

Family Group Conference
November 4, 2008
Rutland, Vermont

AJ

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for immediate family, extended family and friends to meet together in order to develop a plan to support AJ in maintaining his home placement, being successful in school / community and avoiding unsafe / risky situations

Attendees:

AJ
Karen , mother
Dave , mother's boyfriend
Danielle , sister
Samantha , Danielle's partner
Donna , maternal grandmother
Jim , maternal step-grandfather
Jessica , sister
Michelle , aunt (Karen's sister)
Nicole , cousin (Michelle's daughter)
Glen , Nicole's (and Andrew's) friend
Rick , uncle (Karen's brother)
Connie , stepmother
Harmony , niece (infant)

Jayne Davidson, DCF Social Worker
Jackie Pells, DCF Supervisor
Tracy Gallipo, Poultney HS Guidance Counselor
Rita Rinehart, Guardian Ad Litem

Chris Dinnan, Coordinator / Facilitator

Non-negotiables / bottom lines as presented by DCF:

1. AJ can only live / reside at his mother's.
2. AJ needs to attend school regularly.
3. No overnights at others' home where there is no adult present.
4. No alcohol or drug use by AJ.
5. Family counseling (I.F.B.S., F.S.S., etc.) needs to continue to include the impact of drug & alcohol use on the family.

Safety Guidelines as prepared by family group and negotiated with DCF:

- As Danielle and Sam currently live in the same home as AJ, they will be AJ's first / primary family support after Karen. All will keep in touch with Jayne as is deemed necessary.
- AJ will refrain from behavior that will get him into trouble of any sort with either law enforcement or Karen.
- AJ will attend school on a regular basis, missing school only due to excused absences.
- AJ will abide by his curfew of 9:00 PM on weekdays and 10:00 PM on weekends.
- There will be no overnights during the school week.
- AJ will have adult supervision for any activities while in Rutland unless approved by Karen.
- In the case that AJ feels unsafe for any reason at Karen's home, he will immediately call: Donna, Danielle, and/or Aunt Shelly (Michelle).
- AJ will attend all meetings, counseling sessions and other activities as directed by Karen and/or DCF.
- AJ will abstain from drugs and alcohol at all times and will avoid situations where drugs and alcohol are present.
- AJ will follow all household rules as set by Karen. These include: no drugs or alcohol, follow curfew as noted above, do designated chores and be in bed by no later than 11 PM on school nights.