



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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The PSRT Appeal Process

- If the alleged perpetrator requests a hearing, PSRT conducts an independent and impartial review of the investigation. Each request for hearing received from an alleged perpetrator shall be screened for timeliness and legal eligibility. If the request meets the legal standards, the PSRT Regional Review Specialist shall contact the DCS Specialist and Program Supervisor to request any necessary information or documentation not contained in Guardian. This correspondence shall include the Program Manager if requested in writing.
- The PSRT Regional Review Specialist shall complete the review within 60 days due to legal mandates whether or not the requested documentation was provided.
- If PSRT is unable to support the finding, they will notify the applicable specialist, supervisor and manager who was involved in the investigation. The email will explain why the finding cannot be supported in an administrative hearing. If the outcome of the review is a recommendation to amend the finding, the investigation team is responsible for entering an unsubstantiated allegation in order for PSRT to close their appeal case. The investigation team may request a case conference to further discuss or provide additional support.

Protective Services Review Team Finding Statement Examples

Examples of Abuse Finding Statements

Physical Abuse:

- On or about March 4, 2020, John Smith abused Jimmy Smith, age 11 months, while the child was in his care as the child sustained a subdural hematoma, fractured ribs, and retinal hemorrhaging. The injuries were diagnosed as non-accidental trauma and Abusive Head Trauma, which resulted in Jimmy's death.
- On or about September 29, 2020, Joe Jones abused Jane Jones, age 2, while the child was in his care as the child sustained multiple bruise injuries to both eyes, her left temple area, both ears, and her left facial cheek, and suffered fractured ribs. The injuries were diagnosed as non-accidental.
- On or about December 13, 2020, Jane Smith abused Sean Smith, age 13, when she spanked him with a paddle causing bruise injuries to his buttocks.
- On or about February 3, 2021, Joe Jones abused Sally Jones when he hit her with a shoe causing Sally to sustain an abrasion on her neck, as well as swelling to her forehead and the back of her head.
- On or about January 8, 2022, Joe Smith abused Tom Smith, age 13, when he hit Tom with a metal rod causing him to sustain welt injuries and a bleeding laceration on his lower back.
- On or about December 20, 2021, Hal Jones abused Jamie Jones when he held her down in a tub of hot water causing the child to sustain burn injuries on her buttocks, thighs and lower back as well as bruise injuries on her rib cage area.
- On or about September 6, 2020, Joe Smith abused Joan Smith, age 7, when he struck the child with his hand resulting in the child sustaining a bruise and soft tissue swelling on her cheek.
- On or about June 12, 2020, Jane Jones abused Sara Jones, age 8, when she tied the child to a bed causing Sara to sustain bruise injuries to both ankles.
- On or about November 18, 2020, Jane Doe abused Hope Doe, age 1, when she burned the child with a cigarette causing Hope to sustain burn injuries on her neck, ankle, foot, and lip.
- From January 28, 2021, through February 20, 2021, Jane Jones abused Joshua Jones, age 3, when she locked him in his bedroom 24 hours a day and fed him only and water, which caused Joshua to suffer with extreme weight loss and to be diagnosed as Non-Organic Failure to Thrive.

Finding statements are not limited to these examples. You are able to create your own as it applies to the investigated incident. PSRT staff are available to assist with creating a statement as well by phone at our Internal Questions Line – 602-255-2686, email and TEAMS.

Tips:

- Scratches, marks and red marks are not injuries as defined by statute, and must not be proposed for substantiation if that is the only injury.
- An injury described or observed as a scratch by police or other professionals may also be an abrasion or laceration.

- From June 20, 2020, through November 30, 2020, Janet Smith abused Jane Smith, age 5, when she periodically fed the child rat poison, which made her chronically ill and resulted in Jane's death.
- On or about January 10, 2021, Sally Smith abused Johnny Smith, age 3, when she allowed her significant other to hit the child with a belt multiple times on his back and buttocks, causing the child to sustain welts to his back and multiple bruises to his back and buttocks.

Emotional Abuse

- Prior to December 29, 2021, Jane Smith abused Sally Smith, age 17, by inflicting emotional damage, as evidenced by depression and severe anxiety, which was diagnosed by Dr. Steven Jones, Ph.D., on December 20, 2020; the mother bullied, belittled, and beat Sally daily causing the emotional damage.
- Prior to May 2020, Sam Smith abused Sally Smith, age 17, by inflicting serious emotional damage when he repeatedly belittled Sally and struck her with his hands, fists, cords, and a horse whip, causing Sally to suffer from depression and severe anxiety, which was diagnosed by Hal Smith, Ph.D., on December 20, 2020.

