

3/27/2025

To Whom it May Concern:  
Committee of Child Welfare Oversight

RE: Meeting date 3/31/2025

Members of the Committee:

My name is Sarah Crowley and I am a foster parent in Saline County. In July 2024 I became acquainted with a young man named LG. He was disrupting from a foster home in Saline County that I am acquainted with and we were identified as a placement for him post disruption. LG came to live full-time in our home in the middle of July 2024 and has remained with us to present date.

I am submitting my log of information from November when I began taking better documentation of events, through present day. This information I hope, will be used in conjunction with testimony submitted by his previous foster parents, Jenna and Joshua Kreihbel.

I know that my presentation of information is not nearly as detailed and eloquent as what has probably been submitted by the Kreihbel's, but it holds no less weight or value. Our concerns for LG are far reaching and very deep. We have continued to advocate through him via the system of SFM to no avail. My concerns are often met with what seems to be deaf ears. In some cases, they aren't responding to it at all.

On March 13, 2025 in court it was determined that LG's birth mother had met the requirements after almost 16 months in care and she was awarded unsupervised visitation in the home. This came as a surprise to all of us. The case manager even identified it as a dangerous move. I shared my concerns in a telephone conversation, and she agreed that it potentially was very unsafe for LG to be visiting his birth mother in her home for 48 hours unsupervised. This comes after 16 previous months where his birth mother was only allowed a supervised visitation for two hours each week. She was awarded unsupervised to our visitation in November, but only received three of those due to inappropriate behaviors happening at the visits and concerns that LG's attorney had at that

time. LG's first unsupervised visitation began on March 21 and he was returned to our foster home on March 23. In the 48 hours after his return, we had seen aggressive and uncharacteristic behaviors from LG indicative of high stress and anxiety that he is experiencing.

In advocating for LG, I would request that all the information and evidence be carefully looked at. As a foster parent, our goal is always reintegration with families in safe situations. Unfortunately, in this situation, I cannot agree that this is safe, as no member of the team at any time during this case has ever identified his mother as being a positive influence for LG or a safe person for him. After the initial denial of ICPC through Missouri and multiple requests for her to remediate outstanding warrants over a year in time, LG deserves to no longer live in a state of waiting and purgatory.

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LG report 11/14/2024 to 3/27/2025

LG had his initial unsupervised visit on 11/14 after court. He went to Chili's with birth mother. Ate chicken nuggets, fries and Sprite. LG reported birth mother ate hamburger, fries, broccoli and Dr Pepper. LG reported he spilled his drink and was "scared". He reported that he went to Casey's and birth mother purchased Oreo cookies and grape water for him. He reported that she had a "bar in a bag from her house", containing chocolate and nuts and tried to have him eat it. He refused and she threw it away in a trash can. LG shared this directly with daycare provider upon his return from the visit. He stated his birth mother had "bad behaviors". This was messaged via secure messaging system from daycare to placement and then screenshot was sent to Kim SFM. Kim SFM reported that she would share with GAL. No follow up about this incident with foster parent was ever had with caseteam or GAL.

11/14- Large upset going to bed due to mom not taking LG with her after the visit. During visit birth mother told LG she would be taking him home "pretty soon", he also used the phrase "a few days". He shared that he is going to go to a new school and that he would be "leaving soon". Lots of crying due to this. Very difficult evening for LG.

11/14-11/18- refusal to eat meals and to complete basic tasks at home- ex.- brushing teeth, following directions. Multiple tantrums and fits on 11/17 at home. Tantrums look like- screaming, crying, throwing items, throwing self down on floor.

11/18- 1st new therapy session canceled due to rainy weather.

11/18- 2nd unsupervised visitation. Reported to placement by caseteam that Birth mother arrived late. Visit was a trip to McDonalds playplace and a shared meal of chicken nuggets and fries. LG told placement he shares food with mom because "that's what we do". LG lost his socks at visit. Birth mom took LG to the mall and walked around for the remainder of the visit. He said he wanted toys, "a moon", but was told "no". LG reported "mom

needs more dollars". LG did not indicate he celebrated his upcoming birthday at this visit.

