

**REPORT TO THE JUVENILE COURT  
FOR  
PRELIMINARY PROTECTIVE HEARING  
AND/OR  
INITIAL DEPENDENCY HEARING**

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**Court Case Number:** JD-202400000

**Date of Report:** 1/9/2024

**Case Name:** JOSEFINA MARIA ROSA

**Case ID:** AS00800000

**A. Name and date of birth for each child subject to this court case number.**

Child Name	Date of Birth
MIGUEL LUIS LOPEZ-ROSA	12/28/2023
ISRAEL JOSE ALVAREZ	12/04/2019
JIMENA MARIA ROSA	10/07/2008

**B. Child or children subject to this report if different from above.**

**C. Family composition:**

Participant	Relationship	To
JOSEFINA MARIA ROSA	Mother	JIMENA MARIA ROSA ISRAEL JOSE ALVAREZ MIGUEL LUIS LOPEZ-ROSA
ERIC ANDERSON	Father - Deceased	JIMENA MARIA ROSA
JAIME JAVIER LOPEZ	Father	MIGUEL LUIS LOPEZ-ROSA
SEAN ALVAREZ	Father	ISRAEL JOSE ALVAREZ

**D. If the family has or may have American Indian tribal affiliation, efforts to identify and contact the child's tribe and confirm the child's membership status or eligibility for membership.**

This family does not identify as Native American

**HLB**

## **I. REASON FOR DCS INVOLVEMENT**

- A. Description of the dangerous condition(s) currently occurring within the family that require Department involvement (include evidence of abuse or neglect); including how the parent's, guardian's or custodian's behaviors cause the child to be unsafe or at substantial risk of harm and, if applicable, why the child(ren) are removed from the parent's, guardian's or custodian's custody.**

**DCS received a report on 12/30/2023 from hospital staff concerning a positive drug screen for baby boy Rosa. Upon arrival at the home, DCS observed a large gash on Israel's face, surrounded by bruising. The child disclosed that it was obtained while his mother's boyfriend, Mr. Lopez, father to Miguel, threw him onto the couch while spanking him, and it hit a metal object on the couch. Medical care was not sought for the injury. Mr. Lopez admitted that he caused the injury and that he had thrown him on the couch and as spanking him and saw the injury and apologized to the child. Children also report that the Mr. Lopez has used objects to hit them leaving various marks and bruises in the past. The children report that their beds were taken away from them approximately three months ago as punishment for not doing their chores and they have not been returned yet. The children have not been told when they will be getting their beds back. The children also reported that the mother withholds food as a form of punishment. It was reported that the mother only allows the children to eat once a day. The children report that they do not feel safe in the home. They are often left alone while their mother works or is out with friends. They are often provided with only bread and peanut butter. The fridge had moldy food in it, and the children do not have access to any food. There are a number of cameras in the home that children report they are watched through when their mother is not home. Father to Jimena is deceased. Father of Miguel is Jaime Javier Lopez whose currently resides with Ms. Rosa and the children. Father to Israel is Sean Alvarez and he lives in Missouri and has a warrant for failure to pay child support in Arizona. The Department has since made contact with Mr. Alvarez and he stated he has attempted to get custody of his son Israel after it was determined he was the father. Mr. Alvarez stated he has attempted to participate in parenting time and Ms. Rosa refused access to Israel. Mr. Alvarez attempted to call PD to enforce the court order but they stated this was a family court matter. Mr. Alvarez has attempted to contact Israel when mother is at work but his number is blocked and he is fearful to get Israel in trouble if he is caught talking to him. The Department has made contact with Missouri for a courtesy to assess Mr. Alvarez's home. The children report that their mother tells them that she wants DCS to take custody of them and does not care about them. The family has a significant number of reports dating back to 2010 including allegations of physical abuse, general neglect, condition of the home, and substance abuse. The children were removed from the mother's care in 2019 when Israel was born due to substance use, untreated mental health concerns for the mother, and the overall condition of the home. They have participated both in dependency and in-home services. The mother is denying any issues in the home. The mother stated she was in substance use treatment services, however, the mother was not being honest and during the TDM DCSS brought to her attention that the Department was aware she was not actively going, to which she responded it was a new change but DCSS informed the mother that was not true either and she has not been in some time. The mother shut down and stopped communicating with DCSS.**

