/explain what had happened with this whole issue and Ally did not want to discuss and said it didn't matter she had plenty of sneakers and didn't need any more.

This was reminiscent to this writer of the August 2nd visit when Mr. Kassenoff said his daughters told him that I attempted to get into the bathroom while they were inside. It is crucial that everyone be honest through this process. However, it is also crucial that adults understand that sometimes children have struggles with sharing information in a situation such as this. The girls visibly feel very stressed and seem to feel that it is their responsibility to be very negative about visits/their mother/ this writer even if what they share is not accurate.

The week of September 19th this writer had to cancel both scheduled visits due to illness. Multiple options were offered for rescheduling but Mr. Kassenoff reports that none work for him.

The week of October 3rd Mr. Kassenoff has canceled the standing appointment for Tuesday visits due to the Jewish holiday. He states that there are no options available to reschedule that week despite numerous options.

The kids are scheduled for a visit on Columbus day and the regular Tuesday visit the next week.

This writer would clinically recommend that email correspondence (it can be copied to me) such as was allowed while Ally was at sleepaway camp would be an important step forward at this point. These children need to believe/feel that their mother is involved and able to be a part of their everyday life and activities. I would also recommend that

their mother be allowed to attend school functions/soccer games/concerts etc. Anything open to the public with clearly laid out expectations so that there are no negative consequences for the girls. For example, she could sit on the sidelines/in the stands separate from Mr. Kassenoff and her daughters to take video/pictures of the game, say hello and “good game” after the game and then leave with no further contact.

If there are any questions, or more information is needed, I can be reached at the above number.

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