11/18- upon return from visit LG was not following directions at home. He was attempting to jump on the couch. He fell off and hit his head on the ground. Refusal on 11/18 to brush teeth or get ready for bedtime. Not typical behaviors at home. LG went to bed crying again- as he was told by birth mom she would be taking him home and he didnt understand why she did not take him home with her that day.

Spoke with Kim SFM, she shared that she had spoken with birth mother about her comments to LG about going home. Birth mother was not receptive to suggestions from Kim SFM and indicated that LG would not understand a change in language or further explanation and did not see the error of her behavior at that time.

11/19- LG wakes and appears to be in pain from his head. Crying about birth mom not taking him and wanting to go with mom. LG will not comply to get ready for daycare, he does not want to eat and is refusing to speak. LG is asking if (birth)mom is coming to get him. Placement is concerned about concussion and takes LG immediately to urgent care at 7am due to strange behavior being shown. LG passes all neurological examinations and concussion is ruled out at that time. His behavior appears to be due to sadness and emotions and not the result of an injury to the head.

11/20- LG is requesting his backpack (he takes for visits) and that Angela (SFM) come pick him up because he is ready to go to "moms house".

11/20- Placement and CASA speak to share information. Placement receives most recent case plan through email.

11/21- LG celebrates birthday at daycare with cupcakes and at placement with a Paw Patrol cake he picked out himself. Presents and gifts from family (placement) and placements extended family. LG is excited. CASA attends daycare and participates in birthday celebrations with LG, bringing

birthday napkins. LG picks his birthday dinner and he selects pizza. We purchased dairy free pizza for him and he was very excited.

11/22-11/23- LG maintained positive behaviors and routines at home (in placement) LG has started calling foster mother "mom" on occasion. Took a nap on Saturday. Enjoyed watching Christmas movies and doing some shopping. New farm kittens arrived at placement and LG is very happy and enjoys holding and playing with the kittens. LG enjoys being outside and jumping on the trampoline and riding his bike. LG attends the Parade of Lights in Salina on Saturday night and loved it. He got to walk around Olivia's Playground light display afterwards and did well. LG received a haircut today.

11/24- resistive to following directions today, lots of crying and protest when asked to participate. Very difficult time at dinner time, refused to eat dinner and threw food at the table (new behavior). LG has stated "I don't have to listen to you" when asked to do things. Statement of "you are rude" to foster siblings when he doesn't get his way. Requesting chicken "nuggies" for meals today. Went to bed early, had not napped today (Sunday). Difficult time going to bed- playing in bed with toys (not typical behavior) and getting up. Foster mother removed some toys from the bedroom and LG went to sleep, slept all night.

11/25- First therapy session today. (most recent session was in September) LG was checked out of daycare at 10:55 and returned to daycare approx 4:40pm. LG was driven to Sylvan Grove for therapy. He attended an unsupervised visit with birth mom from 2-4pm. Returned to daycare by Angela SFM at 4:40pm. Daycare reported that he had a hard time listening upon return, that he had a car with him and would not put it away when asked. Daycare requests no toys.

11/25- evening- The following are all things LG shared after returning home from daycare. He reported that he went to Olivia's Playground and he enjoyed that. He reported that he went to Walmart. Birth mom purchased him 1 hot wheels car. She also purchased a happy face sticker and bought

him a Stitch (character) lamp "for my bedroom at mom's house". She also purchased Spiderman hat and gloves- but "she didnt want me to have them" and indicated she took those with her as well. LG shared that birth mom purchased cough medicine and gave it to him in the car at the Walmart parking lot. He shared that he ate ham and crackers with her. LG repeatedly told me he was "leaving soon", that "mom was coming to get me". He was disappointed about the lamp and spiderman hat/gloves not being with him. He was sad that birth mom "didnt take me to her house". He allowed me to rock him before bedtime and that was helpful.

Additional statements: "where do we live?" "My mom asked me where we live." "My mom doesnt lie, she tells the truth." "I am leaving soon." "I asked my mom where her house was." - The last statement is interesting because he has been asking me alot where his mother lives and I have been telling him she lives in Missouri.

11/26- after visit yesterday there was no communication from case team about therapy, visit or return to daycare. Contacted case team regarding report of cough medicine being administered. Kim SFM confirmed birth mom had given medication.

