

In early August Marie Belanger, teaching support worker began working with the parents. She was to meet with them twice a week for about two hours. Also access visits increased to twice a week for two hours. By mid August access visits were again increased to longer duration and began to take place at the parents' home. In the last week in August Phoenix had two overnight visits with her parents in the family home.

(b) Record of contact

This worker has had regular contact with Phoenix, I visited with her every week before her access visits at the agency office. This worker also had regular telephone contact with her foster mother.

(c) Brief History of Agency Involvement

The Agency appears to have a history of involvement with Samantha Kematch, dating back to July 1998, when her son, [REDACTED] was born. At that time, the family was referred to our Agency from Cree Nation CFS, with whom Samantha was a Permanent Ward. They had serious concerns about Samantha's ability to parent as she had kept her pregnancy a secret, she had received no prenatal care and she had been resistant to any kind of assistance. Winnipeg CFS apprehended [REDACTED] on their behalf and he was eventually transferred to Cree Nation CFS.

It is important to note that Steve Sinclair became a Permanent Ward with Winnipeg Child & Family Services when he was 13 and he remained in the care of this Agency until attaining the age of majority. At this point Steve's biological mother's file ([REDACTED] File #935858) was closed and his CIC file was sealed. He has been resistant to allowing the workers to review his file. However his previous worker is Kathy Epps, at the Jarvis office, and she may be able to share any information she can recall. He did advise that his experiences in Agency care have prompted him to parent his child so that Phoenix might escape similar experiences.

Brief History of Cree Nation CFS Involvement with Samantha

Samantha had been a Permanent Ward of Cree Nation CFS since 1993, when she was apprehended from her mother due to issues of alcoholism, neglect, abandonment and abuse. Samantha's years in the care of that Agency were fraught with difficulties for her, in that she was often AWOL from placements, involved in criminal activities, sexually promiscuous, didn't attend school, was hostile and aggressive and generally had difficulties following any rules. Cree Nation CFS made attempts to place Samantha in a Level IV setting due to these behaviors, and she was eventually placed in an Independent Living program supervised by MacDonald Youth Services.