

## SAFETY ASSESSMENT DETAIL

Case Name: Maria Collins(2) Agency: IHS Training  
 Case ID #: 2686016 Caseworker Name: User Training01  
 Safety Assessment ID #: 897309 Safety Assessment Status: Approved

## INTAKE INFORMATION

INTAKE ID #	DECISION DATE/TIME	INTAKE CATEGORY	INTAKE TYPE(S)	AGENCY
5507684	04/16/2015 07:05 PM	CA/N Report	Neglect	IHS Training

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

*List each child in the family and his/her date of birth. Indicate which child(ren) is/are the Alleged Child Victim(s)/Child Subject of Report(s). List parent(s) or caretaker(s) and other adult(s) in the family and their relationship to the child(ren). Identify the type(s) of contact(s) made with all members of the family.*

## CHILDREN IN FAMILY

ACV/CSR	CHILD NAME(S)	DOB	AGE	GENDER	CONTACT TYPE	CONTACT DATE
Yes	Donald Collins	03/16/2010	6	Male	Face-to-Face	04/22/2015
Yes	Sara Collins	01/01/1999	17	Female	Face-to-Face	04/22/2015

## ALL ADULTS IN FAMILY

ADULT NAME(S)	DOB -- AGE	GENDER	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD(REN)	CONTACT TYPE	CONTACT DATE
Maria Collins(2)	04/01/1980 36	Female	Biological Mother (Sara) Biological Mother (Donald)	Face-to-Face	04/22/2015
Louis Collins	02/01/1989 27	Male	Biological Father (Donald) Biological Father (Sara)	Face-to-Face	04/22/2015

## NEXT STEPS

*For those adults and/or children in the family who were not contacted for the Safety Assessment, explain the next steps for contact.*

All adults were contacted.

## SECTION 2: SAFETY FACTORS

*Mark the response to each safety factor and include a brief statement to support the response. The response should be made based on information available at the time of the Safety Assessment. A "YES" response would indicate there is some credible information to support the safety factor and a "NO" response would indicate there is a lack*

*of credible information.*

#	SAFETY FACTOR	RESPONSE
1	<b>A child has received serious, inflicted physical harm.</b> <b>Explain:</b> Donald and Sara have not received serious injuries of any kind.	No
2	<b>Caretaker has not, cannot or will not protect the child from potential serious harm, including harm from other persons having familial access to the child.</b> <b>Explain:</b> Maria is very upset about the recent incident, and has been cooperative with the agency in making a plan to keep Donald and Sara safe. Louis has also been cooperative with the agency and admits to his drinking being out of control.  Louis cannot protect Sara and Donald because he cannot control his alcohol use. Louis drank to the point of passing out and required medical attention to be revived while he was the only responsible adult available to supervised the children.  Maria has been aware that Louis is drinking while the only adult available to supervise Donald and Sara, but she has not found alternative caretakers. Maria made several statements about it being Louis' responsibility to care for the children since she is working, and she seems to ignore the fact that the children are in danger if Louis is intoxicated and has responsibility for the children.	Yes
3	<b>Caretaker or other persons having access to the child had made a credible threat which would result in serious harm to a child.</b> <b>Explain:</b> No credible threats have been made against Donald or Sara.	No
4	<b>The behavior of any member of the family or other person having access to the child is violent and/or out of control.</b> <b>Explain:</b> Individual interviews with Sara, Donald, Maria, and Louis provide no indication that any family member's behavior is violent. Louis' behavior is out of control. He is unable to control his alcohol consumption, which makes him unable to supervise Donald or Sara. Louis drinks to intoxication while the children are in his sole care.	Yes
5	<b>Acts of family violence pose an immediate and serious physical and/or emotional danger to the child.</b> <b>Explain:</b> There is no violence within the family that is presenting concerns for anyone's safety. This assessment is based upon interviews with each family member, observations, and police records searches.	No
6	<b>Drug and/or alcohol use by any member of the family or other person having access to the child suggests that the child is in immediate danger of serious harm.</b> <b>Explain:</b> Louis' alcohol use has prevented him from protecting Donald and Sara or providing them with basic care and supervision. There is no indication that other family members misuse alcohol or other substances	Yes
7	<b>Behavior(s) of any member of the family or any person having access to the child is symptomatic of mental or physical illness or disability that suggest the child is in immediate danger of serious harm.</b> <b>Explain:</b> Maria is physically healthy. Louis experienced a debilitating leg injury when Sara was young, which is why he is not working consistently. It does not prevent him from caring and interacting with Sara and Donald. According to Louis and Maria, Louis and Maria have not been diagnosed with an mental health disorders. They did not display any behaviors that would indicate emotional concerns preventing them from caring for Donald and Sara.	No

**8      Caretaker is unwilling or unable to meet the child's immediate needs for sufficient supervision, food, clothing, and/or shelter to protect child from immediate danger of**      **Yes**