**B. Parent/guardian/custodian's verbal or written response to the allegations.**

On 12/30/2023 the Department met with Ms. Rosa at her residence in San Tan Valley. Ms. Rosa identified as able-bodied and did not report any cognitive delays. Ms. Rosa denied any Native American Heritage. Ms. Rosa reported the father to Miguel is Jaime Lopez. Ms. Rosa stated the father to Israel is Sean Alvarez. Ms. Rosa stated that the father to Jimena is Eric Anderson and he is deceased. Ms. Rosa has denied all the allegations in the home. Ms. Rosa stated she would participate in a rule-out urinalysis she reported she would test positive for pain medications. Ms. Rosa stated she is not currently prescribed but it is a prescription she was prescribed in the past for back pain. Ms. Rosa did go to testing and the Department did receive those results and she was positive for opioids. When the Department asked Ms. Rosa how her son got the gash on his face, she originally stated that it was due to the kids playing. The Department informed her that Mr. Lopez already admitted to causing the cut to his face.

**C. Family history of involvement with the Department or other child welfare agencies.**

The family has a significant history with the Department starting in 2010 including an out-of-home dependency in 2019. The prior reports were in regard to the condition of the home, substance use, and general neglect.

**D. Services and supports provided to the family to prevent removal and outcomes of services and supports.**

The Department requested Ms. Rosa to participate in a rule-out urinalysis and hair follicle. At this time Ms. Rosa stated she would test positive for pain medications. Ms. Rosa stated she would submit the UA, she did a test for the Department, and the Department did get those results.

A TDM was scheduled in which Ms. Rosa and Mr. Alvarez participated on 01/04/2024 at 8 am.

Ms. Rosa was previously offered in-home and out-of-home services and Ms. Rosa did complete those services successfully.

- E. If the family has Native American heritage, efforts to identify and contact the child’s tribe and confirm the child’s membership status.**

Notification	Date	Type	Tribe	Status	Other

This family does not identify as Native American

**II. SAFETY PLANNING**

- A. If applicable, efforts to locate missing parent(s).**

N/A

- B. The current safety plan, including whether it is an in-home or out-of-home plan, the actions that are necessary to control the dangerous condition(s), when those actions are needed, the adults responsible for carrying out the actions, and any supportive resources to support the safety actions.**

<b>Safety Plan</b>				
<b>Danger Threat(s)</b>			<b>Child</b>	
<b>Action(s) Required:</b>				
<b>Timeframe:</b>				
<b>Person</b>	<b>Child</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
<b>How DCS will Oversee Plan:</b>				

The current safety plan includes an out-of-home dependency for Ms. Rosa. The children are currently placed in a kinship placement and foster homes. Foster homes and kinship placement are meeting the needs of the children. The placements are also responsible for ensuring the children have access to food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Ms. Rosa was unable to provide any family members that were able to pass the Department’s background checks.

- C. Efforts to implement the least intrusive plan that is sufficient to control the dangerous conditions, including explanation of why the safety threats can or cannot be managed in the home; and for American Indian children, the active efforts to provide services designed to prevent the breakup of the Indian family and the outcome of those efforts.**

<b>In Home Safety Analysis</b>		
	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Conditions for Return</b>
X	There is a combination of safety actions and supportive resources capable of sufficiently controlling the identified danger threats, and there are sufficient resources within the family network or community to control the identified threats.	Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez will identify a responsible adult that is able and willing to reside with the family and provide 24/7 supervision of the children. This responsible adult will be able to ensure the children are not being left home alone, being physically disciplined, and providing for their basic needs
X	The parents, guardians, or custodians are willing for an in-home or combination safety plan to be implemented and have demonstrated that they will cooperate with the identified responsible adult(s), safety actions, and supportive resources identified in the Safety Plan.	Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez will demonstrate that they are able and willing to cooperate with the Department. Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez will cooperate with DCS, service providers, and the identified responsible adult. Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez will also cooperate with the actions set forth in the safety plan.
X	The home environment is calm and consistent enough for an in-home safety plan to be implemented and for responsible adults to be in the home safely.	Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez will provide a calm and consistent home environment for the children to reside in. This includes creating a routine to ensure the children practice appropriate hygiene, have access to regular medical and dental care, and the children have adequate sleeping arrangements. This also includes access to proper nutrition. Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez will ensure the children have appropriate care when they are at work.
<input type="checkbox"/>	An in-home safety plan and the use of in-home safety actions can sufficiently control impending danger without the results of outside professional evaluations.	
X	The parents, guardians, or custodians have a suitable place to reside where an in-home or combination safety plan can be implemented.	Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez will demonstrate their ability to maintain a safe, stable, and suitable residence. The residence will be free from hazards including health hazards.

