

Parsons/Masters Assessment/Investigation Details

Children

- Jade Masters is 7 years old.
- Jacoby Masters is 6 years old.

Adults/Caregivers

- Sherry Parsons is Jade and Jacoby's biological mother.
- John Parsons is Jade and Jacoby's step-father.

Information

- Sherry and John are married.
- Jade and Jacoby have different fathers. John is not the father of either child.
- Sherry and John have a physically violent relationship. They have had arguments that have resulted in the involvement of law enforcement.

3/26/10 Physical Abuse Screened In

This report began the agency's episode of involvement for this case.

- **Allegation Information:**
John was punching and choking Sherry at home in front of the children. Jade called the police to come and help her mom. The police arrested and charged John for domestic violence. A civil protection order was issued for Sherry and her children.
- The caseworker went to the home to meet with Sherry, Jade and Jacoby.
- Jade shared that she was afraid when John started hitting Sherry in the face and was on top of her on the floor. Jacoby tried to get John off of Sherry because he was hurting her. Jade called the police because John would not stop and Sherry was yelling for help. Jade and Jacoby said they are afraid when John yells and breaks things. They don't like it when John calls them names. John yells at them a lot and will call them names like stupid, idiot or brats. They only get to have their cousins come over and play if John is not home. John does not like it when other people come over. John does not hit or spank Jade or Jacoby. He tried to spank Jacoby with a belt one time for leaving toys outside overnight, but Sherry stopped him.
- Sherry shared that this is the first time something like this has happened with John. He will sometimes yell at the kids, but it's just because he isn't use to having kids around yet. Sherry shared that John had been out with friends earlier in the day and had a few drinks. She doesn't like these friends and think they may have pressured him to drink whiskey. John gets mean when he drinks whiskey. She talked with John's mom on the phone today. John's mom says that John is really sorry and she also thinks that John acted like this because of the whiskey.
- The caseworker contacted the prosecutor's office regarding John's pending domestic violence charges and asked if a protection order could be obtained for the children so that John can not have contact with them.

5/1/10 Physical Abuse Screened In

A second report was received shortly after the case was opened for ongoing services.

○ **Allegation Information:**

John and Sherry had a physical altercation at a local drinking establishment. Sherry was seriously injured and hospitalized. John was arrested.

- The caseworker went to the hospital to meet with Sherry. Sherry has a broken nose, fractured skull, concussion and two black eyes. She will be staying in the hospital for at least tonight and possibly a few days for observation. Sherry said that the children are with her mother (Patty Parsons) and would like for the kids to stay there until she is out of the hospital. The caseworker asked Sherry if she would be willing to agree to a safety plan for the children to stay with Mrs. Parsons until more is learned about whether John will remain in jail and Sherry recovers. Sherry agreed for the children to stay with Mrs. Parsons temporarily, but assured the caseworker that John would not be returning to her home or around the children. Sherry called Mrs. Parsons while the caseworker was at the hospital and made arrangements for the caseworker to go and meet her and the children.

- The caseworker went to Mrs. Parsons home and met with her, Jade and Jacoby. Patty Parsons said she thinks that John was staying at the house again with Sherry and the kids. Sherry received a phone call from a friend saying that John was at the bar and drinking. Sherry went to the bar to try to stop John from drinking and return home. Sherry brought the kids to Patty on the way to the bar. Patty agreed to keep the kids, but tried to talk Sherry out of going. She was afraid that something like this might happen because John has a temper when he is drinking. Patty said that Sherry drinks when she is with John and she just does not like it. Sherry didn't do that kind of thing until John came around.

She said that Sherry is a good mom and loves her kids very much. She said that Sherry would never do anything to hurt her kids, but John just gets out of control and is a bad influence on her. Patty agreed to sign the safety plan for the children to stay with her while Sherry is in the hospital and while the caseworker learns more about whether John will be getting out of jail.

- Jade and Jacoby shared that they like visiting their grandmother and sometimes come and visit her overnight. Patty had already told the children that Sherry was in the hospital. They expressed that they are worried about her and grandma is going to take them to visit mom tomorrow. Jade and Jacoby both said that John was staying at the house with them. They confirmed that sometimes Sherry and John do drink beer. They don't like it when they drink because she acts different. Jade sometimes makes breakfast for Jacoby because Sherry and John don't wake up in the morning. Jade said that she likes to make breakfast, but sometimes John gets mad that she made a mess in the kitchen. Jade doesn't want John to get mad at Sherry, but sometimes the mess in the kitchen is from the day before and not from breakfast.