Children's Therapy

Introduction & Concerns

The children appear to be influenced and coached as they claim multiple baseless accusations of verbal and physical abuse by their father during "secret" therapy sessions.

The children's sessions began on April 1st, 2021. The therapist states the reasoning for the therapy is that parents are currently going through a divorce. Yet, the parents' divorce was final 3 years ago in 2018. The children were discharged from therapy in the same month the father was restricted to one-hour, every other week, supervised visitation in October 2021.

The mother NEVER mentioned to the father the children were in therapy sessions. This is alarmingly evident on 5/18/2021 the father expresses concern to the mother regarding their 7-year-old son's increasing signs of depression via a text conversation in which she is dismissive. The father even asks, "You act as if you know something?" (Link to text messages). The children had been in therapy for 6 weeks. The parents communicate via text over 90% of the time.

The therapist did not attempt to contact the father. The sessions were ongoing for 5 months prior to the son's accidental mention during a visit with his father (July 30th). The next week, following the son's admission, the mother filed a police report, an EPO, and a motion for full custody. The Father was arrested on a false allegation that he had slapped his son in the face because "the child complained his shoes were too tight". The son later verifies the therapy was to be kept from his father in the recorded interview with the family court judge on 8/26/2021.

Misleading Reasoning

Therapy intake forms, presumably completed by the mother, have yet to be provided despite multiple requests. The initial session with Jack indicates "Parents are divorcing" as the reason for the therapy. However, the parents' divorce was final 3 years ago in 2018. Under oath the mother claimed the children were in therapy due to anxiety.

Subject's Recent Stressors: Parents are divorcing

GOALS

Client will accept parents' divorce with understanding and control of emotions. Jack will be able to express feelings related to parents' divorce. Jack will be able to explain how the divorce has impacted his life. Jack will be able to recognize as not being responsible for parents' divorce.

Under oath in family court the mother claimed Jack was in therapy due to anxiety.

Subject Matter Concern

The father is the only subject matter discussed in every session for the entire 7 months of therapy. No discussion of life at moms, school, or friends/neighborhood. The father's visitation schedule was only 2 nights a week.

The children were discharged from therapy in the same month the father was restricted to one-hour, every other week, of supervised visitation.

Secrecy Concern

The father was never told the children were in therapy. Jack confirms the secrecy in his interview with the family court judge. (Jack let it slip he had a therapist on July 30th)

"like he just figured out that I have a therapist" View video (Jack Video Timestamp 11:07)

"Not let him realize until I its fixed" View video (Jack Video Timestamp 12:53)

Children repeat exact talking points 7 times out of 19 visits

The children's sessions are separate and consecutive for one hour at 3pm and 4pm, respectively. Thus, they are not in the room together, yet they repeat the same points on the same day as if repeating talking points. Example:

September 2nd

3pm Jack states he is sad, and his family is changing, he's ok.

4pm Adi says her family is changing, she is sad, but it's ok.

Questionable claims

The troubling accusations in each session disparaging the father do not correlate with the activities in which the children are engaged while with the father during visits immediately prior to each session. Example:

May 6

Therapist notes that <u>"mom and grandma claim that they have noticed that Adi has been feeling neglected at her father's house and she has even articulated this"</u>.

However, the 2 visits immediately prior to this session (Friday and Tuesday nights), detail an overwhelming number of activities enjoyed by the children prior to this therapy session:

April 30th, Dad hosted a sleepover with the kid's cousins. Movie and pizza night.

May 1st, the next morning, Dad surprised Adi with a new princess dress and tickets to Disney on Ice the Princess Show that day.

After Disney on Ice, Dad took Adi and Jack to Sky Zone, an indoor trampoline park.

Dad then took Adi and Jack to Red Robin for their favorite ice cream cake.

May 4th, Tuesday night, Dad took Adi and Jack to the neighborhood clubhouse playground and the food trucks.

May 5th, Dad and Lexi took the children shopping for Mother's Day gifts for their mom and grandmothers (Bath & Body Works, Lush, and Dollar Tree). The children created homemade cards.

Dad and Lexi had a mini-Cinco de Mayo taco party as a late lunch with the kids.

Photos, videos, and bank receipts from these 2 visits support the activity list. Media and documentation of each visit with their father in 2021 has been compiled and is available in the Disputing Entries section of this report.

Mother's Intervention

According to the notes, the mother appears to be in the room during sessions.

She tells the therapist the children are nervous and afraid of their father.

On one session, mom informs the therapist that she, "knows something is wrong with Adi", incredibly Adi then reports to the therapist that daddy called her a "bitch" the previous day and she hasn't told mom yet.

Mom informed the therapist Jack texted her during a visit with his father stating that he wants to spend more time with his dad, but that he did not mean it.

Evidence of Coaching

Jack told the therapist he would be talking to the judge about "how daddy is treating them", a full 2 weeks prior to the court date. (Jack is 7 years old and is planning weeks in advance?)

Jack stated that "dad does things he ain't supposed to do all the time". (7yr old knows what dad is supposed to do and not do?)

During a supervised visit Adi tells dad that she is never going back to dad's house and that dad was inappropriate for telling her that she will be able to come back to his house sometime soon. (Adi is 5 years old, she doesn't use the word "appropriate")

Both children, same day/different times, state they enjoy visiting dad in a supervised environment. Once at their grandparent's house and dad was nice. The next time at a 3rd party shelter because, as both stated, "someone was there to watch". An obvious push for continued supervised visitation.

Jack's diminishing mental health.

Jack is visibly and significantly worse since starting therapy (something we noticed over the summer but had no idea as to why).

Jack's initial session in April is a minor complaint compared to future sessions, as he is reported as stating, "it makes him jealous when dad treats him differently than his sister".

His last session in October, Jack states he doesn't relax and doesn't sleep - his mom denies this is true. Jack said he sees Pennywise when he closes his eyes.

The therapist noted that she and mom discussed discharge and **medication** for Jack.

It is the father's opinion that Jack being forced to lie every week for 7 months to a therapist, forced to lie to CPS investigators in his home, forced to lie on the phone multiple times to the police, forced to lie in person (without a parent present) to a judge, and going months without seeing his father is a major cause of his mental health issues. The father noticed a worsening of Jack's emotional responses throughout the summer and attempted to discuss with his mother, she deflected and did not want to discuss the issue. Texts between the father and girlfriend also indicate a growing concern for Jack's mental health.