**D. If applicable, the conditions for return as described in the safety plan.**

Please see above for conditions for return.

**E. Describe why continued temporary custody is necessary.**

At this time, temporary custody is necessary due to the significant physical abuse concerns by Mr. Lopez and the Ms. Rosa's substance use issues. Ms. Rosa has a history of her significant others physically abusing her children, the condition of the home, and substance use. Mr. Alvarez has established paternity but has not maintained a normal child and parent relationship.

### **III. IDENTIFICATION, LOCATION, AND ENGAGEMENT OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS OR OTHER CONNECTIONS (only applicable for children in out-of-home care)**

- A. Description of the efforts made to identify, locate, contact, and engage adult relatives of the child, including grandparents, great-grandparents, adult siblings, parents, step-parents who have custody of any siblings, aunts, uncles, first cousins, and persons who have a significant relationship with the child; and if known, information about each person's willingness to be a potential out-of-home caregiver for the child.**

Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez refused to cooperate with the Department to give family members that were able to pass the Department background check. The Department attempted to get any family members from Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez and they ignored the Department and stopped speaking to her during the initial response. Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez have been unable since the investigation started to find an appropriate family member.

- B. Description of the child's important connections, including information provided by the child, parents, and/or guardians; and efforts to maintain these connections.**

The children are being provided sibling visitations to maintain contact with each other. The Department will set up visitation with all three children and Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez

- C. Description of contact between the child and the child's relatives, friends, former foster parents and any connections the child identifies; and if contact is restricted, the reasons why.**

There have not been any identified restrictions between the children and their relatives.

- D. Efforts to maintain cultural connections, including opportunities for the child to build cultural awareness, identity, and involvement.**

Kinship and placement can maintain any cultural connections.

### **IV. CHILD'S FUNCTIONING, SERVICES, AND LIVING ARRANGEMENT**

- A. The child's physical, developmental, and emotional functioning; including the child's medical, dental, behavioral health, and developmental needs and services.**

Israel Jose Alvarez is a four-year-old male child. Israel was not well-groomed or appropriately dressed for the weather. Israel was very nervous and shy when speaking to DCS. Israel appears to be developmentally on track with a possible speech delay. Israel lives with his mother, mother's significant other, and his siblings. Israel has his own room. Israel does not have any diagnosed behavioral health conditions.

Jimena Rosa is a fifteen-year-old female child. Jimena is currently attending 10th grade. Jimena was well-groomed and appropriately dressed for the weather. Jimena appears to be developmentally on track. Jimena lives with her mother, mother's significant other, and her siblings. Jimena has her own room. Jimena does not have any diagnosed behavioral health conditions.

Miguel Luis Lopez Rosa is a one week old baby boy. Miguel was born prenatally exposed to opioids. Miguel was born with neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome and experienced some withdrawal symptoms, but otherwise appears healthy and does not have any current medical concerns.

**B. The child's academic status and social development, including the child's needs and services, and efforts to ensure the child's educational stability.**

After completing BID meetings it was determined Jimena would move schools based on the location of her placement. Israel will be assessed for speech delay.

**C. For youth age fourteen or older in out-of-home care, efforts and plans to assess and provide services to support the youth's preparation for adulthood.**

Successful Transition to Adulthood (STA) services for Jimena have not yet been identified.

**D. Description of the child's current living arrangement, including the type; whether this living arrangement is consistent with the Department's placement preferences; if the child is not living in the home of a grandparent, other relative, or person who has a significant relationship with the child, the reasons why such placement has not been identified or is contrary to the child's best interest.**

Currently, all three children are not placed together. Miguel and Israel were placed in separate foster homes. Jimena was placed in her previous foster home which is a kinship placement. Efforts were made by the Department to keep all of the children together. This placement is consistent with the Department's placement preferences at this time.

**E. If the child is an Indian child, efforts to place the child according to ICWA placement preferences and active efforts to provide culturally appropriate services.**

The family does not identify as Native American.

**F. If the child has a sibling in out-of-home care, efforts to siblings together; and if not placed together, the specific reasons why this did not occur or reasons why this would be contrary to the child's or sibling's safety or well-being.**

Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez were unable to provide the Department with appropriate kinship placements that were able to pass the department’s background checks. Due to this the siblings were separated.