Sexual Abuse

- From approximately September 2020 through March 2021, Joe Jones abused Joan Jones, age 12, when he engaged in sexual intercourse with her.
- On or about January 1, 2020, Dan Doe abused John Doe, age 15, when he engaged in sexual conduct with the child as he had oral-genital contact with the child.
- During 2021, Joe Jones abused Angel Doe, age 16, when he had sexual contact with her including touching her breasts and genital area over her clothing with his hand.
- Between 2014 and 2022, Joe Jones abused Jessica Jones, age 8, when he engaged the child in sexual contact by having her touch his penis and masturbate him.
- Between 2014 and July 1, 2021, Joe Jones abused Jane Jones, age 11, by engaging in anal and vaginal intercourse, digital penetration of her anus and vagina, oral vaginal contact, and touching her breasts with a vibrator.
- On and prior to January 10, 2022, Jane Doe abused Sarah Doe, age 14, when she was aware her significant other sexually abused her and allowed him to remain in the home which resulted in him engaging in sexual intercourse with the child multiple times.

Physical Injury Resulting from Exposure to Manufacturing of Dangerous Drugs

- On or about January 1, 2021, Jane Doe abused James Doe, age 3, as she allowed her son to reside in a home where methamphetamine was being manufactured, and as a result he sustained severe burns to his face, arms, and legs during a fire caused when the chemicals stored in the home exploded
- On January 1, 2020, Joe Doe abused Jason Doe, age 5, when he exposed his son to methamphetamine manufacturing in his home causing the child to suffer respiratory distress and permanently damaged Jason's lung tissue after inhaling the toxic chemicals.
- On January 1, 2022, Jane Sam abused Dora Sam, age 9, when she allowed the child to enter and remain in a vehicle where toxic, flammable chemicals used to manufacture dangerous drugs were stored, which resulted in Dora suffering burns to her hands and feet.

Unreasonable Confinement

- On January 3, 2021, Hal Doe abused Hope Doe, age 7, when he confined the child by duct taping her to a chair for 14 hours without access to food, water or the bathroom.
- On January 3, 2021, Hal Doe abused Jay Doe, age 8, when he confined the child in his bedroom closet for 15 hours by locking the door from the outside, thereby denying Jay access to food, water, or a bathroom.
- On March 5, 2020, Joan Hope abused Jolene Hope, age 15, when she confined the child to her bed with chains, which resulted in the child's death as she could not escape a fire in the home.
- From January 2, 2021 through January 4, 2021, Jane Doe abused Jason Doe, age 11, when she confined the child to his bed with sheets resulting in the child sustained bruising to his wrists from the restraints.

Examples of Neglect Finding Statements

Prenatal Substance Exposure to Newborn Infant (Under 30 Days of Age) or Infant (from Birth up to One Year of Age)

- On or prior to March 20, 2021, Sally Jones neglected Susan Jones, D.O.B., 3/20/15, when she prenatally exposed the child to marijuana as assessed by a health care professional.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Effects (Under One Year of Age)

- Prior to and on May 1, 2020, Jane Hope neglected Jay Hope, age 4 months, when she ingested alcohol while pregnant causing the child to be diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome by a health professional.
- Prior to and on May 1, 2021, Jane Hope neglected Jay Hope, age 4 months, when she ingested alcohol while pregnant causing the child to be diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Effects by a health professional.

Lack of Food

- From August 2020 to December 24, 2020, Jane Doe neglected Seth Doe, age 2, when she failed to provide adequate food or nutrition resulting in the child being chronically hungry and underweight; thereby placing Seth at substantial risk of harm from malnutrition, failure to thrive, illness, developmental/cognitive delays, and death.

Lack of Medical Care

- On or about November 24, 2022, Jane Swim neglected Sean Swim, age 11, when she failed to provide medical care after he was diagnosed with a chronic ear infection and she failed to give Sean the prescribed medication or follow through on his required treatment, placing the child at substantial risk of harm for further infection, hearing loss, or permanent ear damage.
- From July 3, 2021, through July 5, 2021, Ken Doll neglected Barbie Doll, age 7, when he failed to provide medical care as he did not seek treatment for Barbie after she fractured her elbow, thereby placing Barbie at substantial risk of harm for permanent disfigurement and other medical complications.

