

**SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS/INVESTIGATION
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

October thru December 31st, 2018

OCTOBER

INCIDENT-ALLEGATION-Bakersfield

On October 10, 2018, LPA visited this office to deliver findings of investigation of allegation where Pathway foster child (Female, age 10 years) accused foster parent of kicking her for misbehaving. After LPA completed the investigation it was found to be UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further action is required by Pathway.

INCIDENT-SELF HARM-Bakersfield

On October 9, 2018 Foster mom, phoned Pathway Social Worker to inform the discovery of foster child (Female, age 14years) hurting herself. Foster mom informed child's therapist as well. Mental health services will continue to be provided addressing this issue. Both foster mom and PSW will continue to monitor child.

INCIDENT-YELLING-Santa Maria

On October 15, 2018 LPA conducted inspection of Foster Parent yelling at foster child. (female, age 15 years) Upon investigation LPA found foster parent speaks at a high volume and tone due to work. Appeal rights were discussed with foster child and no deficiencies were cited. No further action required by Pathway.

INCIDENT-SELF HARM-Bakersfield

On Monday October 15, 2018 foster mom contacted PSW to inform discovery of foster child (female, age 13 years) inflicting self harm. Foster mother addressed affected area and contacted foster child counseling provider. Foster parents and PSW will continue to monitor child and child will receive continued therapy. No further action is required by Pathway at this time.

INCIDENT-INJURY-Bakersfield

On October 17, 2018 Foster mom received call to report injury of foster child (male, age 16 years) while playing before school had started. Foster child was taken to hospital by ambulance. After exam and x-rays foster child was released with no serious injuries. Foster mother will continue to monitor child. No further action is required by Pathway at this time.

INCIDENT-ALLEGATIONS-Bakersfield

On October 19, 2018 LPA conducted a complaint inspection of inappropriate language being used in the home as well as other deficiencies. LPA found some inconsistency of information obtained. Findings are UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further action is required by Pathway.

INCIDENT-HEALTH REPORT-Santa Barbara County

On October 25, 2018, During home visit with PSW, resource mother reported she had received a letter from the child's neurologist. The Dr. says that after further examination of the records obtained that the child (female, age 15 months) suffers from "Shaken baby" syndrome. Resource mother is a registered nurse, and the child has a support team in place. (Neurologist, Pediatrician and a Public Health Nurse) During first 3 months of placement child was seen by team once a month. Child is progressing well and monthly visits are no longer required. Child is receiving Physical Therapy, early intervention services and also receiving "Martha's Place" services to help with development needs as they arise. The home is certified as a special health care needs home in compliance with ILS regulations. PSW will continue to monitor child along with resource family.

INCIDENT-UNUSUAL EVENT-Bakersfield

On October 25, 2018 Resource mom phoned PSW to report foster child (female, 15 years) has been refusing to take need medication since 10/21/18. Child told foster mom that she "did not want to take medication and that she didn't have to". PSW visited home to discuss with foster child. Resource mom, PSW and child's therapist will all continue to encourage child to take her medication. PSW will continue to check in with resource family and foster child.

NOVEMBER

INCIDENT-UNUSUAL EVENT-Riverside

On November 3, 2018 at 5pm, Resource mother phoned PSW to report. The Resource father had taken 2 foster children (males, ages 11 & 7 years) to visit a biological relative. During that visit this family member began to display psychotic behavior, police and the fire department were called and family member was taken to the hospital and detained. The 2 foster boys witnessed emergency personnel response from their own vehicle. Recommendations were given to resource family to avoid visits with relatives who have a known history of mental health conditions. No further action required by Pathway at this time.

INCIDENT-INJURY-Santa Maria

On November 6, 2018 on call PSW was notified by a respite care provider that foster child (male, age 2 years) needed to go to emergency. Respite provider reported child had fallen off a play structure while at the Head Start Program. Child was taken to ER and received stitches. Respite provider received instructions of continued care for child until resource family returned. Resource family was notified and given further instructions to follow upon their return. Resource mother to take foster child to follow-up appointment. No further action required by Pathway at this time.

INCIDENT-UNUSUAL EVENT/INJURY-Riverside

On November 8, 2018 Foster mother phoned PSW and informed her that while shopping with foster child (female, age 5 years) child was accidentally bumped by a 50lb bag of dog food while resource mom was trying to lift into cart. The bump caused the child to fall back and hit her neck on the shopping cart. Child was taken to the ER to be examined for the abrasion on her neck. Child was given a dose of children's Motrin and instructed to stay home from school. Child was taken to to primary care physician within 2 days. No further action required by Pathway at this time.

