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1321170	3/7	A two year old drowned in a backyard pool while NF was watching cartoons with a 2 y/o half-sibling. The dead child had multiple bruises on various parts of his body. At first the natural parents blamed a 5 y/o sibling for hitting the 2 y/o with a stick, then later blamed the other 2 y/o for hitting the dead child with a a stick. There is no documentation that CPS ever interviewed the 5 y/o about the events surrounding the drowning or the marks on the dead child. The parents agreed to a polygraph, but then changed their minds. The worker has never seen or interviewed the parents and has never been inside the home. The worker sees the kids at day care, but gave three different versions: first she said she sees the kids once a week, then later said she has seen them a total of 3 times in five months, then said she has seen them twice in 5 months. She has not interviewed the children and stated that she plays with them just to get to know them. Finally, she stated that she is not sure what she's supposed to do during the visits. To summarize-there are young children still in a home where a toddler, with multiple bruises on his body, drowned. The role of DFS in this situation is unclear, both immediately following the death and now.	05/30/06	Wardship terminated 6/06. Contact with parent on that date. Documentation does not indicate if children were present at the hearing.	DFS conducted a joint investigation with Metro. The team was unable to determine the origin of the bruising, or substantiate abuse. They were able to substantiate neglect/lack of supervision and obtain wardship, under formal in-home supervision. The court drove most of the decision making on this case as both parents had attorneys who were very adamant about what the parents would and would not do, and the District Attorney agreed to the lack of supervision plea with parenting as the only required service in the case plan. The 5-year-old was interviewed by the DFS investigator. He did not disclose any information that would lead the investigator to believe he was unsafe in the home. These children were with the grandmother from September 2005 though March 2006, and were returned to the parents on March 6, 2006. The mother and children were seen twice in the worker's office (03/17 and 05/11) prior to case closure. The court terminated wardship in June 2006 at a court hearing.
1304262	4/1	This family has six kids, ranging in age from 1 to 10 y/o. The kids were placed with relatives, with the natural mother (NM) having visitation. After one visit, the children were not returned to the relative. The worker decided to leave them with NM and classify them as being reunified, despite the lack of progress on the case plan objectives and the fact that the family violated the agreement regarding the living arrangements. There have been four occasions since then where community people have called saying that the children are begging for food, but the worker did report and of them to the hotline for a CPS investigation. The worker claims that pieces of food on the floor were "reasons to believe" that the kids are fed enough! The worker seemed unconcerned that the "reunification" occurred on December 15, despite the fact that the mother had been evicted from her home on December 2 and the worker was not sure where she was living at the time. Finally, the worker feels "sort of" confident that the kids are safe because she has visited them several times recently, but none of these visits are documented anywhere (UNITY or case file) and she was unable to remember the dates.	05/23/06	Case under review was closed on 02/14/06 as mother was compliant with case plan. Home visits in 11/05,12/05, and 01/06: home was clean and there was plenty of food. Foster mother maintained relationship with family and was providing support. There were no safety concerns present at time of closure.	A new investigation was opened in October, 2006. The three oldest children remain home on formal in-home supervision; other children are currently in foster care. Family is receiving in home family preservation services. Most recent in home visit by worker was February 13, 2007. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.

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1326644	4/2	An infant has large bruises covering much of her face. Her NF hit her for playing with her poop; he stated that he has a right to discipline his child. He has been in jail several times for violent acts and NM has bailed him out each time. NM refuses to participate in a Family Team Meeting until after court, as she wants the charges dropped against NF and feels there will then be no need for DFS involvement. NF is out on bail and NM has allowed him back in the home in violation of the safety plan. The NM has an 11 y/o son by a previous relationship who lives there and is often left alone to baby-sit the infant. The NF (step-father to the 11 y/o) has made extremely negative remarks about the 11 y/o and the reviewer feels he will be in danger for talking with CPS. Immediate action and probably removal should occur.	05/31/06	Most recent contact: 01/25/2007 There were no safety concerns present at time of visit. Worker had, and continues to have, at least monthly contact at home and at school.	Children remain placed with the mother. Regular visits to the home and other settings with 11-year-old indicate no further abuse. The 11-year-old consistently reports that the father is not in the home. There is a no-contact order through the criminal court for the father. Mother was resistant at the beginning of the case until the petition was proven. Mother has been compliant with services. There were no safety concerns present at time of most recent visit.
1323512	4/3	Child was returned to natural mother who feels she has no service needs, despite extensive drug history and an incident of leaving an infant alone in the recent past. The worker has seen the child in 2 1/2 months and has never conducted a safety assessment. The worker agreed to see the child with 48 hours and complete a safety assessment.	05/10/06	Home visits on 05/10/06 and 05/24/06. Safety assessment completed 06/20/06: child deemed safe.	Mother currently in drug court, and in compliance. Last child contact was on February 2, 2007. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.
