

**State Office Case Staffing**  
**Child Death/Near Fatality/Serious Injury**  
**(CDNFSI)**

**Date of Staffing:** 1/6/2014 @ 11:00 am

**Staffing Attendees :**

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Fannin Co. Staff: Kathy Henson (CD), Amanda Murphy (SSS)

**Child Name:** [REDACTED]      **DOB:** [REDACTED]      **Gender:** [REDACTED]

**County:** Catoosa

**Region:** 1

**Date CDNFSI Report Received:** 1/2/2014      **Date of CDNFSI:** 1/1/2014 Note: Injury occurred on 12/29/2013 and child died on 1/1/2014 while at [REDACTED]. State Office was notified of the Injury 12/30/2013.

**Type of Case:** Child Death X      Near Fatality \_\_\_\_\_      Serious Injury \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Name:** [REDACTED] Parents for Omni Visions Inc.) - CPA  
**Case Number:** 17177892 (Death Investigation)

**Identity of Persons in Household and Involved in the case:**

Name	Relationship to Child	Age & Date of Birth
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Child (deceased)	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

**Current Case Synopsis:** On 12/29/2013 the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] transported [REDACTED] in Tennessee. Per the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

the children [redacted] and [redacted] were home and [redacted] was at work. At approximately 10:00pm [redacted] came and told the [redacted] that [redacted] could not get [redacted] to wake up. Per [redacted] [redacted] fell down the stairs earlier in the day at approximately 2:30 PM while attempting to retrieve a ball. [redacted] says [redacted] cried a little but appeared fine and [redacted] continued to play and crawled back up the stairs to retrieve the ball after [redacted] threw the ball up the stairs. [redacted] says later that evening [redacted] was watching one of [redacted] favorite shows on TV and [redacted] and [redacted] were playing in another room. [redacted] came into [redacted] room and told [redacted] would not wake up. [redacted] stated [redacted] told [redacted] to try to wake [redacted] again but [redacted] could not get [redacted] to wake up. [redacted] went into the room and found [redacted] slumped over. [redacted] thought at first [redacted] was asleep as [redacted] heard snoring sounds and thought [redacted] was passing gas. [redacted] says [redacted] attempted to revive [redacted] by placing [redacted] hands in cold water and then taking [redacted] outside in the cold air. [redacted] then placed both children in [redacted] car and also called [redacted] who was at work. [redacted] advised [redacted] would immediately leave and come home. [redacted] stated [redacted] drove around for a little while and then drove back home to meet [redacted] and they transferred the children to [redacted] car and then took them to the [redacted]. When asked why [redacted] had not called 911, [redacted] stated [redacted] panicked.

[redacted]

[redacted] died from [redacted] injuries on 1/1/2014.

#### CPS History:

The children [redacted] and [redacted] were placed in DFCS custody in Fannin Co. on February 6, 2013 after their [redacted] was stabbed by their [redacted]. [redacted] fled with the children and hid out in the woods in an abandoned trailer. [redacted] attempted to set fire to the trailer with the children and [redacted] inside when police were in pursuit. The children were not physically harmed by this incident but were [redacted]. Prior to entering foster care, the children had been residing in a home with no running water and often had no heat as the electricity was often cut off. The family moved frequently due to being unable to maintain a stable residence. The children's hygiene was not maintained and they often went without food. They were behind [redacted]. Their [redacted] also [redacted] and [redacted] has CPS history in the state of Tennessee.

[redacted] has an older child named [redacted] whom [redacted] lost custody of in Tennessee. [redacted] resides with [redacted] and [redacted] maintains full custody of that child.

In June of 2013 [redacted] and [redacted] were physically placed in the [redacted] care on a trial basis. The agency learned the [redacted] had a new [redacted] who had a [redacted] and there were suspicions the [redacted] was [redacted] but [redacted] initially denied this when asked. The [redacted] and [redacted] were arrested in Tennessee and [redacted] and [redacted] were with them in the car at the time of their arrest. Illegal drugs including methamphetamines were found on their person and the car they were in presented as a safety hazard as a gas can was found directly under [redacted] car seat. The children were dirty and had an unclean odor. [redacted] car seat was dirty and had a foul odor. [redacted] and [redacted] re-entered a foster care placement

on 9/11/2013 after this incident and they were placed back in the [REDACTED] foster home.

