

**KY SCOPE Case Study Discussion Group Feedback**

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Agency: PATHways

Tuesday, October 20: Monitoring Child Development

Summary of Findings

1. Some family/child strengths

• Established bond with safe adults

• Mother involved in treatment and wants services

• Mother has stable income through SSI

• Family support for children

* Maternal relationship and support from her mother
* Group attendance, open to advice
* DCBS involvement
* Kinship care versus foster care
* Mother’s ability to identify and verbalize goals
* Mother’s motivation and desire to parent
* Children placed together
* Children healthy and energetic
* Children bonded with mother/maternal grandmother
* Mom receiving prenatal care
* Mom keeps appointments

1. Describe factors that may have kept mom from progressing

* Relationship with father of children; likely not conducive to mom’s desire for change and growth
* Fear of losing visits with children if relationship with partner is severed
* Possible unhealthy environment for children at paternal grandparents
* Father of 1 year old and child in utero history of drug sales and use; abuse
* History of substance use/relapse
* Ongoing relationships with friends and family using substances

1. Strategies suggested

* OT evaluations for children
* Assess children for cortical vision impairment
* Housing resources for mother: section 8 if eligible
* Residential treatment, Sober Living, or Independent Living
* Family Planning
* Social Stories (see resources)
* Center based programs for children
* Co-parenting classes/education
* Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment for all three children- possibly in person for high risk children
* PCIT for mom/children
* Peer support for mom
* Parenting classes
* HANDS
* First Steps/Early Intervention
* Explore paternal family of 4 year old as resource
* The Nest for groups and services for mom
* Encourage new opportunities for mom to have sense of purpose, while boosting confidence if she decides to end relationship
* Maternal grandparents’ involvement in treatment as well as visits with kids
* Establish DCBS case plan if not in place
* Adult edication for mom to get GED if interested
* Coordinate meetings with mom and kin to coach child development and monitoring
* ASQ for children
* Nurturing parenting classes for mom
* Play therapy for children and teach mom techniques so she can implement at home

1. Resources, websites to share

* Housing
  + Freedom House
  + Center for Women & Children: Franklin County Center for Women and Children
  + Choose Well

930 Mary Street, Suite 307  
Louisville, KY 40204

<https://www.choose-well.org/>

[**info@choose-well.com**](mailto:info@choose-well.com)[**(502) 403-6605**](tel:+15024036605)

* Continued Emotional Support
  + StrongWell

iAmStrongWell.com

(859) 339-9404

* Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Support Facebook Group
* <https://www.nurturingparenting.com/>; contact ECC in area as they may provide this class or contact Karen Cottengim; currently provided virtually
* Literature
  + Social Stories by Julia Cook
  + How Does your Engine Run? (Leaders Guide) by Mary Sue Williams & Sherry Shellenberger
* Early Intervention & Educational Programs for women & children
  + Early Childhood Consultant (ECC)
  + http://www.kyhands.com/ for HANDS resource information
  + DCBS START
  + First Steps
  + <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/about/head-start> for Head Start information and locations
  + The Nest
  + <https://agesandstages.com/> for ASQ information

Note: this form modified for KY use by Caroline Gooden and Christine Hausman on 8-28-20 based on University of New Mexico ECHO model and University of Wyoming ECHO SCOPE materials