1281666	4/4	Children residing with Maternal Grandmother, but mother may be in the home. MGM expresses anger at DFS workers and defends mother. Grandfather is here illegally and using a fake SSN and will not cooperate with case plan. 8 y/o child received a serious burn and a cut on his hand last year - unexplained and uninvestigated. No documentation that any of the kids have ever been interviewed privately. Worker agreed to interview the school-age children privately at school.	10/09/06	Case was closed at time of initial review. Last visit 2/14/06. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit. Mother was in residential drug treatment.	Burn on child's hand occurred in 2004 and was investigated. Child was interviewed and investigation unsubstantiated. On May 5, 2006 grandmother obtained guardianship. There were no safety concerns at time of closure; grandparents were providing proper care for children.
1308387	5/1	Four children- two in foster care, two with Grandparents. None of the kids have been seen for 3 months. During the last visit in March one child reported that step grandmother beats him. There is no documentation that this incident was ever investigated. Worker agreed to interview the children privately.	05/10/06	On 05/11/06 DFS conducted a home visit. Regular monthly child contacts have occurred. Last contact with children in foster care: 1/18/07. No safety concerns present at time of visit.	There are 3 children in this family, not 4. The maternal grandfather was granted legal guardianship of the oldest child on 11/28/2005. The other 2 children were placed in a pre-adoptive foster home in October 2005. The three siblings have regular visits with each other on a bi-weekly basis. Parental rights were terminated on 3/06/06, and the 2 younger children are in the process of being adopted by their foster mother. The foster parent plans to continue relative and sibling visitation after adoption. There is no documentation in case file that supports any reports of beating by the step-grandmother. It is noted in a call from the grandmother that the oldest child does not get along with his step-grandmother. Grandmother is in the process of transferring guardianship from grandfather to herself.

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1313583	5/2	Three year old was abused by NM last year (bruises, blood vessel in eye broken), but no investigation occurred. The child is now in a foster home for other reasons. In November, the foster parent hit the child with a belt, no investigation occurred, the child was simply moved to another home. This child has never been interviewed privately about any of the abuse incidents. The worker agreed to go interview the child privately.	05/10/06	ICPC Placement: Last face to-face contact was in November 2006.	Abuse by the mother was investigated and court substantiated. An investigation regarding abuse in the foster home occurred and the child was interviewed privately as part of that investigation. The alleged abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated. Child is currently placed with a relative in California who is willing to adopt.
1272557	5/3	Worker feels the pre-school aged child is safe because the foster parent is "dedicated". However, the worker has not seen the child for 6 months, and only twice in the past year. Worker agreed to visit the child this week.	05/12/06	Home visits occurred on 04/27/06, 06/13/06 and 07/20/06. There were no safety concerns present at time of visits.	Adoption by foster parents was finalized on August 3, 2006 and the case was closed.
1271837	5/4	Three year old child was allegedly physically abused by NF. He took a polygraph and the results noted that he was being "deceptive". No further action occurred and the child has never been seen or interviewed privately, and has not been seen at all since before the polygraph. Worker agreed to check on the child immediately.	05/12/06	Child was interviewed at daycare in 09/05 and placed into protective custody. Home visits occurred in November and January of 2006. No safety concerns present at time of visits.	Investigation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. Investigator kept case open from September 2005 through January 2006 until family got into Early Childhood Services. Case on that child was closed. There were no safety concerns present at time of closure.
1312676	5/5	The worker states two pre-schoolers are safe in a foster home because she has used it before. However, she has not seen the children for several months, and only once in the past year (the explanation was that the foster mother does a lot of work and is, therefore, unavailable). The worker has never spoken to the children privately.	05/18/06	Home visits occurred on 04/25/06, 06/2/06, and 07/07/06. There were no safety concerns present at time of visits.	Adoption was finalized on November 15, 2006 and the case was closed.
1270297	5/6	Three young children were returned to mother upon her completion of initial drug treatment, and the case was closed. However, the worker stated that she feels the kids are at great risk due to past abuse and neglect. When asked why the case was closed, she stated that her supervisor told her that the case would soon "explode" and the DFS should not have an open case when it does. The worker was asked to define "explode" - she stated that the children will be hurt.	05/18/06	Case had been closed at time of review.	Case was closed in April 2006 due to mothers compliance with case plan New investigation was initiated in October 2006. Children are in foster and relative placements and are safe.

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1313600	5/7	Kids placed with a relative in Utah, but there is no documentation that anyone from CW has seen the children in the past 20 months. NM has now begun working on her case plan and worker is unsure whether to move toward reunification or guardianship.	05/19/06	Home visits occurred in 8/06, 9/06, and 10/06. Wardship was terminated on 11/01/06. No safety concerns present at time of case closure.	The children were placed with maternal uncle in UT thru ICPC on 11/25/05. Prior to leaving Las Vegas, the children were seen and interviewed on 11/22/05. The children were reunified with their mother in August 2006 due to her compliance with case plan.
