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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. There was one therapeutically supervised zoom with Ally while she was home from camp due to illness. No other therapeutically supervised phone call with Ally occurred during her time away as the sleep away camp did not seem to be responding to Ms. Kassenoff.

Visits continued to be office based therapeutically supervised visits. In August the individual times with the girls moved to an hour each and a dinner visit was added with both girls (all three when Ally returns) for an additional hour and a half on another evening. One such visit has been held to date.

A change was noted over the last two visits in that JoJo began to bring an ipad with her to visits which had not occurred previously. It is very hard for her to disengage from the device and be present in the visit. Charlie frequently speaks about how JoJo spends "all day" on the ipad at home and "no one" can make her turn it off. She once even said that JoJo was "addicted" to it. Of course these are comments made from a sibling but they do seem to indicate that it is not unique to the visits that when Jo Jo has access to an ipad that it consumes her attention. Over the same visits Charlie seemed to become more engaged with her phone texting with friends from camp. Both kids have not responded to requests to put away their devices so they can be present in the visits and if they do they quickly want to turn them on or look at them throughout the visit. Mr. Kassenoff was asked to have the children leave the devices with their nanny but he is not comfortable doing so. Mr. Kassenoff has also stated he is not comfortable with my having the kids leave their devices in my "electronics basket" as I have young clients do so they are not distracted during therapy or visitation. He believes that the kids need/want them for safety reasons. This is not my observation. I observe that they want

them because they are right next to them and like all kids when an electronic device is there they want to go on them. Their nanny remains literally in sight of the building where the visits occur and I am present for every moment so clearly there are no safety issues. I would continue to clinically request that the children not come into the visits with electronic devices moving forward.

On August 2nd I was informed by Mr. Kassenoff that the girls had told their nanny that I attempted to enter the bathroom when they were inside. He did not want to schedule a call to discuss this any further. I am very concerned by this as it is so far from the truth. Nothing remotely like that happened. For the kids to be making such false statements is alarming and something that needs to be noted. Each child was asked about this the next visit and seemed confused by the question and said they had never said that and didn't know what I was talking about.

The children continue to enjoy the visits with their mother. Charlie is very comfortable sharing information about her life, friends, and school. She has been very negative about her camp experience and very vocal about that and loves speaking to her mother about Stranger Things. Jo Jo has enjoyed playing Roblox with her mother and sharing how it works and helping her mother have an avatar and proceed in the game.

On the visit on the 9th Charlie became upset at literally the last two minutes of the visit speaking about how she had lied in the past about wanting to do activities and be with her mother and her mother sent an email from her email but then changed it to her mother made her send an email. She didn't want to discuss it any further and ran out of the office without this writer. It is unclear what prompted this outburst as the children had just finished up a very nice dinner with their mother with cake and presents for JoJo's birthday. This incident does illustrate how crucial it is that these girls be in therapy to help them process all that is going on in their lives.

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

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