#	SAFETY FACTOR	RESPONSE
	<p><b>serious harm.</b>  <b>Explain:</b> Louis was unable to supervise Donald due to being unconscious the afternoon of 4/16/2015 when he was directly responsible for Donald's immediate care and supervision. Louis would not have been available to provide care for Sara either, but she is less vulnerable than her brother and she does not require his direct supervision. Maria states she is willing and able to protect her children; however, she has been in denial about the impact of Louis' drinking. Thus Maria has not arranged for an alternative caretaker to provide supervision for Sara and Donald while she works. Maria works from 2:30 pm to 12:30 am four days a week at a factory through a temporary placement agency. She is unavailable to provide direct care for her children during these times.</p>	
9	<p><b>Household environmental hazards suggest that the child is in immediate danger of serious harm.</b>  <b>Explain:</b> The caseworker has observed the inside of the home and outside areas. There are no hazards to the children's safety.</p>	No
10	<p><b>Any member of the family or other person having access to the child describes or acts toward the child in predominantly or extremely negative terms and/or has extremely unrealistic expectations of the child.</b>  <b>Explain:</b> Louis and Maria speak highly of their children. Louis and Maria do have the unrealistic expectation that Sara provide care for Donald if Louis is incapacitated due to alcohol consumption. Initially, Louis and Maria were angry that Sara was not caring for Donald at the time when the reported incident occurred. Although the caseworker challenged the idea that it is realistic for Sara to care for Donald if Louis happens to be intoxicated, it is unclear if the family has accepted this as unrealistic.</p>	Yes
11	<p><b>The family refuses access to the child or there is reason to believe the family will flee.</b>  <b>Explain:</b> Louis and Maria allowed the caseworker to interview Donald and Sara. they also provided permission for the caseworker to interview them later at school.</p>	No
12	<p><b>Caretaker has an unconvincing or insufficient explanation for the child's serious injury or physical condition.</b>  <b>Explain:</b> Donald and Sara have not suffered any serious injury requiring explanation.</p>	No
13	<p><b>Caretaker is unwilling or unable to meet the child's immediate and serious physical or mental health needs.</b>  <b>Explain:</b> Louis and Maria state that Sara and Donald have not been diagnosed with any serious physical or mental health needs, and the caseworker has not observed any behaviors that would indicate otherwise. Collateral checks with school personnel indicate Sarah and Donald to be typical children for their grades.</p>	No
14	<p><b>Child sexual abuse/sexual exploitation is suspected and circumstances suggest that the child may be in immediate danger of serious harm.</b>  <b>Explain:</b> No report or indication of sexual abuse were made during interviews with all family members. All family members were interviewed alone.</p>	No
15	<p><b>Other Safety Factors (specify)</b>  <b>Explain:</b> No other safety factors were observed.</p>	No

#### FURTHER ASSESSMENT

*Safety Factors Identified as Needing Further Assessment:*

*Describe, if necessary, the plans for further assessment of any unknown information regarding any safety factors.*

### SECTION 3: HISTORICAL INFORMATION

NAME(S)	DOB	INTAKE ID/CATEGORY/TYPE	DISPOSITION DATE	REPORT DISPOSITION
Sara Collins	01/01/1999	5495686 CA/N Report Neglect	05/14/2015	Alternative Response
Sara Collins	01/01/1999	5527684 CA/N Report Physical Abuse	01/10/2016	Unsubstantiated
Louis Collins	02/01/1989	5527684 CA/N Report Physical Abuse	01/10/2016	Unsubstantiated
Maria Collins(2)	04/01/1980	5527684 CA/N Report Physical Abuse	01/10/2016	Unsubstantiated
Maria Collins(2)	04/01/1980	5495686 CA/N Report Neglect	05/14/2015	Alternative Response
Donald Collins	03/16/2010	5527684 CA/N Report Physical Abuse	01/10/2016	Unsubstantiated
Donald Collins	03/16/2010	5495686 CA/N Report Neglect	05/14/2015	Alternative Response
Louis Collins	02/01/1989	5495686 CA/N Report Neglect	05/14/2015	Alternative Response

*Describe if the caretaker or other person having access to the child has or may have previously seriously abused or neglected a child. Also describe if any child in the household has previously been seriously abused and/or neglected.*

A SACWIS records check indicates the family has no history with children's services.

### SECTION 4: CHILD VULNERABILITY

*Describe how each child's age, physical, intellectual and social development, emotional/behavioral functioning, role in the family and ability to protect him/herself contribute to or decrease the likelihood of serious harm.*

Sara:

Physical: Sara has contact with several people outside of the family system and is able to report abuse or neglect. Sara depends on adults to provide for her safety and basic needs. Sara is able to go to a nearby friends home for help, but she would not be able to prevent someone physically striking or restraining her.