1308564	5/8	Two pre-school children placed with an aunt in a high risk case (a sibling died due to neglect). The aunt has violated the "no parental contact" before and the worker is not confident that the aunt is protecting the children by preventing parental contact at this time. Worker advised to see the children and do a safety assessment A S A P.	05/08/06	Home visit occurred on 05/10/06 and regularly since that date. Most recent home visit occurred on 02/21/07.	Children are currently placed with a grandmother who is pursuing guardianship. Worker makes monthly home visits. On 2/7/07 worker found mother driving the children to daycare. This was discovered as part of the administrative case review. A phone call to the worker by DFS administration found the worker unsure of what was considered appropriate visitation. DFS administrator contacted her supervisor to request immediate contact with the grandmother and mother to develop a specific visitation plan, including days and times mother was allowed to visit supervised in the home, to reiterate that at this time mother was to have only supervised visitation, to specify that mother is not to be driving children to daycare, and to detail what would need to happen in order for mother to begin unsupervised visitation. Supervisor to report back to administration that this has been accomplished.
1323603	6/1	A child died and a pediatrician expert documented Shaken Baby Syndrome. No charges were filed and nothing substantiated, allegedly because it was unclear which parent injured the child. The NF has a history of having two other children removed from his care due to fractured ribs and ankles. The mother is pregnant and, according to the worker, no "hold" will be placed on the baby because the District Attorney wants to "give her another chance".	05/30/06	Child contacts occurred on 10/11/06, 11/28/06, 12/04/06, and 1/25/07. There were no safety concerns present at the time of visits.	There was not a child fatality in this case. Current case plan is adoption by relatives who have had the child since January 2003. Parents recently began drug court, but TPR is being submitted. Mother has since had another child, and that child has also been taken into protective custody and placed with relative. According to the worker, she never indicated that there would not be a hold placed on the baby because she had already completed an alert to the hotline.
1325802	6/2	The NF stabbed the NM 14 times with a knife and stabbed the PGM once while she held the infant. The PGM dropped the baby, who also receive a minor injury from the knife. NM wants charges dropped against NF and says she won't testify against him or get a TPO. NM also refuses to attend any DV related classes. The child is still with the mother and it is clear that, when the NF is released from jail, she will allow him access to the infant.	05/31/06	Most recent contact occurred on 01/10/2007. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	Mother has sole custody with a no-contact order for the father. Father was released and placed on probation in December 2006 and is working a case plan. Case remains open to ensure safety.

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1324796	6/3	A one year old girl was abused 4 months ago, (fractured femur, black eyes, bruises on thighs, bruises on top of feet, dislocated shoulder). NM says the baby fell. The worker has allowed the NM to have unsupervised visits because she has completed some parenting classes and partial drug treatment for methamphetamine addiction. Even her boyfriend says that NM neglects the child.	06/02/06	Most recent contact occurred on 1/3/2007.	On July 11, 2006 the court ordered the child be placed in the care and home of the mother for a trial home visit. The mother resides with maternal grandparents to comply with case plan. The mother filed for sole custody. Wardship of child was terminated January 9, 2007.
1314026	6/4	Children were reunified with NM after being abused by NF. There is a safety plan in place that NF is not to have contact with the children, but NM has repeatedly violated the safety plan. No additional safety action has been taken.	05/25/06	Monthly visitation occurred before and after review. Case was closed on November 7, 2006. Last home visit occurred on November 1, 2006. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	DFS shared concerns regarding allowing father contact with children. Safety plan was developed along with adding WIN and Family Preservation Services. Unannounced visits made and there were no signs that father returned. Children were also interviewed privately and made no disclosures. Wardship was terminated on November 7, 2006 and case was closed.
1271434	6/5	A six y/o and a two y/o were removed due to abuse and neglect by NM, who has serious MH issues - there is no documentation that these issues have been resolved. The children were placed with an aunt. The aunt spent several weeks in the hospital - during that time the kids were given back to NM without informing the CW. The worker decided to reunify the kids with NM on 3/18/06 without seeing them, with no safety or risk assessment. The 6 y/o has not been seen since 12/21/05, and the 2 y/o hasn't been seen since 08/07/05.	05/25/06	Case was closed on July 11, 2006. Last child contact occurred on June 19, 2006. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	Children were in Child Haven for most of the period from July 2005 through March 2006. A reunification Child Family Team meeting was held on February 24, 2006. A Safety Assessment was completed this date as well. Children were reunified with mother on March 18, 2006. Worker maintained contact with Mental Health provider throughout reunification process.
1271915	6/6	NM reported that kids (who are wards) often come back from visitation with NF with bruises and unexplained marks. The worker never made a CPS report. A week later the mother made the report- it was unsubstantiated and the bruises were fading. During an earlier investigation the CPS worker told NF it's okay to hit the kids, but "don't leave bruises".	05/26/06	Case was closed on 08/08/06.	Two investigations took place. On February 25, 2006 physical abuse allegations were made alleging the child was spanked with a belt on his legs. Father admitted to spanking child twice on legs with belt for stealing. Investigation was closed as unsubstantiated. Referrals to parent classes were made. On August 8, 2006, the father admitted to spanking child for kicking father in stomach. No marks or bruises were observed. DFS Staff reviewed NRS. 432B related to physical discipline & closed case as unsubstantiated. Worker directed mother to call hotline and counseled children about talking with school counselors. At case closure children were placed with mother.