[REDACTED]

Case Name: [REDACTED] – SHINES #'s: (17099283), (17171717), & (17149634)

The following is CPS history for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with Omni Visions Inc.

**Dates of Service, County & Case Number:** 5/2/13 to 5/6/13 – Catoosa Co. - 17120600

**Complaint and Allegation Code:** P-6 and N-5 - Physical abuse in the form of lacerations, cuts and punctures ([REDACTED]), and neglect in the form of inadequate medical care – ([REDACTED]). Reporter stated the following: Last week (maybe Monday, 4/22/13), [REDACTED] came in with a [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] cheek that looked awful. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] fell out of a chair and that it happened over the weekend. Reporter asked the [REDACTED] about it and [REDACTED] said, "I know, [REDACTED] fell out of the chair, it happened so fast". [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was going to take [REDACTED] to the doctor, but decided to just watch it. Reporter stated [REDACTED] better, and even looks like it may be [REDACTED] today and is getting worse. Yesterday, when [REDACTED] was eating, it was like the side of [REDACTED] face was not moving, like [REDACTED] is paralyzed. Reporter thinks the child may need to be seen by a doctor. Also, [REDACTED] is in [REDACTED] at the daycare. [REDACTED] came in today with [REDACTED] and said, "[REDACTED] scratched me." [REDACTED] said, "I was in the bathtub and I wouldn't sit down, so [REDACTED] scratched me." Reporter asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] liked [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] said "Sometimes"; then they asked, "Is [REDACTED] mean to you?" [REDACTED] would not answer. Then asked, "Is [REDACTED] nice to you?" [REDACTED] said, "Sometimes".

**Case Assignment:** The report was screened out.

**Disposition/ Outcome** The intake staff made a telephone call to Fannin County case manager (CM) and she stated she was aware of [REDACTED] falling out of the chair, and will call the [REDACTED] and tell [REDACTED] needs to seek medical care for the child. The CM states [REDACTED] is very timid and anxious; in the past 2 weekends the CM says there has been a change in [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has stated [REDACTED] has scratched [REDACTED] before. Once, [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] from some fencing outside. The CM witnessed [REDACTED] getting the [REDACTED] but child stated, "[REDACTED] scratched me". A few days later, [REDACTED] said the same thing again. CM states both of these children have been [REDACTED]. They witnessed their [REDACTED] almost being stabbed to death by their [REDACTED] who is now in jail. The CM stated [REDACTED] has a home visit already scheduled for Monday, 5/6/13.

The CM stated the children have, [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] has never had concerns with the [REDACTED] and the care of the children. [REDACTED] has some fear issues with bathing. The home [REDACTED] was removed from didn't have water. [REDACTED] was trying to bathe [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] punched [REDACTED]. In the process, [REDACTED] scratched [REDACTED] accidentally in [REDACTED]. CM believes the incident was completely accidental and believes the Child Placing Agency (CPA) - Omni Visions CM is aware of the situation.

On 5/3/2013 Intake Supervisor called and left a message for the Omni Visions CM.

**Dates of Service, County & Case Number:** 9/26/2013 thru 10/30/2013 – Catoosa Co. Case # 17154373

**Complaint and Allegation Code:** P-7 – Bruises, welts and abrasions towards [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

██████████ is the alleged maltreater. ██████████ came to school with a ██████████ and ██████████ on 9/16/2013. The ██████████ stated ██████████ fell out of a chair. ██████████ missed the daycare the rest of the week. ██████████ then came in on 9/26/13 with a ██████████ and a ██████████. The ██████████ stated ██████████ fell while getting out of the tub between the toilet and the tub. Photos were taken by daycare staff. On 9/24/13, the daycare noticed a ██████████ and a ██████████ stated this happened on Friday 9/20 at daycare when ██████████ ran into another child. ██████████ did not attend daycare on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. CM asked the reporter how the children are at daycare. I.e. does ██████████ fall a lot? are the children hyperactive? The daycare stated ██████████ gets around pretty good and the teacher was asked if ██████████ noticed ██████████ falling frequently and ██████████ stated ██████████ did not. Reporter stated when the children first started attending daycare the ██████████ was sweet and kind but now ██████████ has a change of heart – The reporter has a gut feeling something is not right. The children are not hyper while at daycare – they seem withdrawn. Reporter has heard ██████████ “down” ██████████ and say things to ██████████ such as: if we didn’t have them already....” Reporter was surprised the ██████████ accepted the children back in their home a second time. The ██████████ reports the ██████████ are from falls.