11/27- LG attended daycare, he helped prepare food for Thanksgiving in the evening

11/28- celebrated Thanksgiving at home. Enjoyed playing outside during the day and a meal in the afternoon. LG did not enjoy most of the foods we had made and mainly ate meat and some relishes and veggies. Watched Christmas movies in the evening.

11/29- celebrated another Thanksgiving at the home of foster mother's extended family. Again- not a big fan of the foods available, but ate a small amount. Enjoyed playing with children there, had great behavior with other kids. Drove to Wichita in late afternoon and attended Wild Lights at Sedgwick County Zoo- this was a lot of fun for LG and really got into it!

11/30- LG continued to have pretty good behavior over the long weekend- no meltdowns. We stayed home in the morning and did things at the house. We all met my cousins and their children at the movies in Salina and watched Moana 2 in 3-D. LG really thought this was cool with the glasses!

12/1- Went to Manhattan for lunch and then attended the K-State women's basketball game in the afternoon. He did well listening, eating out at the restaurant and during the car ride. We had no significant behaviors over this long weekend- no meltdowns on Sunday.

12/2- Communicated from Kim SFM that visits today will be supervised. Angela SFM is to transport LG to therapy today. Contacted by CKCIE, LG has qualified for some Speech Therapy services, a virtual meeting was held with birth mom. No communication from case team regarding therapy or visit. LG reported that he picked up toys at the office, Angela took him to Katie's house to play, he did not go in his mom's car today because she said "not today".

12/3- LG slept for 10.5 hours overnight. LG is requesting for Angela to pick him up to take him to mom's house.

12/4- LG slept for 10 hours.

12/7- LG went with us to the sale barn- he really enjoys going and seeing all the animals.

12/8- LG had a hard time following directions. No tantrums. Minimal eating today- not interested in meals- refused to eat at dinner time.

12/9- transported to therapy by SFM driver, attended therapy and then supervised visit at office. Contacted team at 5pm, as no communication. Emailed and text, requesting transparent communication from team. Report from FSW that mom questioned lunch packed from home- identified I had possibly put peanut butter in his sandwich and sent him with dairy based cheese. I responded to this via email. LG was returned to daycare at 4:45.

After pick up LG requested we “do not talk to me”, as he indicated he “didn’t like to talk to us” (myself and girls). Upon returning home LG played alone in his room for almost an hour, then came out and said “he was ready to talk to us”. Hard time going to bed, throwing dog toys at the Christmas tree- requesting movies and crying at bedtime.

12/10- would not eat breakfast at home before school. Home visit with Kim and Lacy. Went to AHS basketball game in the evening, really enjoyed the band and did well listening.

12/9-12/13- all great days at school- no issues with behavior, good teacher reports.

12/14- shopping- did not enjoy being in the car running errands. Played at home in the afternoon, watched Christmas movies. LG asked several times if he was going to school and if he needed his backpack.

12/15- difficult day at home- multiple tantrums in the morning- screaming and laying on the ground. Had a hard time listening- stayed home did not go anywhere all day. Took a long nap. Put up Christmas lights on the house- he was so excited! Asked again if he could have his backpack because “it was time to go”. Made cookies in the afternoon and he really enjoyed helping with this job!

12/16- LG was transported to therapy by a SFM driver. Did not eat lunch at therapy and did not have lunch until 2:00pm at his visit. Did not eat much lunch. Visit took place 2-4 and was taken back to daycare. Communication with case team was excellent today. LG reported after his visit that he was “going to mom’s house pretty soon”. That “mom would take me to Chili’s” when he went to her house and that “she likes me to go there” in context of talking about going to mom’s house.

LG returned to daycare at 6:00pm to attend a Santa and cookies event that he really enjoyed. LG was very tired and went to bed at 7:45pm.

12/17-12/20- Positive reports from daycare, home visit from TFI worker



12/23- attended daycare, had a visit and therapy. LG shared that he received some gifts from birth mother, but that "she like to have them" and birth mother took the Christmas gifts (Spiderman toys) home with her. LG took birth mom a gift- a Scooters gift card, cards and ornaments he had made for her.