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1262625	6/7	Both parents have a history of beating the children, but several poor investigations greatly delayed the children from being placed outside the home. The worker told the children that their parents can hit them as long as they don't leave bruises. The worker stated that the mother has major mental health issues that will endanger the children if they are returned, but the case plan contains no objectives or goals relating to addressing the mental health problem. The worker agreed to update the case plan.	07/26/06	Most recent child contact occurred on 08/23/06. At a court hearing on 08/23/06 the court terminated wardship.	No other investigations found in UNITY at time of review. Case was closed on August 23, 2006. This case came to the department due to the drug exposure of the baby at birth. Mother disappeared and her whereabouts have remained unknown throughout this case, with the exception of the few months that she was incarcerated at Clark County Detention center. The child was placed with the natural father. From the onset of placement, the natural father has done everything requested of him to ensure his son's safety. This has been difficult due to the fact that the father is a citizen of Mexico and this, to a degree, limits the resources available to the child. The father has been employed consistently throughout this case. He has arranged and paid for appropriate daycare for his son and completed parenting classes. He attended treatment for substance abuse. He has ceased using substances and satisfactorily completed his treatment. He hired an attorney and filed for sole custody of his son, which was granted with mother's consent. At a court hearing on 08/23/06 the court terminated wardship.
1323413	7/1	The stepfather badly abused a five year old, (his body, penis, and anus were "covered with bruises"). Police were never called, and worker feels it is too late now (probably right). When asked why the police weren't called to arrest the abuser, the worker said "I don't know". The child is the result of father/daughter incest and is the target of both parents. The NM, admitted hitting the kid, but this was never addressed. The stepfather doesn't allow mother to talk to any neighbors or family members, a classic DV situation. The school stopped reporting the abusive incidents because they felt the child just got hit again following the reports.	05/26/05	Petition filed; dismissed 02/07/07 Last child visit occurred on 2/7/07. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	Children were placed into protective custody where they remained until 10/06/06. They were released back to the parents later that same month. A reunification child and family team was conducted prior to placement and a safety assessment done. There were no safety concerns present at that time. In January 2007 CPS received a new abuse report and again children were placed into protective custody. At a court hearing on 2/05/07, the petition was not sustained by the Hearing Master and the children returned home. A visit with the child was conducted on 2/07/07. A body check was conducted and there were no safety concerns present.
1315186	7/2	Two child abuse reports were unsubstantiated with no contacts with the children. The NM has a long history of beating the children and letting others beat them. An allegation of possible sexual abuse was never investigated. Children are with NM because, allegedly, the boyfriend is "out of the picture". However, the worker suspects this is not so, but has taken no protective action. Worker was advised to redo the case plan to address NM's violence and to get a sexual abuse assessment done for the child.	05/26/06	Home visit conducted on 12/15/06. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	Child victim was interviewed on two occasions during the first two unsubstantiated investigations. In January 2006, a new investigation occurred and allegations of neglect were court substantiated. Children have been placed with relatives since October 31, 2006. Parents have not complied with case plan. Relatives are willing to be a permanent home for children.

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1276032	7/3	Seven young siblings have all been placed with their natural fathers (4 different fathers). None of the kids have been seen in their homes since placement several months ago. Three of the kids were last seen in court six weeks ago, the others haven't been seen for five months (they are still wards). The extremely dangerous NM is supposedly gone, but the worker doesn't really know that. The worker was advised to go see all the kids in their homes	05/20/03	Contacts with children occurred on 2/15/06 and 5/5/06.	One child was placed with her father in Utah on 3/23/05. Wardship was terminated on 4 children on 7/7/06 after successful reunification with fathers. Wardship was terminated on other children on 11/14/06 due to successful reunification with father. Children were interviewed in various settings and asked about any contact with the mother. Mojave was also involve with families to provide counseling and did not voice any concerns regarding contact with the natural mother.
1269113	7/4	Kids removed because NM is extremely violent; each child is placed with a different relative. The worker has not seen any of them in their homes (nor ensured that NM was not living there) since last December. The worker states that she knows NM is seeing the kids (despite a no-contact objective), but feels that the relatives will protect them. However, she has no basis for believing that.	06/22/06	Child contacts occurred in 08/06, 11/06, and 12/06. There were no safety concerns present at time of visits.	There is no documentation of the mother being violent. DFS approved the relatives to supervise visits, but the mother was not visiting. Relatives were very protective of the children. So much so that they filed guardianship on their own and it was denied to be re-heard in Department D. They were also very expressive at Child Family Team meetings about their concerns regarding the lack of case plan progress by the parents. Current plan remains guardianship by the relatives.
1279585	7/5	A newborn, drug-exposed baby was released to NM despite no drug treatment and an active sexual abuse investigation of her boyfriend regarding her six y/o daughter. There is no finding (S or U) on the sexual abuse allegation, and there is no documentation that the alleged perpetrator was ever interviewed about it. A safety assessment, a FRAP, and a case plan were completed during this time period, but none of them mention the sexual abuse investigation.	09/13/06	Child contacts occurred on 05/09/06, 7/25/06, 9/14/06, 1/16/07, and 1/18/07. Gap in contacts occurred because family moved and did not inform worker.	A medical report regarding the sexual abuse was obtained. The child was bleeding due to tumor not sexual abuse. Person of concern was a same age cousin, not boyfriend. It was assessed that children were safe with mother, case remains under formal supervision. There were no safety concerns present at time of visits.