**Case Assignment:** The case was assigned as an Investigation

**Disposition/ Outcome:** Upon interviewing all household members it was determined the ██████████ were accidental. While the case was open the agency received an anonymous report on 10/15/2013 regarding ██████████ being verbally abusive toward ██████████. The agency made a home visit and addressed these allegations and ██████████ admitted to yelling at ██████████ and to telling ██████████ to be quiet. The CM had concerns ██████████ might not be suitable for a child of ██████████ age due to ██████████ admitting to getting frustrated with ██████████. A safety plan was formulated by Omni Visions CM to help ██████████ with ██████████ parenting of the children. The case was closed as unsubstantiated due to no evidence to support the allegations or contradict the explanations for the ██████████

**Dates of Service, County & Case Number:** 10/29/2013 to 12/6/2013 – Catoosa Co Case # 17162530

**Complaint and Allegation Code:** N-3 – Inadequate Supervision towards ██████████ and ██████████. Reporter alleged the ██████████ left the children outside while ██████████ attended church service and would not allow them to come inside. Reporter alleged the ██████████ was home but the ██████████ told ██████████ not to allow the children to come back inside the home. Reporter stated ██████████ on 10/26/13. The ██████████ was overheard telling ██████████ to take a bath and said to ██████████ “If I give you a bath it’s going to hurt.” Reporter says the ██████████ has referred to ██████████ as a “Demon Child.”

**Case Assignment:** The case was assigned as an Investigation

**Disposition/ Outcome** The agency met with both children at the daycare/school setting. ██████████ did not make any outcry of abuse. The children had been placed in a new daycare and no concerns were expressed by the daycare staff. The ██████████ was interviewed by phone and ██████████ denied the allegations. The ██████████ also denied the allegations and stated ██████████ felt the ██████████ was being vindictive due to some personal issues ██████████ had with ██████████ adult children and some land that had been purchased. The allegations of inadequate supervision were unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

A new report was received on 12/30/2013 when the ██████████ took ██████████ in Tennessee. ██████████ died on 1/1/2014 from these injuries. This investigation is Ongoing and the GBI is also investigating ██████████ death. ██████████ was moved to a different foster home immediately after ██████████ was injured.

<u>Identified Characteristics:</u>	<u>CURRENT or PAST</u>	<u>COMMENTS:</u>
1. Domestic Violence – DV/IPV	Yes	Severe domestic violence involving [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] by [REDACTED] noted in history and alleged in recent past. [REDACTED] was arrested with children in car in September 2013 – Methamphetamines were found in the car.
3. Criminal Hx.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] currently in jail for attempted murder of the [REDACTED] and children. [REDACTED] recently arrested in Tennessee.
4. Mental Health	[REDACTED]	Per the home study completed by Omni Visions Inc. the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
5. Paramour as CT or non related caregiver	Yes	Children were in Foster Care at time of the injury that led to the death of [REDACTED]. The caretaker at the time of the child's injury was the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED] Caretaker	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
8. Poverty Issues	Yes prior to entering foster care.	Prior to entering FC, [REDACTED] had poverty issues, prior homelessness living in car etc. Child has reported family didn't have enough to eat, often power was not on, no running water.
9. Receiving OFI		

10. Marital Status	[REDACTED] are married. [REDACTED] was not married at time children entered foster care.	
11. No Prenatal care		
12. Military involved		The [REDACTED] currently receiving [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in the Marines.
13. Premature		
14. Weapons	Yes	Children witnessed [REDACTED] being stabbed by [REDACTED] In February of 2013.
15. Twin/Multiple births	N/A	
16. Co-sleeping or sleep related incident.	N/A	
17. Other:		