Emotional: Sara has a good relationship with her mother and reports having a lot of friends at school. Sara is angry about her dad's drinking, but she is able to regulate her emotions well in most settings. Sara is very loyal to her family and although she has the ability to report maltreatment she chose not to disclose her dad's drinking to protect her family and avoid embarrassment. While she has a lot of emotional supports in the community she has felt isolated and unable to see support.

Cognitive: Sara is able to recognize and understand the problems in her family, which is why she is angry with her

parents. She also feels powerless to do anything to change her situation or her family's situation.

Behavioral: Sara is well behaved at school and at home. Her parents describe her as smart and very helpful.

Donald

Physical- Donald is only five years old and depends upon adult caregivers to provide for all of his needs. Donald would be unable to remove himself from dangerous situations or protect himself from abuse.

Emotional- Donald has a very strong relationship with his sister, and the caseworker observed them playing together during the initial home visit. Caseworker also observed Donald following directives from his mother, and Donald went to both of them when he needed things

Cognitive: Donald does not recognize his father's drinking and not being available to supervise him as neglectful. Donald is happy to go outside and play on his own, and he does not recognize the need for adults to protect him.

Behavioral- Donald is brave and adventurous, and he is not scared to go off on his own. Donald has a lot of energy and was observed to be running and playing actively throughout the visit. This description is also in line with reports from the school regarding Donald's behavior.

## SECTION 5: PROTECTIVE CAPACITIES

***What strengths and resources does the family have that can reduce, control, and/or prevent threats of serious harm? How does the family utilize these protective capabilities to ensure child safety? Include the consideration of each caretaker's cognitive, emotional and behavioral abilities available to protect a child.***

Maria

Cognitive- Maria understands Sarah and Donald's needs. She talks about how she wants Sarah to have the ability to go out with her friends, and to have a normal teenage experience. However, she also stated that she feels like Sarah should have been home taking care of Donald because Sarah knows that her father needs her help. When asked about these two opposing points of view; Maria stated that what she wants for Sarah and what reality are two different things. Maria understands that Donald is too young to protect himself, and she recognizes that he requires close supervision. Maria presents as being very protective of Donald and stated that she hates that her work causes her to miss so much of his life. However, Maria is the only source of income for the family, and she must continue working in order to provide for the children's basic needs. Maria states that she knows Sara cannot be responsible for supervising and meeting Donald's needs, but acknowledges that she has expected her to "watch out for" Donald.

Behavioral- Maria works long hours in order to provide for her family. She interacts with both of her children when she is at home with them, and provides Donald with the supervision he need. Maria has not found alternative caregivers to provide supervision for Sara and Donald despite knowing that Louis becomes intoxicated when caring for the children. Maria has rules about how far Sara can travel to friend's house in the neighborhood and has expectations that Sara call when she arrives at the residence and when she is coming home. However they have no way to enforce this rule or follow up with Sara.

Emotional- Maria has a strong bond with Donald and Sarah. Both children were observed seeking support from her during the initial home visit. Maria told the caseworker that she loved her children very much, and she also told Donald and Sarah that she loved them directly. Maria is very upset about Louis' alcohol use and states she has no idea what to do. Maria has been in denial about how Sara and Donald are affected by Louis' substance use

Louis

Cognitive- Louis understands that Donald needs supervision and depends on adults to provide for his basic needs. When confronted he recognizes that his drinking is preventing him from meeting Donald's needs. During the interview, Louis blamed Sarah several times for not being home to watch Donald. Louis also says he knows that Sara cannot supervise Donald, but acknowledges that he often does not know where Sara is and he loses track of Donald.

Behavioral- Louis is not able to control his alcohol use, which prevents him from being able to supervise and care for Donald. While intoxicated he is also unavailable to care for Sarah. With Maria working second shift, Louis is the primary caretaker four days a week.

Emotional- Louis states that he loves his children. He is upset that he has had a lot of conflict with Sarah lately, and he is unsure what he can do about it. Louis feels like Donald takes all of his energy, and he has little time to spend with Sarah. Donald asked his dad for help several times during the caseworkers initial visit and tried to engage Louis in play several times. It appears they have a strong bond. Louis explained to the caseworker that he has been feeling very "down" for the past several months, and he usually drinks when he is feeling upset. The conflict between he and Sarah has made him feel worse, and he stated that he often feels hopeless.

An active safety threat is present and needs to be controlled. Louis is the primary caretaker four days a week and he is unable to control his alcohol consumption, which makes him unavailable to provide direct supervision. While Maria and Louis express some ambivalence about Sarah's responsibility and ability to care for Donald while Louis is intoxicated, they maintain some degree of unrealistic expectation that she is responsible for Donald's care.