1322867	7/6	A two year old blind child was returned to an abusive mother with no safety assessment or FRAP. The permanency worker feels the child is at risk and is unsure why he was returned to the mother.	09/15/06	Case was closed in November 2006. Last home visit occurred on 10/31/06. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	Permanency worker indicates she never told this to reviewer. Mother successfully completed her case plan and completed drug treatment. Child was assessed to be safe with mother. Safety assessment was complete and there was no safety concerns present.

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1324448	8/1	A 10 month old child was removed from NM at birth due to extensive drug usage. He was placed with two aunts (not at the same time). The child has not been seen since March 12. Both aunts' phones are disconnected and the child missed two scheduled DNA tests. It is unknown where the child is at this time (a ward). Worker advised to go to last known addresses of both aunts ASAP.	06/20/06	Last visit occurred on 02/06/07. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit. Other contacts occurred on 8/18/06, 10/10/06, and 12/27/06.	Worker located child with aunts on 06/21/06 (the day after scheduled case review). Child was seen 6/27/06, a safety assessment was completed, and picture of the child was taken.
1322287	8/2	Parents of an 8 month old and a 2 1/2 y/o are heavy users of methamphetamine. DFS opened a case to work with them, but the family disappeared.	06/20/06	Case closed in September 2006.	Family was located in August 2006 in California, when a new baby was born drug positive. On 9/22/06 California took jurisdiction of all 3 children and the Clark County DFS case was closed.
1274872	8/3	Three children were placed with a maternal aunt for the past nine months due to serious physical abuse from the NM. The aunt has been hostile to DFS and has openly stated that the children should be returned to NM despite the abuse. The aunt has never the seven y/o in school. The worker said she is "learning toward" reunification, even though nothing has been done to address NM's violence toward children. Worker was advised to staff the case with her supervisor and to interview the seven y/o alone.	06/20/06	Last child contact occurred on 2/16/07. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	Aunt was hostile toward DFS due to her own privacy issues, not that she wanted children returned to mother. Child started school at the beginning of the 2006 school year and was in regular attendance when checked by DFS. Two of the children were returned to the mother in August 2006 due to the mother's compliance with the case plan; one child remained with the aunt. The two with mother were recently removed from the mother and are at Child Haven pending possible placement with their father. Remaining child will remain with the aunt, who will pursue guardianship.

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1280421	8/4	NF admits hitting a three month old in the chest with his fist, bending the baby into a "U" shape, telling people the child needs to learn to behave, and telling many people that he will "give the child something to cry about". The child died and the medical staff determined it was due to Shaken Baby Syndrome. There was no arrest or conviction, and other children were left in the home. Despite DFS acknowledgement that NM was secretly meeting the NF, the case was closed. Two years later, a five y/o received serious head injuries, allegedly from the same man, but the report was unsubstantiated. Eight months later, a new baby was on life support from being shaken by this same man; he was arrested, but the children were not removed from the NM. Two months after that, the NM is reported for hitting her six year old; she admits it, but that is also unsubstantiated. Six months later, the children are found home alone by a CASA worker, who tells the caseworker. However, neither the worker nor the CASA staff make a child neglect report, so no action is taken. One month later, on ?'06, a new baby is born. The DA wa	06/08/06	Case closed 1/9/07. Child contacts (home visits) have been occurring on a monthly basis. Last contact in-home occurred on 01/05/07.	Initial report in February 2002 resulted in the coroner determining the death to be by natural causes due to the child having RSV (although Shaken Baby Syndrome was initially suspected). Mother's case plan included counseling for grief and domestic violence with Bridge. After coroner's results, parents reunited. Second report in October 2004 was in regards to the child having a goose egg on his head. Regular pediatrician was contacted and did not have concern; second pediatrician was consulted and could not determine that injury was a result of abuse. Investigation was therefore unsubstantiated. In July 2005 another child is brought to the hospital with Shaken Baby Syndrom after a visit with the father, and the father (same father from the child fatality) is charged. Child is returned to natural mother. CFT held 6/9/06 as a result of the review that included ECS, CASA, and DA. Natural father was the perpetrator in both instances when natural mother was at work. Child was not removed from the home of the mother due to the father no longer being in the home. Mother divorced father and case remained on in-home supervision until recent closure. In November 2006 and ECS worker visits home and waits approximately 20 minutes for parents to arrive. When they arrive ECS worker discovers that the new baby was left inside the home sleeping while the parents went to the apartment office. This allegation is reported to hotline and is court substantiated. However, since mother complied with and completed case plan, court terminated wardship on 01/09/07.
