ADRIAN JONES (5/15/2008 - 9/28/2015)

S.A.F.E. REVIEW SUMMARY

This is a S.A.F.E. Review[[1]](#footnote-1) of the State of Kansas Department for Children and Family Services case files regarding Adrian Jones and his family from 2000-2014. The SAFE Review seeks to exam the information across four domains:

**Safety:** Did the agency address all the risk/safety issues?

**Analysis:** Did the agency completely investigate and assess all the pertinent information?

**Follow-up**: Did the agency provide adequate services to the family?

**Empower:**  Did the agency hold the parents accountable?

**SAFETY:** Did the agency address all the risk/safety issues? - NO

* + **None of the files provided by DCF under KORA reflected adequate risk and safety assessments.**
  + Threats presented: Parental (poly)substance use; maternal mental health; domestic violence; past abandonment; physical neglect; past medical neglect; physical abuse; lack of supervision; parenting difficulties; unstable living conditions; mother’s rights were terminated (2001 case); truancy; guns in the home; lengthy agency history; criminal history (mothers) and mental health concerns for Adrian. DCF workers failed to report suspicions that Adrian may have been sexually abused and they failed to report physical abuse against Adrian (black eye, cut lip, bruising and being choked)**.**
  + Adrian’s Vulnerabilities: by the time that Adrian was 3 years old (while living with his mother) he had been subjected to numerous reports involving neglect, lack of supervision, continued parental substance abuse and possible sexual abuse. He may have had a speech delay. In August 2011, Adrian was moved to his father’s home where he was further subjected to parental substance use, domestic violence, untreated parental mental health issues, danger from guns and physical abuse.

**Analysis:** Did the agency completely investigate and assess all the pertinent information? - NO

* None of the cases released through KORA reflected a thorough investigation.
* Agency history was not adequately reviewed or considered.
* No records were requested from Iowa, Virginia, Florida, or Maryland.
* Children were interviewed in front of parents; parents were interviewed in front of children.
* Workers failed to request or conduct timely forensic interviews.
* Workers left the children with identified perpetrators during investigations.
* Adrian was not listed on the Face sheet, located or interviewed in the abuse case in December 2012.
* No multidisciplinary staffing was conducted on the 2012 physical abuse case where law enforcement and medical staff were involved.
* Only two UA’s were requested; No random UA’s conducted.
* No random home visits conducted.
* Parents’ stories were not verified with corroborating evidence; parental stories were accepted at face value
* Statements made by the children and collateral contacts were ignored.
* DCF Social workers failed to report or investigate new allegations of abuse (suspicion of sexual abuse in 2011 and a black eye, split lip, facial/back bruises and choking allegation in 2012). Failure to report is a class B Misdemeanor.

**Follow-up**: Did the agency provide adequate services to the family? - NO

* No safety plan was enacted to address allegations of substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues and guns in the home in 2011.
* Family Preservation Services (FPS) were in place from December 27, 2012 to December 27, 2013:
  + No UA’s were requested;
  + No services addressing physical abuse documented.
  + No home visits were documented (all meetings occurred at dad’s office).
  + No services to address domestic violence were documented.
  + No preschool evaluation for Adrian documented
  + No documentation of therapy assessment for Adrian.
  + No services provided to the family after July 2013.
  + Heather complied with no services at all; dad participated in one-on-one parenting instruction.
* During the ***open*** DCF/Family Preservation Case, DCF received two new intakes
  + Feb 10, 2012: Allegations that Heather was back in the home and choking Adrian. This coincided with the exact time that dad failed to meet with FPS and moved to Oskaloosa. DCF workers did not conduct a thorough investigation, asked leading questions of the children and closed their case unsubstantiated.
  + On 12-06-12, it was alleged that both parents were beating the children until their butt’s bleed and there were pigs in the house. Adrian was not listed on the Face sheet as living at the home and DCF did not inquire of his whereabouts. Adrian was not located for an interview. Worker interviewed both parents together at their Oskaloosa home and parents denied all allegations. The case was closed unsubstantiated based on their report. Heather was 9 months pregnant at the time with Mike’s child. DCF did not mention the fact that Mike was still involved in an OPEN family preservation case where he agreed to keep Heather away.

**Empower:**  Did the agency hold the parents accountable? - NO

* The parents never admitted to having any problems.
* The parents never acknowledge that Adrian was a victim of abuse.
* The parents blamed each other.
* Heather blamed Adrian.
* Services were not adequate to address the problems.
* It appears that the parents lied and manipulated workers and workers were eager to believe the parents.
* The parents broke the safety plan created to keep Heather away from Adrian with the approval of DCF, even though Heather never completed any services through DCF or Family Preservation Services.

1. For more information about the S.A.F.E. Review process, please refer to [SAFE Consulting](http://www.safeconsulting.org) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)