12/24- Difficult day for LG. Multiple tantrums (5). He attended Christmas Eve church service. He did not eat today and refused noon and dinner meals.

12/25- LG enjoyed Christmas and received alot of gifts. He wanted to place all his gifts in his room "to keep them safe". He asked to play alone with his toys most of the day.

12/26- vomiting overnight and took a long nap.

12/27- returned to daycare, had a positive day.

12/28-12/29- visited family out of town to celebrate a late Christmas, LG enjoyed himself and did well. Went to a different relative's home for dinner and again did well and listened. No major tantrums.

12/30- attended therapy and had a video visit. Case team gave a short report from the visit.

12/31- daycare, no issues

1/1- stayed home- daycare closed

1/2- 1/3 attended daycare, positive reports. LG has spent more time in the evenings playing games with foster family- he is learning to play Yahtzee and really enjoys this game! 1/2/25 had a visit from TFI home worker.

1/4-attended basketball games for foster sisters and enjoyed this- went home early due to weather- LG is excited about the snow incoming!

1/5 snowed in at the house- working on Lego projects- really enjoying new lego sets

1/6 snowed in, daycare cancelled. Played outside in snow, enjoyed more Lego building and making cookies. Visit and therapy was postponed until later in the week. Notified daycare will be cancelled 1/7/25.

1/8/25- LG stayed home due to snap day and slick roads

1/9/25- LG attended daycare and reports were positive. Court was held SFM reported that there were "no changes and reintegration was the goal".

1/10/25- school closed due to snow day and LG stayed home. Multiple tantrums during the day. He argued quite a bit with children in the home. Screaming, refusal to follow directions.

1/11/25- LG woke at 4am- went to the bathroom- yelling "someone help me" because he did not want to wipe his bottom after a BM. LG was upset most of the day- he had multiple tantrums- ex- playing outside and threw toys and then cried because they were gone, threw himself on the ground and rolled around. LG was argumentative- would not follow simple requests- refused to eat at noon.

1/16- home visit, worker child with Kim SFM and Lacy TFI

1/16- LG has begun playing like he is a cat- he does this all the time, inside/outside. He crawls around on the ground and meows. He becomes very upset if the girls do not do this with him.

1/18- attended basketball games of foster sisters- watched pretty well- attempted to be a cat under the stands

1/19- we see the same accruing out behaviors- LG has multiple tantrums today- lots of crying. Lots of upset and everyone for not doing what he chooses- we are "rude".

1/20- miscommunication with case team- there is no therapy or visit today- visit was not rescheduled for the week of - 1/20-1/24 NO VISIT  
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1/20-1/24- no issues at daycare- LG had a good week overall. He has not been sick since December! This is great for him!

1/25- did respite- had 2 extra children in home (ages 2 and 4)- LG played so nicely and got along great!

1/27- therapy and visit. LG returned to daycare and was very hungry- demanded snacks- staff looked at Lunchbox and LG had his lunch uneaten from the day. So staff fed him his lunch at 4:30PM. LG returned with wet cough and runny nose. LG returned with a book from mom- "ages 8 and up", 130 page chapter book FSW determined this was "age appropriate" in her visit report.

1/28- LG has a deep, hacking cough and runny nose- refused to eat breakfast, struggled following directions for school. Went to bed early this evening.

1/29- cough overnight, restless sleep. Woke with a runny nose and cough- struggled to get ready for school- argued about brushing his teeth, refused to eat breakfast, wanted to play. Went to bed early this evening.

1/30- cough continues- refused to eat breakfast at home. LG has been breathing heavy at night due to congestion.

2/3 - visit and therapy

2/4- HV from SFM, caseworker shares that ICPC has been denied for birth mother, but resubmitted pending she takes care of an additional outstanding warrant she had not previously disclosed.

2/4- 2/7- good week at daycare. LG continues to have no issues with peers.

2/8- hard day for LG. Lots of crying and tears. Took a long nap. LG seems very unhappy at times and does not want to do things with us.

2/9- new foster children enter the home. LG will room share with 4yo male child. Watched SuperBowl and had "pizza party" at home. LG had fun!

2/10- visit and therapy, report through email from SFM staff

2/14- LG had a V-day party at school. He enjoyed making and taking treats to his friends.