1313324	8/5	Natural mother has a history of repeated violent acts toward her children, who were removed by DFS. The worker recommended TPR, but the judge denied it and has ordered unsupervised visits. The worker feels these children are at dire risk (and the reviewer agrees), but she feels helpless to do anything about it.	06/08/06	Last child contact occurred on 1/29/07. There were no safety concerns present at time of visit.	There is no documentation of violence toward the child by the mother, although it was recognized that the mother needed anger management classes. Reunification with the mother occurred in October 2006 after completion of an amended case plan and numerous Child Family Team meetings. Supervision of reunification continues.
1297478	8/6	A three y/o was ordered reunified by a judge, despite DFS's recommendation of TPR. Two older children have already been removed and adopted. The 3 y/o has not been seen by DFS in over two months.	06/13/06	Case was closed on 11/9/06.	Child was reunified with the mother on 05/9/06. Case contacts were as follows: 3/27/06, 4/27/06, 5/10/06 (court), 6/19/06, 7/28/06 etc.

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1316722	1/1	An infant was in placement for six months after being born with methamphetamine in his system. He was returned to his mother in September 2005 despite her not completing drug treatment. The child was found abandoned in California in October 2005 and returned to Las Vegas. He was returned to his mother in April (with no SA or FRAP) and has not been visited since then.	09/15/06	Last home visit occurred on 03/30/06 with child in foster home. Child seen in court on 08/17/06.	The mother had completed drug treatment and child had been reunified. A pre-reunification Child and Family Team was held prior to reunification, and a safety assessment was completed. The child was never abandoned. The mother left the state with the child and was living with her parents in California. A writ was issued, and the child was returned to Las Vegas. Several months later, in April 2006, the child was returned to the mother under ICPC Supervision in California. Wardship was terminated in August, 2006 when the mother successfully completing her case plan.
1319284	1/2	Kids removed due to NM's drug usage, no food, electricity turned off, filth, and lack of supervision; they were placed with their NF. The mother moved back into the home in march without the worker's knowledge. The NF was then ordered out of the home by the judge due to drug usage, but NM was left with kids. Now NM has a new baby and no FRAP, SA, or case plan has been completed.	09/14/06	Documented contact with the children took place on: 9/14/06, 10/12/06, 10/19/06, 11/14/06, 1/18/06, 1/24/07 Last home visit occurred on 01/24/07. No safety concerns were identified, but some risk concerns were noted.	A Child and Family Team had been held 9/13/06, the day before this case review. The team agreed to allow the family to reside with the relatives together, given their financial difficulties. The children were assessed to be safe and there was plan was for continued DFS visitation, as well as visitation by the early childhood therapist to monitor the children's safety. The mother and father are in drug treatment and compliant with their case plans. Home visits have occurred on a monthly basis.
1320652	1/3	A baby was placed with his PGPs despite significant criminal history on both grandparents (about which they lied on the ICPC application). Even the NF has expressed concern about his parents having the child.	09/14/06	Documented telephone contact took place with the children and/or the ICPC worker on: 12/26/06, 1/30/07, 2/9/07 On 2/9/07-Telephone conv with ICPC worker stated that "all is going well with the children & a quarterly report will be sent"	This family was approved by ICPC in California. The grandfather did have a prior conviction from 1977 for burglary. ICPC assessed the placement with grandparents as appropriate. The father had an excessive violent history.
1305506	1/4	NF killed the NM, and kids were placed with relatives who are illegal aliens. They cannot adopt, as they will probably be deported during the background check. The kids cannot achieve permanency. There were non-criminal relatives willing to take the kids, but now they are bonded to the relatives they are placed with.	09/11/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 8/21/06	Maternal aunt and uncle received guardianship in August, 2006 of two children. The remaining two children were reunified with their natural father in California (not father involved in incident).

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1320788	1/5	Baby brought to Las Vegas from New York by a fictive kin who dumped the child at Child Haven. Three months later DFS returned the child to this kin over the NMs objections; despite the fact that this fictive kin has no job and no apparent income. The child has not been seen in the 2 1/2 months since the return.	09/15/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 2/10/06, 2/23/06, 4/25/06, 5/05/06, 5/22/06, 7/28/06, 8/18/06, 9/15/06, 10/20/06, 11/16/06, 12/8/06. There were no safety concerns noted during any of these of visit.	Information regarding child contact is inaccurate. Child has remained in the same placement and regular home visits have shown the child to be well cared for. There were no safety concerns present at time of visits.
1271428	1/6	Kids placed with grandparents who had them before and illegally gave them back to drug-abusing parents without court or agency approval. Parents continue to test with high levels of drugs and probably have access to the kids.	07/11/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 8/7/06, 9/26/06, 10/13/06, 12/5/06, 2/7/07	Not all relatives failed to protect these children. A maternal grandmother, who was appropriately protective, had guardianship but the court returned the children to the parents. This grandmother once again has custody of one of the children with a plan of adoption. The other three children were placed with their natural father (not the father noted in this incident) and their case was closed on 8/9/06. Visitation continues between all children.