**G. If placement with sibling(s) is not possible, efforts to facilitate frequent visitation or contact with siblings; and if frequent visitation or contact with siblings is not recommended, the reasons why this would be contrary to the child’s or sibling’s safety or well-being**

Visit Type	Freq	Start	End	Hours	Unit	For	With
Supervised	1	1/9/24		2	Weekly	All siblings	

The children are going to have sibling-only visits at the request of all the children. The Department and placements will facilitate these visits based on their school schedule.

**H. Description of any assistance or services provided to the caregiver(s) to enhance their capacity to address the child's needs and provide appropriate care and supervision. A**

Rapid Response was submitted on 12/30/2023 with Terros as the designated agency. This service provider recommended further evaluation for Israel for speech. A referral has been submitted for a speech evaluation.

**I. If out-of-state placement is appropriate and in the best interest of the child, the reasons why (include ICPC and/or out-of-state visitation status).**

The Department has requested a courtesy worker from Missouri to help assess Israel’s father Sean Alvarez’s home to see if that is a suitable placement at this time.

**V. PARENT FUNCTIONING, ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT, AND INITIAL SERVICES**

**A. Description of each parent's, guardian's, or custodian's protective capacities.**

Caregiver name: Josefina Rosa

**BEHAVIORAL PROTECTIVE CAPACITY**

History of protecting: No

Takes action: Yes

Controls impulses: Yes

Sets aside own needs for child(ren): No

Demonstrates adequate skills as a caregiver: No

Adaptive/ assertive as a caregiver: No

**COGNITIVE PROTECTIVE CAPACITY**

Plans and articulates a plan to protect the child(ren): No

Is self-aware as a parent/caregiver: No

Is intellectually able to fulfill responsibilities: Yes

Recognizes threats: No

Recognizes child(ren)'s needs: No

Understands own protective role: No

**EMOTIONAL PROTECTIVE CAPACITY**

Meets own emotional needs (in appropriate ways): Yes

Resilient as a caregiver: Yes

Tolerant as a caregiver: Yes

Is emotionally stable: Yes

Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity for child(ren): Yes

Is positively attached with child(ren): Yes

Is aligned with and supports child(ren): Yes

Ms. Rosa has a significant history with the Department dating back to 2010. The Department has received reports regarding Ms. Rosa leaving the children without appropriate supervision, neglect, physical abuse, conditions of the home, substance abuse, and a history of her significant others physically abusing her children. Ms. Rosa is able to take action and does not have any physical limitations that prohibit her from doing so. Ms. Rosa has not demonstrated that she can set aside her own needs for her children, as evidenced by numerous reports with the Department. Ms. Rosa does not have adequate care giving knowledge. Ms. Rosa is not adaptive and assertive as a caregiver due to her lack of understanding of the safety threat that allows her significant other to physically discipline her children.

**Cognitive:**

Ms. Rosa is not self-aware. Ms. Rosa is not aware of the direct impact her untreated substance use issues has on her behaviors and her ability to safely and appropriately parent her children. Ms. Rosa is intellectually able to fulfill her responsibilities and does not report having any cognitive or developmental delays that impact her ability to parent. Ms. Rosa does not recognize threats nor does she understand an appropriate plan for protection as evidenced by her allowing her significant others physically abuse her children. Ms. Rosa is not aware of the children's needs and their complete reliance on a safe caregiver. Ms. Rosa does not understand that it is her primary role and responsibility to protect her children.

**Emotional:**

Ms. Rosa does meet her own emotional needs in appropriate ways. Ms. Rosa is resilient and tolerant as a caregiver. Ms. Rosa has demonstrated love and sensitivity towards her children. Ms. Rosa is aligned with and positively attached to her children. It is believed that Ms. Rosa has the best interest of her children in mind, however, struggles with ordering her priorities to reflect that importance.