Lack of Medical Care and Food

- Prior to and on or about February 1, 2022, Jackie Jacks neglected John Jacks, age 23 months, when she failed to provide food and medical care because she did not follow through with the medical treatment prescribed for the child nor provide adequate nutrition, which resulted in a diagnosis of non-organic Failure to Thrive, thereby placing John at substantial risk of harm for further weight loss, starvation, developmental/cognitive/physical delays, and possible death.

Lack of Shelter

- On and/or about August 2, 2021, Joseph Smith neglected Ashley Smith, age 2 and Andrea Smith, age 6, when he failed to provide shelter as he allowed Ashley and Andrea to reside in a home having fire and safety hazards, including impassable walkways and exits due to clutter, piles of garbage, and debris; thereby placing the children at substantial risk of harm for injury, burns, illness, disease, and possible death.

Lack of Supervision

- On and or about November 15, 2020, Joseph Jones neglected Tommy Jones, age 2, when he failed to provide supervision as he left the child home alone and unattended. Tommy was found wandering near a busy street, thereby placing the child at substantial risk of harm for injury, abduction, harm from a stranger, exposure, and death.
- On and or about November 15, 2020, Jessica Jones neglected Joe Jones, age 4, when she failed to provide supervision as she was caring for the child while being under the influence of illegal substances and fell asleep, resulting in Joe leaving the home and was wandering near a nearby intersection, thereby placing the child at substantial risk of harm for injury, abduction, harm from a stranger, exposure, and death
- On January 15, 2021, James Smith neglected Jake Smith, age 4, when he failed to provide supervision as he drove while intoxicated with the child unrestrained in the vehicle, resulting in Jake suffering a broken arm, thereby placing the child at substantial risk of harm for injury, permanent impairment, and/or death.
- On December 23, 2021, Dorothy Smith neglected Hazel Smith, age 5, and Harriet Smith, age 6, when she failed to provide supervision as she committed an armed robbery in the presence of the children, fled the scene, and left the children behind unattended, thereby exposing the children to criminal behavior and placing the children at substantial risk of harm for abduction, harm from a stranger, emotional distress and/or exploitation.
- On November 1, 2021, Larry Low neglected Harry Low, age 2, when he failed to provide supervision as he was intoxicated while caring for the child. The child was found wandering alone outside, barefoot and wearing only a diaper; thereby placing Harry at substantial risk of harm for abduction, exposure, harm from a stranger and possible death.
- On June 29, 2022, Tom Top neglected Hal Top, age 4, and Tom Top, Jr., age 6, when he failed to provide supervision as he allowed the children to be in close proximity where the children had access to methamphetamine and weapons, thereby placing the children at substantial risk of harm for ingesting toxic substances, exposure to criminal activity/illegal substances, overdose, injury, and/or death.
- On November 12, 2020, Hal Nut neglected John Nut, age 2, when he failed to provide supervision as he left him unattended in a bathtub and the child was found face down in the water, creating an substantial risk of harm for near drowning, brain damage or death.

- On October 20, 2021, Barbara Bobby neglected Homer Bobby, age 23 months, when she failed to provide supervision as she left him unattended with access to the pool area and Homer was found at the bottom of the pool; thereby placing the child at substantial risk of harm for injury, near drowning, respiratory distress, brain damage, or death.
- Between January 2021 and March 2021, Janet Smith neglected Joan Smith, age 12, and John Smith, age 15, when she failed to provide supervision as she left the children alone and unattended on multiple occasions knowing they engaged in sexual intercourse in the past, thereby placing the children at substantial risk of harm for further sexualized behaviors, emotional distress, and disease.
- On October 22, 2022, Tom Tone neglected Lilly Tone, age 4 months, when he failed to provide supervision as he was intoxicated and engaged in a domestic violence incident while holding the child; thereby placing the child at substantial risk of harm for injury.
- On or about October 22, 2022, Ted Zone neglected Twyla Zone, age 1, when he failed to provide supervision as he engaged in a domestic violence incident that involved throwing dishes and wielding a knife while the child was present in the same room; thereby placing the child at substantial risk of harm for injury.
- On or about November 25, 2020, Pearl Bodine neglected Jethro Bodine, age 13, when she failed to provide supervision as she engaged in a domestic violence with another adult and requested that the child intervene by placing himself between the two adults, placing Jethro at substantial risk of harm for injury.
- On or about March 1, 2022, Jane Smith neglected John Smith, age 2, when she failed to provide supervision as she engaged in a domestic violence incident that involved a firearm, while the child was present in the home, placing the child at substantial risk of harm for injury and emotional distress.