INCIDENT-UNUSUAL EVENT-Santa Maria

On November 13, 2018 resource parent called PSW with information that her foster child had shared with her. Foster child (female, age 15 years) shared that during her lunch hours at school she was leaving school campus and going to some apartments nearby to have sex with a boy. Foster child shared it had happened in the past with the same boy. On 11/14/18 PSW conducted a well-child check at the school and met with school personnel to discuss ways to keep child safe and on campus. PSW also documented this information with the Lompoc Police Department. PSW is now conducting regular check-ins at the school to ensure foster child is not leaving campus or spending time off grounds. Police officer is also monitoring activity of the male from school. School Personnel, police, resource family and PSW will all continue to monitor situation.

INCIDENT-DRUGS-Bakersfield

On November 13, 2018 Foster mom, phoned on call PSW to inform her that another child in the home smelled Marijuana. As foster mom, entered the bathroom she found what she believed to be the end of the joint. Foster mother asked foster child (male, age 16 years) if he had smoked marijuana in the bathroom at their home and he admitted "Yes". Foster mom explained to child that smoking was not allowed in their home and also that it is illegal for a minor to smoke marijuana. Foster child was grounded. PSW also to speak with child about behavior, inform of the potential consequences of placement from behavior and recommend he participate in a support group. PSW will continue to monitor situation.

INCIDENT-INJURY-Santa Barbara

On November 18, 2018 Pathway Social Worker met with Santa Barbara County worker. Child (female, age 3 years) needed placement for an emergency shelter home. Prior to placement child was discharged from hospital. Child needed a complete comprehensive physical before placement. During this physical, the medical team discovered several severe injuries. Child was given stints for injuries and resource family were instructed how to care for the injuries as well as instructed how to monitor child for any additional injuries not identified at that time. Child was prescribed medication for pain and referred to a clinic where they would obtain a referral for child to be seen by an orthopedic specialist. Resource family is instructed to closely monitor child and inform PSW as well as SB County social worker if further signs of abuse appear. PSW will continue to monitor this case.

DECEMBER

INCIDENT-ER VISIT-Santa Barbara

On December 1, 2018 Resource mom phoned on-call PSW to report she was taking foster child (female, age 3 years) to the doctor for a skin rash. Child was diagnosed with a rash caused by pain medication (or due to being introduced to new foods) Foster child was prescribed allergy meds to be given as needed. Resource mom was given instruction to follow up with child's pediatrician. PSW will continue to check in with resource family and child in care.

INCIDENT-INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield

On December 5, 2018 LPA conducted a follow-up inspection for sexual abuse allegation while child was in care. Child (female, age 15 years) the alleged abuse victim refused to identify the home or persons living in the certified home at the time of the alleged abuse. The records indicate that the said home was decertified in 2011. FFA does not have a current location of former certified parent. Records indicate that the foster child resided at that home for a couple of days, however the case social worker could not recall her or where she was placed after. UNSUBSTANTIATED No further action is required by Pathway.

INCIDENT-AWOL-Santa Maria

On December 11, 2018 PSW received a call from resource mom regarding AWOL. The youth (female, age 15 years) that had been placed with them within the early morning hours had runaway soon after placement (between 5:00 – 8:00 am.) PSW requested resource mom to phone Santa Maria Police to report a missing persons. Officer responded to home and took a missing juvenile report. Foster youth never returned to the Pathway program.

INCIDENT-COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield

On December 18, 2018 LPA investigated allegations and conducted confidential interviews with the certified resource parents and two foster children in placement. The investigation revealed that foster child (male, age 13 years) sustained superficial scratches and bruises while playing rough with the other foster youth in the home. This foster child "often engaged in rough play". Resource mom, explained that she took photos of the injuries sustained and reported these to the FFA. Foster child (complaint) and sibling were reunified with family when the allegation was received by department. Based on information received during investigation the complaint is now closed as UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further action is required by Pathway.

INCIDENT-EXIT-Bakersfield

On December 18, 2018 LPA met with Pathway to address. Foster youth (male, age 16) has had several previous incidents in the certified resource home. On 11/9/18 foster youth stole food from the home. Resource family encouraged to help make sure child feels secure with food in the home. On 11/13/18 foster youth sent threatening text messages to another student at school. On this same date he was caught smoking marijuana in the bathroom at home. On 11/14/18 resource parents filed a missing person report due to foster youth no returning home after school. Foster youth was transported home 11/15 at 1:00 am by Law Enforcement Officers. On 11/15/18 foster youth stated he did not want to remain in the home anymore and was transported to a different placement. Resource family expressed concern for this foster youth. November 15, 2018 foster youth was removed from the home. Exit interview was conducted and no deficiencies were cited. No further action required by Pathway.