Caregiver name: Jaime Javier Lopez  
BEHAVIORAL PROTECTIVE CAPACITY  
History of protecting: No  
Takes action: Yes  
Controls impulses: No  
Sets aside own needs for child(ren): No  
Demonstrates adequate skills as a caregiver: Yes  
Adaptive/ assertive as a caregiver: Yes  
COGNITIVE PROTECTIVE CAP A CITY  
Plans and articulates a plan to protect the child(ren): No  
Is self-aware as a parent/caregiver: No  
Is intellectually able to fulfill responsibilities: Yes  
Recognizes threats: No  
Recognizes child(ren)'s needs: No  
Understands own protective role: No  
EMOTIONAL PROTECTIVE CAP A CITY  
Meets own emotional needs (in appropriate ways): Yes  
Resilient as a caregiver: Yes  
Tolerant as a caregiver: Yes  
Is emotionally stable: Yes  
Expresses love, empathy, sensitivity for child(ren): Yes  
Is positively attached with child(ren): Yes  
Is aligned with and supports child(ren): Yes

The Department has received reports regarding Mr. Lopez leaving the children without appropriate supervision, neglect, physical abuse, conditions of the home, and substance use. Mr. Lopez is able to take action and does not have any physical limitations that prohibit him from doing so. Mr. Lopez has not demonstrated that he can set aside his own needs for his children, as evidenced by numerous reports with the Department. Mr. Lopez has adequate care giving knowledge.

Cognitive:

Mr. Lopez is not self-aware. Mr. Lopez is not aware of the direct impact his untreated substance use issues has on his behaviors and his ability to safely and appropriately parent his children. Mr. Lopez is intellectually able to fulfill his responsibilities and does not report having any cognitive or developmental delays that impact his ability to parent. Mr. Lopez does not recognize threats of harm due to his physical abuse of his children. Mr. Lopez is not aware of the children's needs and complete reliance on a safe caregiver. Mr. Lopez does not understand that it is his primary role and responsibility to protect his children.

Emotional:

Mr. Lopez does meet his own emotional needs in appropriate ways. Mr. Lopez is resilient and tolerant as a caregiver. Mr. Lopez has demonstrated love and sensitivity towards his children. It is believed that Mr. Lopez has the best interest of his children in mind, however, struggles with ordering his priorities to reflect that importance.

**B. Description of assessments, services, and/or supports provided or offered to each parent, guardian, or custodian since the child’s removal to remedy the need for temporary custody (including date of evaluations scheduled or completed) and proposed case plan services.**

Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez have been referred for a substance use treatment evaluation. Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez have been referred for supervised parenting time with all three children,

**C. Services or supports requested by, or on behalf of a parent or guardian, and if not provided, the reasons why.**

Ms. Rosa, Mr. Lopez and Mr. Alvarez have not requested any services from the Department.

**VI. PROPOSED PERMANENCY/CASE PLAN GOAL AND PARENTING TIME (VISITATION) PLAN**

**A. Proposed permanency goal and target date.**

Family Reunification with a target date of 01/2025

**B. Proposed concurrent permanency goal and target date, if applicable.**

No concurrent case plan at this time.

**C. Current or proposed plan for parenting time (visitation) between the child and each of their parents, guardians or custodians.**

Visit Type	Freq	Start	End	Hours	Unit	For	With

**D. Describe the results of any visitation that has occurred between the child and a parent, guardian, or custodian since removal.**

The children will be provided weekly supervised visitation with their mother and significant other as well as their siblings. Israel will be provided weekly video calls with his father in Missouri which will be facilitated by his placement.

**VII. DCS SPECIALIST’S CONCLUSIONS**

The Department of Child Safety (DCS) respectfully requests that Miguel Luis Lopez-Rosa, Israel Jose Alvarez, and Jimena Maria Rosa be made wards of the court, committed to the care, custody, and control of the DCS. There are significant concerns surrounding Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez's ability to safely and appropriately parent due to physical abuse and substance use. Ms. Rosa has denied any physical abuse, however, Mr. Lopez has admitted to the physical abuse which resulted in Israel getting a cut on his face. Mr. Alvarez has failed to maintain normal parent-child relationship with his children. Miguel, Israel, and Jimena have been exposed to behaviors, conditions, and circumstances that they are powerless to manage. If the children were to be returned to the care of Ms. Rosa and Mr. Lopez at this time, they would be at substantial risk of harm or maltreatment.

**VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Agency:**

**It is respectfully recommended that Miguel Lopez-Rosa, Israel Alvarez, and Jimena Rosa be made a ward(s) of the court, committed to the care, custody, and control of the Arizona Department of Child Safety.**

**It is further respectfully recommended that \_\_\_\_\_ be placed in the physical custody of \_\_\_\_\_ with appropriate medical, social, and educational authorizations.**

**If the child is in out-of-state placement, it is further respectfully recommended that the court find that the out-of-state placement continues to be appropriate and in the best interest of the child.**

**B. Financial:**

**It is respectfully recommended that beginning \_\_\_\_\_, the parents listed below be assessed the following amounts on a monthly basis per child as the contribution towards the cost of foster care:**

\_\_\_\_\_ be assessed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly for each of the following children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ be assessed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly for each of the following children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ be assessed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly for each of the following children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ be assessed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly for each of the following children: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Reasonable Efforts Findings**

**It is respectfully recommended that the court find that the Arizona Department of Child Safety has made reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal and to make it possible for the child to safely return home.**

**If the child is an Indian child, it is further respectfully recommended that the court find that Arizona Department of Child Safety has made active efforts to provide remedial services and rehabilitative programs designed to prevent the breakup of the Indian family and that these efforts have proved unsuccessful.**

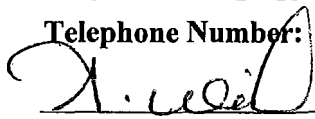
**If the child is an Indian child, it is further respectfully recommended that the court find that the continued custody of the child by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child.**

**It is further respectfully recommended that the court approve the proposed case plan.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Name/Title:** Monica Wright/ DCS Specialist  
**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY**

**Telephone Number:** (602) 701-3008



**DCS Specialist Signature**

01/09/2024

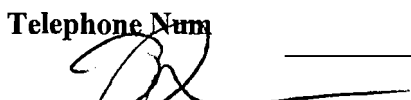
**Date**

**Approved by:**

**Name/Title:** Sandra Smith/ DCS Program  
Supervisor **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF**

**CHILD SAFETY**  
**Telephone Number:** (480) 377-2965

**Telephone Num**



**DCS Supervisor Signature**

01/09/2024

**Date**

## Contact Log

### CASA Information

**Contact made by:** Appointed CASA (You)

**Approved by:** Your County Coordinator

**JD Number:** JD2024000000

### Case Children:

Last Name	First Name	DOB	Age	CaseID
Rosa	Jimena Maria	10/07/2008	15 years	5550
Alvarez	Israel Alvarez	12/04/2019	4 years	5551
Rosa Lopez	Miguel Luise	12/28/2023	1month	5552

### Log Information

**Date:** 2/1/24

**Total Hours:** .5

**Person/Activity:** Israel Jose, Mindy & George Jacobson

**Money Spent:** 0.00

**Contact Type:** Visit

**Miles Driven:** 15

**Relationship to Child:** Placement

## Summary

I met Israel at his placement (Mindy & George Jacobson) home. I visited with Israel, Mindy, and George at the same time. I asked Mindy and George to stay in the living room with me and Israel to make him feel comfortable during our first visit. When I first arrived, Israel was running excitedly through the house. He was playing tag with Mindy & George's six-year-old son Leo. Once Mindy was able to settle Israel down enough for introductions, I got on his level and explained that I was a helper here to make sure his needs are met and that I would be writing to the judge on his behalf. Israel was quiet for a while and then asked me what the word judge meant. I explained that to him and then he started playing with his toy cars. I asked if I could join him, and he agreed. I asked him how he was feeling while we played with the cars, and he stated, "I miss my mommy, and sister".

Israel appeared clean and in good health. He was moving appropriately for a four-year-old child. As noted in the Rapid Response Assessment, his speech was hard to understand for a child his age. I followed up with the Jacobson's on whether services had been put in place for speech therapy. They verified the service provider had completed an evaluation and the first appointment was scheduled for 2.27.24.

Israel went from excited during the first part of our visit to visibly sad (as evidenced by a frown and teary eyes) at the end of our visit when we discussed how he missed his family. Israel did smile when I asked him how he liked staying at the Jacobson's. He said he loves playing with Leo. He also stated he did not like the new food he was eating.

I asked the Jacobson's if they were aware of any of the meals that Israel used to eat at his home. Mindy stated she would ask Israel about some of his favorite meals and ask the DCS worker more about some of his routines at home.

When I asked Mindy and George how they felt he was settling in they stated that he has cried everyday asking about his mother and siblings. They stated how glad they were that he had Leo to play with because that seemed to help. Mindy also stated that Israel had a physical last week and showed he was in good health. I scheduled another visit with Israel for 3/1/24.