**Findings Of State Office/County Staffing:**

- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are the birth children of [REDACTED]. They were placed in Fannin County DFCS custody on 2/6/13 due to neglect and extreme domestic violence by their [REDACTED]. The children (ages [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] year old at the time) observed domestic violence incidents that included their [REDACTED] stabbing their [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] then took the children to a trailer and set the trailer on fire in an attempt to kill [REDACTED] and the children.
- The children were initially placed in a [REDACTED] foster home until March 2013, when their behaviors became too much for the [REDACTED] to handle. The [REDACTED] requested the children be moved. The behaviors included constant crying by [REDACTED] and fighting during bath time by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] would also argue with the [REDACTED]. It was noted [REDACTED] was fearful of being bathed as a result of [REDACTED] being without water and the family lacking appropriate hygiene. There has been some suspicion that [REDACTED] may have been injured by [REDACTED] in the past during a bathing incident but this has not been confirmed. The case file documentation does not reflect the difficulty the initial [REDACTED] had when the children were initially placed into DFCS custody. The agency advised the initial CM working with the children is no longer with the agency and she did not sufficiently document these concerns.
- After the children left the [REDACTED] foster home they were placed in the Omni Visions Inc. Therapeutic Foster Home (FH) of [REDACTED]. They remained in the [REDACTED] home until the first week of June (when the children had a trial home placement with their [REDACTED] while they remained in the legal custody of the Department.
- The trial home placement with [REDACTED] was from the first week of June until September 11, 2013. At that time, it came to the Department's attention that [REDACTED]

██████████ had been arrested in Tennessee on a drug charge. The children were with ██████████ at the time of ██████████ arrest, Law Enforcement allowed ██████████ to contact ██████████ to come get the children. When ██████████ was released from jail, ██████████ got the children back. There was no notification to DFCS of this incident and DFCS discovered it through a newspaper article. .

- On September 11, 2013, the children were placed back in the ██████████. It is documented that ██████████ screamed and cried and begged not to be placed back in this home and stated the ██████████ was "mean". When asked why ██████████ thought the ██████████ was mean ██████████ would not elaborate. ██████████ made no outcry of abuse and the agency made the decision to place both ██████████ and ██████████ back in this home due to their familiarity with the ██████████, thinking it would be less traumatic for them since they already knew these ██████████.
- ██████████ has been described as ██████████. ██████████ began walking when ██████████ was approximately 18 months old and ██████████ was not yet talking and would only babble. Per the ██████████ ██████████ cried constantly and was often inconsolable. The ██████████ described ██████████ as clumsy and stated ██████████ falls all the time. ██████████ also claimed ██████████ bruises easily.
- ██████████ requested the services of ██████████) to help ██████████ with ██████████.
- Omni Visions CM advised there were ██████████ of the children regarding ██████████. ██████████ was often described by the ██████████ as having ██████████. ██████████ also had ██████████. ██████████ is afraid of the dark and resisted dressing and teeth brushing, ██████████ also wets the bed and defecates on ██████████ at times. The ██████████ described ██████████ as a "racist."
- The children ██████████ when they were initially placed in the ██████████ in March of 2013. It was unclear if they ██████████ when they were first placed in foster care on 2/6/13, or if they acquired ██████████ while at the initial foster home placement.
- Omni Visions CM spoke with ██████████ regarding the children's behaviors and ██████████ responded they did not exhibit those behaviors while with ██████████. The only behavior the ██████████ confirmed was ██████████ sometimes having nightmares during the night.
- Omni Visions CM reported they provide ongoing support to their agency's ██████████ while ensuring child safety. They also act as a liaison and assist in communication between other providers, birth parents and foster parents, etc.
- ██████████ were newly approved Foster Parents. Their approval date was March 4, 2013. ██████████ and ██████████ were their first placement and were placed in their home on March 6, 2013. The home study indicated the ██████████. The ██████████ also ██████████. The CPA CM was unaware why ██████████ or why ██████████. This was not fully assessed in the home study. Both ██████████ were identified as having ██████████ but none that would interfere with their ability to be foster parents.
- ██████████ staff reported to Omni Visions CM their concerns about ██████████. ██████████ also expressed concerns about ██████████ having unrealistic expectations of the children. These concerns were expressed to DFCS and Omni Visions. The ██████████ complained that ██████████ was slow when bathing, dressing, and eating. ██████████ stated ██████████ takes a very long time to brush ██████████ teeth and get dressed etc. ██████████ stated ██████████ and ██████████ often had to dress and bathe ██████████ and literally had to drag ██████████ to the bathroom during the night to keep ██████████ from wetting the bed.

