



PARENT AIDE

SUCCESS STORY

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Our Parent Aide program provides supervised visitation, one on one skill sessions, and documentation to parents whose children are in DCS custody. Parent Aides work with these families to resolve the situations that cause removal. Here is one of our success stories!

When our PA services began, one mother was estranged from her parents, who had custody of her children. During the first visitation, our PA noticed the mother was strict and followed through with discipline; however, that meant the children spent most of their time in time-out, screaming and crying. Our PA chose to utilize the Positive Parenting curriculum with the mother and encouraged her to begin journaling and writing letters to her parents about her feelings. Reportedly, this practice helped her process many emotions and improved their relationship.

The mother and Grandma began co-parenting the children, making sure the children had similar consequences. After only a few weeks of co-parenting, everyone noticed the children's improved behavior. The mother watched her children play and saw the positive things they were doing instead of looking for misbehaviors. Visitations began to include a lot of positive reinforcement and playtime, and the mother was also successful in completing her skill sessions. She took notes and absorbed all of the information provided. Our PA was able to close this family out successfully. The DCS Specialist was pleased to see these positive results and the completion of her services and is now helping the mother find appropriate housing for reunification!