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Rosa Lopez	Miguel Luise	12/28/2023	1 month	5552

### Log Information

**Date:** 2/2/24

**Total Hours:** .5

**Person/Activity:** Jimena Rosa and Lisa Jones

**Money Spent:** 0.00

**Contact Type:** Visit

**Miles Driven:** 15

**Relationship to Child:** Placement

## Summary

I met Jimena at her placement (Lisa Jones) home. I visited with Jimena for 15 minutes and spoke with her placement for 15 minutes. Jimena shared that she feels at home with Lisa. She feels comfortable settling back into her old room and the routines she got used to the last time she stayed here. She said that Lisa “just get’s me, unlike my mom”. She feels safe at Lisa’s and like she can “breathe”. She also talked about missing her brother a lot. She shared that she is used to taking care of him and keeping him safe. She stated looking forward to her upcoming sibling visit with her brothers. She also let me know that she had not heard about when visits were starting with her mom but that she was glad they had not started yet. She shared that if it was up to her, she would not have any visits with her mother. I let Jimena know I would follow up with DCS regarding when visits were starting with her mother.

I also asked Jimena about how things were going for her at her new school. Jimena stated she feels isolated at her new school. She does not know anyone there and sits alone at lunch. I asked what would make her feel less isolated and she stated, “having friends”.

I spoke with Lisa about how she felt Jimena was settling in. Lisa shared that “I just love Jimena she is like a daughter to me. She has had no problems settling in again.” I asked her when they would see her DCS case manager next. They are scheduled to see the case manager for a home visit on 3/15/24.

I also asked Lisa how she thought Jimena was adjusting to her new school, and Lisa shared that she had come home with puffy eyes like she had been crying several times last week. She is worried about how isolated Jimena is feeling at school. I mentioned that it may be a good idea to set up an appointment with the school social worker. We set a date for me to come visit again on 3/2/24.

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Alvarez	Israel Jose	12/04/2019	4 years	5551
Rosa Lopez	Miguel Luise	12/28/2023	1 month	5552

### Log Information

**Date:** 2/3/24

**Total Hours:** .5

**Person/Activity:** Miguel Rosa Lopez, Sandy & Bill Rogers

**Money Spent:** 0.00

**Contact Type:** Visit

**Miles Driven:** 10

**Relationship to Child:** Placement

## Summary

I met Miguel at his placement (Sandy and Bill Rogers) home. I asked Sandy and Bill how things were going with Miguel. Sandy stated that he was born with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS). She explained that the doctor had relayed that he was no longer showing acute withdrawal signs, but that he was still experiencing some sub acute withdrawal signs like frequent high-pitched crying, feeding difficulties, decreased sleep, muscle rigidity, gastrointestinal issues, and sensitivity to light. She also explained that for the first 18 days of life Miguel had been treated with morphine for the acute withdrawal signs but was now being cared for with recommended non-pharmacological interventions like skin to skin, keeping the lights dimmed, and swaddling. She shared feeling frustrated that visits had not started with his mother, and that she had not been able to accompany her during his scheduled doctor's visits. She reported needing to visit the doctor more frequently due to the continued monitoring of his condition. His next doctors visit is scheduled for 2/30/24. I told her that I would follow up regarding the start of his visits with his mother. I scheduled another visit with Miguel for 3/3/24.

## Contact Log

### CASA Information

**Contact made by:** Appointed CASA (You)

**Approved by:** Your County Coordinator

**JD Number:** JD2024000000

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### Log Information

**Date:** 2/8/24

**Total Hours:** .25

**Person/Activity:** Jimena, Israel, Miguel, Josefina Rosa,  
Jaime Lopez & Angie Adams

**Money Spent:** 0.00

**Contact Type:** Observed visit

**Miles Driven:** 18

**Relationship to Child:** Family & visitation supervisor

## Summary

I observed the first 15 minutes of the children's first visit with mom (Josefina Rosa) and mom's boyfriend Jaime Javier Lopez (father of Miguel). The visit was supervised by Angie Adams and occurred at the DCS office. Prior to the visit starting I arrived early to introduce myself to Josefina and Jaime. I let them both know that I am a Court Appointed Special Advocate which means that I am a volunteer who is appointed by a judge to help advocate for the best interest of their child. I explained that this means I would be visiting their child at least once a month, attending important meetings pertaining to their child's case and attending all court hearings. The visit was scheduled for 2 hours but I only observed the first 15 minutes to be respectful of their time as a family. I will request the visitation notes next month from the DCS case manager.