1303396	1/7	Substance exposed infant placed in foster home on January 31, not seen since then.	08/01/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 2/24/06, 3/24/06, 4/21/06, 4/28/06, 5/12/06, 6/5/06, 6/19/06, 6/26/06, 7/21/06, 8/4/06, 9/1/06, 9/8/06, 11/9/06, 11/15/06, 11/29/06, 12/20/06, 1/8/07, 1/25/07, 1/28/07 Most recent home visit occurred in 01/28/07	Child remains in foster home and foster parent is willing to be adoptive resource if parental rights are terminated. This child has been seen by worker at least monthly since placement in foster care in February 2006, as foster mother brings child into office for visits with parent. Worker counseled that visits must also occur in the home at least every other month. The most recent home visit took place January 28, 2007.
1312235	1/8	4 y/o who's been in and out of placement his whole life, placed with grandparents on March 9 and never visited (5 1/2 months).	08/07/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 3/14/06, 6/2/06, 7/14/06	Grandparents obtained guardianship 07/14/06.

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1263632	1/9	Very young children placed with their NF due to NM substance abuse. The worker feels they are safe, but she was unaware of NF's past history of sexual abuse of minors because she had not read the file.	07/19/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 8/14/06, 8/17/06, 9/6/06, 9/20/06, 9/22/06, 9/28/06, 10/2/06, 10/25/06, 11/6/06, 11/20/06, 12/20/06, 1/11/07	The father's past history included allegations of sexual abuse that were investigated and unsubstantiated.
1292144	2/1	The worker is diligently working to get TPR granted on 5 and 6 year old children due to parental abuse and neglect, but didn't even know that another worker just reunified a 5 month old with this mother.	09/15/06	Documented contact with the children took place on: 10/25/06, 12/6/06, 1/26/07	Adoption by foster parent is pending for the 2 children identified. An investigator worked with mother to provide reasonable efforts to maintain custody of the newborn. A referral for services related to the newborn was submitted and accepted by Early Childhood Services. A referral for a public health nurse was accepted and closed after 2 visits as the newborn appeared well and no concerns were noted. The paternal family is a support to the parents/child and they see the child frequently as they provide babysitting. The investigation was closed 9/14/06.
1323603	2/2	After a serious "shaken baby" incident, this baby was removed and has not recovered from her injuries. Neither parent admits to causing the injuries, but the worker recommended reunification. The judge was very upset and ordered closer monitoring before reunification is considered.	08/29/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 8/29/06, 9/26/06, 10/11/06, 11/28/06, 12/4/06, 1/25/07	Current plan is adoption by relatives who have had the child since 01/03. Parents recently began drug court, but TPR is being submitted. Mother had another child and that child has also been taken into protective custody and placed with relative.
1275076	2/3	Judge ordered an infant and a toddler placed with the grandmother despite DFS and the district attorney's objections - the grandmother is elderly, has health problems, and has tested positive for methamphetamine.	09/06/06	Documented contact with children took place on: 9/18/06, 10/24/06, 11/1/06, 11/2/06, 11/4/06, 12/21/06, 1/9/07	The grandmother was drug tested throughout the case and was found to be clean in hair and urine. Grandmother received guardianship on 01/09/07.

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1326819	2/4	Substance exposed infant born on 3/ /06. The worker did not believe the parent could safely keep the child. When no relative was located, the child was returned to the mother because "Child Haven was not accepting babies". The worker did not then visit the baby for four months. Both parents still testing positive for drugs.	09/19/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 6/27/06, 7/12/06, 8/14/06, 9/08/06, 9/22/06, 10/03/06, 11/22/06, 12/11/06, 1/10/07, 2/12/07. No safety concerns were noted during any of these visits.	The information provided is not accurate. Child has been seen in the home on a monthly basis and is doing well. Parents are continuing progress on case plan.
1320226	2/5	3 young children were removed for neglect in November, 2005. They were returned six weeks ago, but there has been no visit to check on them. Also, the NM had a new baby in June, but the worker states "that child is not my responsibility".	09/18/06	Visits since reunification are as follows: 7/19/06, 7/25/06, 9/21/06, 9/27/06, 10/20/06, 11/14/06, 12/7/06, 12/19/06, 1/23/07, 2/2/07.	Family Preservation services began with the family in 08/06. Home visits included checking on the baby as well.
1325995	2/6	Two kids were taken into custody and made Wards four months ago and were placed with relatives. They were moved from relative to relative without DFS permission, and sometimes living with their mother. A recent home visit revealed that the children had moved again to an unknown address with another relative.	08/08/06	Documented contact with the children took place on: 8/1/06, 8/17/06, 9/6/06, 9/15/06, 10/25/06, 11/1/06, 11/30/06, 12/12/06, 1/5/07, 1/24/07, 2/20/07 No safety concerns were noted during any of these visits.	The children are placed with appropriate relatives who are in the process of obtaining legal guardianship.
1306012	2/7	Children were removed from their mother due to abuse and she has left the state. The worker is pursuing placement with the father. The reviewer informed the worker that the father was charged with sexual abuse of a minor a year ago with no disposition yet. The worker was unaware of the charges.	08/04/06	Documented contact with the children took place on: 10/6/06, 11/30/06, 11/29/06, 1/9/07	One child was placed with natural father (not the father from this incident) and wardship for that child was closed. Other child is currently placed with the maternal aunt. Mother is currently working her case plan and living out of state. ICPC process for possible placement with mother started in January 2007 to determine if placement is appropriate. Transition plan is in place to transition child from placement with aunt to mother if deemed appropriate. Natural father has supervised visits only at this time.