Lack of Supervision and Medical Care

- Prior to May 25, 2021, Angel Peach neglected David Peach, age 12, when she failed to provide supervision and medical care as she did not monitor David's blood sugar levels to ensure his diabetes was under control. She also did not seek the required medical follow up treatment for him, thereby placing the child at an substantial risk of harm for blindness, retinal damage, heart disease, kidney damage/failure, amputation, and possible death.

Lack of Supervision and Shelter

- On January 1, 2022, Mary Hope neglected Harry Hope, age 2, when she failed to provide supervision and shelter as the child was found alone and wandering near a busy street on a night when the temperature was 44 degrees, which placed the child at substantial risk of harm from a stranger, hypothermia, and possible death. Mary Hope also allowed Harry to reside in a home littered with knives, bleach, dirty diapers, and garbage, which were all accessible to him; thereby placing the child at substantial risk of harm of injury, illness, infection, choking, or poisoning,
- On and/or about November 15, 2021, Jane Jones neglected Jessica Jones, age 8, and Hal Jones, age 9, when she failed to provide supervision and shelter as she allowed them to reside in a home containing spoiled food, animal feces, cocaine and drug paraphernalia, which were all accessible to the children. She also used cocaine while in their presence, placing the children at substantial risk of harm for injury, infection/diseases, overdose, food poisoning, exposure to illegal drugs, and possible death.

Lack of Supervision, Shelter and Clothing

- From approximately December 1, 2020 to January 6, 2021, James Johns neglected Sean Johns, age 10, when he failed to provide supervision, shelter, and clothing as he locked Sean outside every night and made him sleep in a cardboard box in the back yard in only his underwear, thereby placing Sean at substantial risk of harm from a stranger and/or abduction, injury, hypothermia, and exposure to the elements.

Lack of Supervision, Shelter and Medical Care

- Prior to and on or about January 6, 2022, Sally Soup neglected Joan Soup, age 13, when she failed to provide supervision, shelter, and medical care as she was aware that Joan was being sexually abused by the child's step-father and she did not protect Joan from the sexual abuse because she allowed the step-father to continue to reside in the home. She also did not seek prescribed follow-up medical treatment for Joan's diagnosed kidney disease, placing Joan at substantial risk of harm for further sexual abuse, disease, infection, kidney failure, and death.

Permitting a Child to Enter or Remain in a Structure/Vehicle with Chemicals/Equipment for Manufacturing a Dangerous Drug

- On or about January 1, 2021, Jane Doe neglected James Doe, age 3, when she allowed the child to reside in a home that contained methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and chemicals used to manufacture illegal drugs, thereby placing James at substantial risk of harm for injury, exposure to illegal drugs, toxic substances, criminal activity, burns, respiratory distress, permanent lung damage, and possible death.
- On January 2, 2020, James Doe neglected Jay Doe, age 4, when he allowed the child to ride in a vehicle containing cocaine, marijuana, and toxic chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine, thereby placing Jay at substantial risk of harm for exposure to illegal substances, toxic chemicals, criminal activity, ingestion of the toxins, injury, and possible death.

Deliberate Exposure

- From approximately May 1, 2021, through May 30, 2021, James Doe neglected Hal Doe, age 9, when he exposed the child to pornography by knowingly allowing Hal to watch it on a (list the device name).

Reckless Disregard

- On April 4, 2021, James Jones neglected Jane Hope, age 10, when he exposed the child to sexual activity as he engaged in sexual intercourse with the child's mother with reckless disregard, knowing the child was physically present in the backyard and they were in view of the child.
- On May 1, 2022, James Doe neglected Jane Doe, age 5, when he and the child's mother engaged in oral sexual contact with reckless disregard for the fact the child was present in the bed.

Proposed Dependency Pending Adjudication Finding Statements

"Propose to substantiate abuse, neglect or abuse/neglect because a dependency petition has been filed. (Name) County Superior Court, JD Docket Number.