### SECTION 6: SAFETY RESPONSE

*Check the appropriate safety response box below. This decision should be based on the assessment of all available information related to the identified safety factors, vulnerabilities of the child(ren) and family's protective capacities.*

***For all children assessed, there are no current active safety threats present OR the protective capacities of the family are controlling any identified threats:***

Safe

***For at least one child, the protective capabilities of the family cannot manage currently active safety threats; therefore, one or more of the following responses are necessary:***

In-Home Safety Plan

Out-of-Home Safety Plan

Legally Authorized Out-of-Home Placement

***If more than one safety response is indicated, explain to whom each safety response applies and why. If a safety response is needed, identify any children not included in the safety plan or out-of-home placement and explain why their protection from immediate danger of serious harm is not necessary.***

Sarah is 16 years-old and has good decision making. Sarah remains in communication with Maria to gain permission to go out with her friends and do after school activities. Sarah does not require the same level of supervision and care as Donald and therefore is not in immediate danger of serious harm.

### SECTION 7: SIGNATURES

**Caseworker Name:** User Training01

**Supervisor Name:** User Training01



**Date:** 12/04/2016

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*Supervisor comments regarding the safety assessment, decision and/or plan (optional):*

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES  
 COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PLANNING MODEL - I.S.  
 ODJFS 01409 SAFETY PLAN**

**SECTION 1: SAFETY PLAN DETAILS**

Case Name: Collins(2) Maria Agency: IHS Training  
 Case ID #: 2686016 Worker: Training01, User  
 Safety Plan ID #: 4075724 Supervisor:  
 Safety Plan Status: Effective-Finalized Effective Date: 04/22/2015

**ASSOCIATED WORK**

Safety Assessment ID #: 897309 Safety Response(s): In Home SP  
 Approval Date: 12/04/2016

**SAFETY PLAN PARTICIPANTS**

CHILD(REN) NAME(S)	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	GENDER
Donald Collins	03/16/2010	6	Male
PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN NAME(S)	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	GENDER
Maria Collins(2)	04/01/1980	36	Female
Louis Collins	02/01/1989	27	Male

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SAFETY PLANS**

This safety plan is a specific agreement to help ensure your child(ren)'s safety. Your decision to sign this safety plan is voluntary. The custody of your child(ren) does not change under this safety plan. Children Services is here to help you protect your child(ren) when you may not be able to do it on your own.

Signing this safety plan shows your agreement to follow the safety plan. You will be notified by the caseworker when the safety plan ends. The safety plan may also be changed if new or different activities are necessary.

You must contact your caseworker immediately if you decide that you will not or cannot continue following the plan. If you cannot or will not continue following the plan, Children Services may have to take other action(s) to keep your child(ren) safe.

You may contact Training01, User at if you have any questions about this safety plan.

Parent/Guardian/Custodian(s) read or was read "Important Information About Safety Plans".

YES Parent/Guardian/Custodian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2: SAFETY PLAN ACTIVITIES**

**ACTION STEP #: 1**

*Identify the safety threats and serious harm from which the child(ren) needs protection:*

Louis is the primary caretaker four days a week and he is unable to control his alcohol consumption, which makes him unavailable to provide direct supervision and assure Donald and Sara's basic needs are met.

*Describe the specific activity(ies) necessary to protect the child(ren):*

ACTIVITY(IES)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PHONE
1 Linda Jones will check every day to determine if Maria is working or has plans to be out of the home. Linda will contact the agency caseworker if she identifies that Maria is unavailable to supervise the children and has not notified her.	Linda Jones	(123) 465-7891
2 Linda Jones will ensure Donald and Sara are supervised, have access to food, safe shelter and their basic needs are met when Maria is at work, or unavailable to care for	Linda Jones	(123) 465-7891

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ACTIVITY(IES)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PHONE
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them.

*Explain how each activity will control the occurrence of serious harm:*

When Linda supervises and provides for the basic needs of Donald and Sara they will have safe supervision and their basic needs met at all times.

**MONITORING PLAN**

How will the activity(ies) be monitored?	How often will the activity(ies) be monitored?	Who will monitor the activity(ies)?
Through face-to-face and telephone contact with Louis, Donald, Sara, Maria and Linda.	Face-to-face will occur weekly in the Collins home at unannounced times.  Telephone contact will be as routine as necessary to assess and ensure children are supervised.	Caseworker

**SECTION 3: VERBAL APPROVAL/SIGNATURES**

*Any questions I had about this safety plan were answered by Children Services. I understand and agree to follow the safety plan and have received a copy of the plan.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN & RESPONSIBLE PARTY SIGNATURES	SIGNATURES	SIGNATURE RECEIVED	DATE PROVIDED
Maria Collins(2)	_____	Yes	04/22/2015
Louis Collins	_____	Yes	04/22/2015
Linda Jones	_____	Yes	04/22/2015
Linda Jones	_____		
Supervisor	_____		
User Training01	_____		