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1326584	2/8	A 5 y/o was removed due to domestic violence and placed with his grandmother. The worker has to see him at school, as the grandmother will not allow home visits. The child has never been seen at this home (8 months).	08/07/06	Visits in the grandparents home were as follows: 8/13/06, 11/22/06, 1/27/07	This child has been seen monthly in a variety of locations, including the home of the maternal grandparents. Additionally, the child has been seen at daycare, school and at the mother's home during visits.
1267144	2/9	The mother has severe mental health issues and her baby is placed with the MGM, but hasn't been seen in 3 months. NM has abducted the baby in the past and is exhibiting bizarre behavior. The worker, who is new, states she is "over her head" on this case.	08/01/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 8/22/06, 9/26/06, 10/31/06, 11/1/06, 11/22/06, 12/15/06, 1/13/07	This child is placed in a foster-adoptive home (not with the maternal grandmother) and is in the process of being adopted. Guidance is readily available to caseworkers, and supervisors review each case with workers at least every 2 months.
1314930	2/10	4 y/o left alone in a car while his mother played slots at 3:00 am. She was arrested, but the child was returned when she was released and the case was closed despite the fact that she was 9 months pregnant and had two other children removed and placed with relatives.	09/21/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 2/02/06, 3/18/06, 4/8/06, 5/6/06, 6/22/06. Wardship was terminated on 6/16/06. There were no safety concerns present at the time of termination.	This child was initially released from Child Haven to a relative, not to the mother, and the case remained open until after the birth of new baby. The mother completed her case plan and wardship was terminated in June 2006. During multiple home visits the children appeared well cared for and no safety were concerns noted.
1325802	3/1	NF stabbed NM 12 times and is in jail. The baby also received a slight injury. The NM doesn't feel the NF is a risk and plans on reuniting with him when he's released. Domestic Violence victims counseling is desperately needed.	07/26/06	Documented contact with the child took place on: 8/17/06, 9/05/06, 9/14/06, 10/17/06, 11/13/06, 12/12/06, 1/10/07 and 2/09/07. No safety concerns were noted during any of these visits.	Mother secured a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) for herself and the child. Mother has sole custody with a no-contact order for the father. Father was released and placed on probation in 12/06 and is working a case plan. Case remains open to ensure safety.
1275452	3/2	5 kids removed due to DV, substance abuse, and sexual abuse of the 10 y/o. The father is in jail, but is being released this week. The kids have been returned to the NM who does not believe the NF sexually abused the 10 year old.	07/19/06	Documented contact with the children took place on: 8/17/06, 9/05/06, 9/19/06, 10/17/06, 11/13/06, 12/12/06, 1/10/07, 1/19/07. No safety concerns were noted during any of these visits.	The children are currently placed with relatives, and the mother is participating in drug court. Children will not be returned until, at a minimum, the mother successfully completes Phase II. The father is on probation and is working his case plan.

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1276580	3/3	Mother was in jail for child endangerment, but escaped and is at large. Grandmother has the baby and is not cooperating with DFS or the police. The worker obtained information about the mother's location, but only made an anonymous call to the police.	07/27/06	<p>Documented contact with children took place on: 2/24/06, 3/6/06, 4/3/06, 4/14/06, 5/24/06, 5/26/06, 7/7/06, 7/18/06, 8/4/06, 8/8/06, 8/29/06, 9/27/06, 11/1/06, 1/18/07, 2/2/07</p> <p>No safety concerns were noted during any of these visits.</p>	<p>The mother is currently in prison.</p> <p>Grandmother is cooperating with DFS. Relatives were resistant to giving police information about the mother's whereabouts.</p> <p>There is a CASA worker and Family Support Specialist providing services in the home as well.</p>
1321394	3/4	Mother has abused and neglected her baby, and has allowed others to abuse her. The baby is also failure to thrive. The child is in placement, but the judge ordered overnight, unsupervised visits.	08/10/06	<p>Documented contact with the children took place on: 06/22/06, 6/30/06, 7/25/06, 8/01/06, 8/11/06, 9/12/06, 9/13/06, 9/27/06, 10/11/06, 11/6/06, 12/6/06, 12/7/06</p> <p>Wardship was terminated on 12/14/06.</p> <p>There were no safety concerns present at the time of termination.</p>	<p>The attorney had requested unsupervised visitation. The caseworker recommended daytime visitation, but the court changed it to overnight. The parents were successful in meeting the requirements of their case plan and this case has been closed.</p>
NA	3/5	Many, many cases where the children are probably safe, but there are no documented visits for 3, 4, 5, or even 12 months.			
NA	3/6	Many cases where children have been placed with relatives in other states through the Interstate Compact, but caseworkers have received no updates regarding the child for months or years. It is unclear whether anyone is visiting many of these children.			