2/17- visit and therapy. LG reported that his mom "brought me a phone", "I love to play on the phone". At daycare pick up foster mom observed LG screaming at another child upon her arrival- LG was yelling at a younger peer for touching magnet tiles. LG was corrected for this behavior. LG returned to foster home and was very tired- did not want to eat dinner with us. Went to bed early.

2/18- snow day- remained at home. Had a fun day- LG continues to have a very runny nose and mild cough. LG did a lot of building with magnets and a new train set. He loves a Paw Patrol puzzle- that is his preferred toy right now. Snoring at night and heavy mouth breathing. Meds do not seem to influence his condition. WIC appointment via phone.

2/19- Snow Day. LG struggled all day. He is targeting one other child in the home to make negative comments to and he perseverates on her behavior. Lots of refusal, crying and arguing today with the other child. We had many

crafts available to do in the evening- LG chose to work alone at another table, not with the other 4 children in the home.

2/20- back to school routine

2/21/25- contacted team regarding concerns with adenoids and continued illnesses

2/22- went to KState women's basketball game. LG enjoyed the first half.

2/23- good day for LG- took a 2 hour nap after waking at 5:30am

2/24- LG has therapy cancelled. Not communicated from team until mid morning, after pickup time has passed. LG attends video chat visit for 30 minutes, in the SFM car at daycare parking lot.

3/2 LG attends Blessed Hope event, plays with same age peers- interacts well. Lots of comments from staff about his great behavior and how much he is growing and changing. H enjoys attending these monthly events.

3/3- LG has therapy cancelled due to lack of transportation being set up. Not communicated until foster mom contacts team mid morning, after pickup time has passed. Attends visit at the office. Returns to daycare wet. No communication from team- foster mom reaches out to team at 5:30pm. Team responds via text. Team indicates CASA visited LG at visit.

3/3 response from SFM supervisor that discussion regarding adenoids and health has been tabled and will be turned over at court on 3/13 for the judge to determine course of action

3/4- calf is born on our farm- LG has been very excited waiting for this to happen

3/5- Daycare reports LG is having an excellent week! They are very proud of him. LG is feeling better- cough and runny nose have resolved from initial start on 1/28/25.

3/10- home visit- Kim SFM indicates mother is going through eviction process. Indicates SFM is not in support of LG going home and will share that at court on 3/13.

3/13- court determines that mom will begin unsupervised visitations immediately

3/17- mom does not attend visit- determines she does not need on since she is getting LG on the weekend.

3/21- LG leaves at 2:00pm for his first over weekend visit

3/23- LG returns from visit, Kim SFM transports

3/24- difficult day for LG at daycare. He refuses to leave daycare and has to have toys removed from him to comply. On the way home LG tries to open the car door. In the evening LG is running and screaming around the house, could not be settled, could not be calmed.

LG punches foster brother for the first time.

3/25- LG hits his teacher in the head/face with a block at school when he becomes escalated due to another child using a toy in the classroom that he likes (but was not playing with)

3/27- all information shared with case team. Case team shares that visit time has changed to two hours later for 3/28 and that therapy date and time are being changed next week to accommodate the therapists schedule.

LG has been a foster child in my placement since July 2024. Throughout LG's time in care he has received supervised visitation with his birth mother, SG, of 2 hours weekly. In November 2024 the court granted Ms. G unsupervised visitation for 2 hours each week in Salina. She received 3 visits as such and then that was revoked due to unsafe behaviors and negative interactions with LG. The unsafe behaviors were reported as attempting to give LG food with peanuts, as LG is allergic to peanuts and tree nuts.

Throughout my time as foster parent for LG the communication with SFM has been terrible. We have struggled through 2 case managers, 1 FSW and 1 supervisor. None of the members of the case team have been receptive to feedback regarding LG and it appears that most information is met with negativity. As a foster parent it makes communicating LG's needs very difficult and uncomfortable. The relationship with the FSW became so negative she no longer attends home visits at our home and the case manager only attends.

