

### Stability Study – Terry Case

Age	Placement	Case Dynamics/Events
6		Indicated report of Inadequate Food. Relatives reported Terry's parents were selling their Link stipends for drugs. Investigator found no food in the home. Terry stated he often ate at paternal grandparents' home down the street. Intact Family Services case opened.
6.5		Father was eventually incarcerated. Paternal grandparents agreed to keep Terry while mother went into drug rehab. Mother left program without finishing. She got into an argument with the paternal grandfather when she came to get Terry. Mother took Terry and relocated to an unknown location. Intact Family Services closed case after being unable to locate the family for three months.
7		Indicated report of Inadequate Shelter. Mother, father and Terry resurfaced living in a neighboring town. Intact Family Service case opened again. Norman Funds were utilized to help them move out of a dilapidated building into adequate housing. Mother reentered drug rehab and completed it successfully.
8		Father incarcerated again and received 10 year sentence. Mother's health began to deteriorate. Her day to day care/parenting of Terry also began to deteriorate.
9	Denise Stevens, Maternal Aunt #1	Indicated report of Inadequate Supervision. Terry was placed with his maternal aunt, Denise Stevens.
10		Mother died, father already incarcerated; Ms. Stevens informed the social service agency that her sister, Cathy Brown, had expressed an interest in obtaining guardianship of Terry. Ms. Stevens stated that she would rather he go with her sister, Cathy, in Kentucky because she (Denise) is going through some life changes and does not feel she would be the appropriate caretaker for Terry at this time in his life.
11	Cathy Brown, Maternal Aunt #2	Terry lived with maternal aunt, Cathy Brown, for 115 days. It ended because he did not fully accept living in the other state and had asked to return to Illinois in order to be closer to his grandmother and cousins. He had some behavior problems as well that might have influenced decision-making.

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11.4	Sheila Dunn, Maternal Aunt #3	Terry then lived with Sheila Dunn, yet another maternal aunt, but his behavior problems escalated at both home and school. During this time he alleged that Sheila put a rag in his mouth. Respite services were offered. The caregiver requested a change, but the caseworker also had concerns about the caregiver, although the caregiver is listed as having four strengths on our strengths checklist.
11.5	Etta Smith, Maternal Aunt #4	Terry was then placed temporarily (one month) with a fourth maternal aunt, Etta Smith, during which there was an indicated report of Substantial Risk of Injury.
12	Sharon Hall, Maternal Aunt #5	Terry went to live with Sharon Hall, a fifth maternal aunt, where he stayed for more than 1½ years (593 days). He continued to have behavior problems and was suspended from school. The aunt requested a change, and the caseworker was not able to maintain the placement when Terry was not willing to apologize for recent behaviors and told the aunt and the worker that he wanted to be moved, even if it meant ending up in a residential placement.
13.6	Denise Stevens, Maternal Aunt #1	Terry then went back to the maternal aunt he had originally been placed with and stayed there for 187 days. There is no information on this placement except that he was suspended from school again.
14	Adams foster home	Terry was placed in foster care, but left the Adams foster home after 24 days at the Adams' request. He had walked out of the foster home and shortly afterward, the foster family received threatening phone calls from his kin insisting that he return to a kin home.
14.1	Short-term adolescent shelter (group home)	Terry then went to what was apparently a short-term adolescent shelter or group home for a couple of days.

Afterwards, Terry continued to bounce between maternal relatives and short stays (three days or less each time) at the adolescent shelter. The relatives were challenged by his behavior issues, but often would take him back. However after a few days they would request his removal. This pattern went on for a year or so until he started delinquent behavior. The delinquent behavior escalated and now at age 15, he is in a detention center.

A goal of subsidized guardianship was initially established with maternal aunt, Denise Stevens, but she changed her mind. A goal of adoption was at least discussed with maternal aunt, Sharon Hall, but Terry did not want to be adopted. Independence was the goal at the end of data collection.

There is no record of psychiatric diagnosis or special needs.

Terry's first CAYIT took place during his placement with Aunt Sheila Dunn and was triggered by multiple moves. Attending were the child, caseworker, supervisor, an educational liaison and a court appointed special advocate (CASA: a volunteer advocate for the child in the court system). The CAYIT recommended staying in the same placement. The CAYIT recommended individual therapy, SOC referral and continuation in the same placement.

Terry's second CAYIT, also triggered by the multiple moves, occurred six months later during his stay with Etta Smith. The child, foster parents, caseworker and supervisor attended. Recommendations were for educational follow-up, supervision to deal with crime and delinquency issues, and life skills assessment. The CAYIT also recommended remaining in the same placement.