The visit started out with a lot of emotions. Israel cried as he hugged his mother and then hit her several times. Jimena refused to hug her mother and stood in the corner of the room furthest away from her. Miguel spent the entire 15 minutes engaging in a high-pitched cry. Mom kept motioning Jimena over and Jimena kept shaking her head no. Mom's boyfriend also kept telling Jimena to "come over and hug your mother". He raised his voice multiple times when he made this statement. Jimena turned her head away from Jaime and looked at the ground while he spoke to her.

Mom was unable to soothe Miguel during the first 15 minutes of the visit. Jaime raised his voice at Josefina and stated, "what's wrong with you, why can't you make him stop crying". Jimena eventually came over to hold Miguel and hug her brother Israel. She let mom know that Miguel had a full diaper. Mom changed Miguel's diaper but left him alone on the changing table to grab a diaper from her bag across the room. The visitation supervisor ran over to put a hand on Miguel, and let mom know that she needed to always keep her hands on him when he was on the changing table. Josefina apologized and stated that she could not think with all the crying.

About 10 minutes into the visit Israel started running around the room squealing asking Jimena to chase him. Jaime yelled "quit running" several times. Jimena refused to chase her brother. After a few minutes Israel stood next to his sister and asked if she had paper and crayons. Josefina asked the visit supervisor for paper and crayons. Jimena and Israel drew together while mom was trying to soothe Miguel. I left when mom indicated that she would try to breastfeed Miguel.

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### Log Information

**Date:** 2/15/24

**Total Hours:** .25

**Person/Activity:** Carrie Butler

**Money Spent:** 0

**Contact Type:** Email

**Miles Driven:** 0

**Relationship to Child:** DCS Case Manager

**Summary**

I emailed the DCS case manger Carrie Butler, after having previously left her a voice mail. I requested a copy of the DCS Investigators Report, and physicians' evaluation of Miguel. I will follow up again next week if I have not heard back.

## Contact Log

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### Log Information

**Date:** 3.2.24

**Total Hours:** 1

**Person/Activity:** Jimena Rosa /Lisa Jones

**Money Spent:** 0

**Contact Type:** Visit

**Miles Driven:** 15

**Relationship to Child:** Placement

## Summary

I met with Jimena for 45 minutes and her placement (Lisa) for 15 minutes. When I asked Jimena how she was doing, she stated "I feel like I can be myself here". She spoke about feeling accepted and understood by Lisa. She shared that she recently came out to her mother and that her mother told her she was confused and going through a phase. Her mother told her she is making a mistake by telling people about this lesbian phase she is going through. She advised her to stay silent about it. The mother did share the information with her boyfriend and this resulted in a violent incident. Jimena shared that he pinned her against the wall, shook her, and yelled in her face that he did not want any more talk about this lesbian thing under his roof. He also threatened her stating that if she knew what was good for her she would "just shut up". She emphatically stated she does not want to go back home to her mother and mother's boyfriend. She stated several times she does not feel safe there, and no longer wants to hide who she really is. I received permission from Jimena to include information about her sexuality in my contact notes and future court report. She stated she is now living openly.

I asked Jimena about her thoughts on how the visits with her mother and siblings were going. She shared feeling like she did not want to have anymore visits with her mother and only wanted to continue visits with her siblings. She shared feeling like her mother doesn't care about her, and won't be able to stay clean for long. She shared feeling like she never wanted to live with her mother again because she would never leave Jaime (mother's boyfriend). She also talked about how good it was to see her siblings and that she really looked forward to their next visit.

I asked Jimena about how school was going since we spoke last. She reported still feeling isolated but that she felt really cared about by Mrs. Hill her art teacher. She said, "I can really talk to her about how I am feeling". I also asked about how her meeting with the school social worker (Mrs. Collins) went and she reported that she seemed to really understand how important it was for her to get to be herself. She stated she would be open to meeting with her again if needed.

I asked Jimena about how counseling was going for her, and she shared that she felt like it was a waste of time. Jimena relayed that she felt like she was being pushed to do something that she did not want to do. She talked about how she was planning on staying silent the next session and not answering any of the questions the therapist asked her. Jimena stated "I may be forced to go, but they can't force me to talk."

I checked in with Lisa after Jimena and I wrapped up our conversation. I asked Lisa what her observations were of how Jimena was doing at home and at school. Lisa shared that Jimena was having a hard time passing her math tests and turning in her assignments. She shared that after visits with her mother Jimena seems really checked out and quiet. She had brought up to her that she wanted to stop visits with her mom. Lisa and I scheduled 4/5/24 as our next visit.