LG has attended weekly visits either in person or via FaceTime with his mother. Her virtual visits are always very short, 30 minutes, usually. The case team has struggled to communicate any of these changes when they do occur. The case team also has struggled to communicate any changes with transportation or therapy when they have occurred. Most recently, 3/24/25, I was told of a therapy change when the SFM transportation driver texted me to indicate a change in transport, as therapy had been cancelled. I was not told until the next day by SFM of the change. This has been routine and frequent with SFM.

LG is a bright young man, gifted in many ways academically. He is very verbal and advanced in most areas. This is a great strength for him and he needs motivation and activities almost constantly. We are diligent in our home and provide him with mentally and physically stimulating games, activities and adventures. LG has adapted well to our lifestyle on the farm and enjoys more and more of the animals and outdoors. Since August

2024 he has had consistent and stable daycare providers which is something he desperately needs.

Throughout this case I have attempted to communicate with GAL, CASA, case team and therapists. In the fall the communication with GAL fell apart, as I felt like the responses to my communication were met with negativity and criticism. Advocating for LG became even more difficult. His therapist, Sarah McMillen, dismissed herself from his case in the fall of 2024 due to continued issues with the SFM case team and their lack of communication and transparency. In fact, at the end of her time with LG she could not even garner a reply from SFM case team and when she resigned from servicing LG they were not apologetic nor concerned. It took almost 8 weeks for a new therapist to be located and when found, she was over an hour away. LG has been transported to Sylvan Grove, from Salina, for a one hour therapy session each week. This has been hard on him, as his travel time is longer than his therapeutic session. My concerns here were dismissed, as SFM did not feel they could find a “non-biased” therapist in Salina at that time for LG’s case.

LG has attended therapy on and off since the beginning of 2025- he has had as many sessions as he has had cancellations- the most recent being this Monday 3/25/25, the first Monday after his first extended visit.

On 3/13/2025, in court, it was determined that SG (birth mother) was to be reintegrated with LG immediately. His visitation of 2 hours, supervised each week suddenly turned into a 48 hour weekend visit in Missouri. LG has returned this week and struggled with physical aggression, upset and other negative behaviors. He has pretended to smoke a joint, hit a teacher in the face/head with a block at school and had multiple incidents of screaming and refusal behaviors- many of which we have not seen in the home prior.

The primary concern at this time is that the birth mother failed her initial ICPC and once that happened she immediately received another opportunity to correct her errors. Multiple outstanding warrants, 5 jobs in less than 12 months, potentially unstable housing (with a report from SFM



she was being evicted) are all causes for great concern. Yet the court has determined she is a fit and able parent. Lack of consistent therapy has also been a concern, as LG has many things to process and no appropriate outlet to do so. I was informed this week that he will have a therapy schedule change starting next week, due to therapists availability- so yet another large change coming to him unexpectedly.

Prior to LG coming into care in my home, his prior placement had similar and larger issues with SFM and the case team at that time. When LG entered my home I was told that I could not meet the birth mom due to her aggressive and negative behaviors, so she and I have had no contact. I was asked to develop an alternative email account for all correspondence with SFM, as they were fearful that the birth mom would learn my personal information and harass me. I was told to not put my physical address or any personal information on any documents, medical, etc for LG- as the team was again fearful she would learn my address, location and personal information and do harm to my family, property and livestock. We have been very cautious about what we do and what we say since July 2024 and very diligent in keeping our personal information private from birth mom. I understand that the previous foster placement felt that she had been on their property and at one time questioned if she had injured an animal there.

Overall the speed at which reintegration is suddenly happening is cause for alarm. The SFM reports that they do not feel reintegration is viable and have been communicating this to TFI and myself, foster parent, since November 2024. The birth mother has previously relinquished custody of two older children and that raises concerns for her ability to parent and remain stable over time. Lack of ability to retain employment for longer than 8 weeks should be a concern of SFM and the GAL, judge and other counsel in this case. Her mental health has also been called into question and her previous attempt to harm him with foods he is allergic to and her disclosures during therapeutic sessions of wanting to harm herself and LG should be paramount in making determinations that will keep LG safe for his lifetime.

Thank you for taking the time to review the evidence and testimony of this case. SFM is Saline County needs accountability and consistency in the cases they are working through with children and families in our area. We appreciate your support in reviewing this case for the safety of the child.

Thank you.