- The [REDACTED] worked 2 jobs and was often gone leaving [REDACTED] as the primary caregiver of the children. [REDACTED] was quiet but would echo the same concerns [REDACTED] had regarding the children's behaviors. [REDACTED] is very laid back, but supportive and engaged while at home. The children appeared comfortable with [REDACTED].
- In March 2013, [REDACTED] verbalized [REDACTED] frustration with the children's behaviors (wetting the bed, [REDACTED] excessive crying, not sleeping, slow dressing and teeth brushing); the [REDACTED] wanted a higher per diem citing these concerns as the need for a higher per diem. Omni Visions CM advised it is standard for the [REDACTED] to voice their concerns to the CM. The agency encourages their voiced concerns and the [REDACTED] were approved to receive a higher per diem.
- [REDACTED] ruled out Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] and often stated [REDACTED] bruises easily. The [REDACTED] also stated one of [REDACTED] legs was longer than the other making [REDACTED] fall easily. It was later confirmed that [REDACTED] legs were not different lengths but [REDACTED] did tend to extend one leg out more than the other.
- [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] received information from a [REDACTED] that stated due to [REDACTED] being of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] would bruise easily. [REDACTED] allegedly had a statement written on a prescription pad. It is unclear if DFCS or Omni Visions spoke to the person who wrote this note and it is unclear if this note is located in the DFCS or Omni Visions case file.
- [REDACTED] consistently spoke about [REDACTED] being clumsy and bruising easily. None of the other people dealing with the family observed [REDACTED] being clumsy, unsteady on [REDACTED] feet, or falling easily. Documentation described [REDACTED] to appear steady on [REDACTED] feet while walking and playing. The [REDACTED].
- Although the May CPS intake referral was screened out, the Omni Visions CM discussed the allegations with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told the Omni Visions CM [REDACTED] bumped into the wall, causing the [REDACTED]. This was reported by [REDACTED] on 4/26/13 to Omni Visions and [REDACTED] told Omni Visions this happened on 4/25/13. It was noted in the DFCS referral, the daycare observed [REDACTED] to have [REDACTED] as early as possibly 4/22/13. This indicates the child may have been injured as early as 4/22/2013 - however [REDACTED] was not seen by anyone from DFCS or Omni Visions until 5/3/2013 – over 10 days since being injured. [REDACTED] reported the incident with scratching [REDACTED] on 5/3/13. On 5/3/2013 Omni Visions CM made a visit to the daycare and she advised she saw both children. She observed [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and described the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] to be [REDACTED]. The DFCS case file reflects the placement CM saw [REDACTED] on 5/9/2013 and [REDACTED] was not observed to have any injuries. The discrepancies about how and when the injury occurred were never reconciled.
- [REDACTED] was described as being fearful of water and [REDACTED] was scratched by [REDACTED] while [REDACTED] was trying to bathe [REDACTED] on at least two occasions. In one of the incidents [REDACTED] was reported to be fighting [REDACTED].
- In May, while addressing concerns from [REDACTED] regarding persistent [REDACTED] and difficulty at bath time with [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] having bowel movements on [REDACTED] the Omni Visions CM decided to go to the home during bath time to assist. On one occasion the Omni Visions CM observed [REDACTED] giving



██████████ a bath. She advised ██████████ appeared calm and patient while handling ██████████. On another occasion, the CM gave ██████████ a bath herself. ██████████ cried and was afraid, but was not aggressive. ██████████ was compliant with the CM and she reported ██████████ did well after she made attempts to reassure ██████████ would be safe during the bath.

- In June when the children went to their ██████████ home for the unsupervised visits the ██████████ and the CASA were apprehensive and expressed concerns about the children returning to the ██████████ as they felt it was "too soon." In May, a CM conversed with the CASA regarding the ██████████ wanting to keep the children in their home due to the higher per diem they were receiving.
- There was a court hearing in mid-August regarding custody. At this time, the children were doing well at the trial home placement with ██████████ so the agency requested to continue the legal custody with the department with physical placement remaining with ██████████.
- The Foster Care Case Manager (FCCM) managing the case left the agency on 8/27/13 and at this time, the Social Services Supervisor (SSS) took over the management of the case.
- When ██████████ was arrested in September in TN, ██████████ was with ██████████. It was reported ██████████ placed marijuana and methamphetamines down ██████████ pants upon them being stopped by the police. ██████████ later advised they were ██████████ drugs. It is unknown if all charges were later dropped against ██████████. The children were present in the vehicle. A gas can was directly under ██████████ car seat. There were no bruises observed on ██████████ or ██████████ when they were removed from ██████████ on 9/11/13 – they were dirty and had an unclean odor. The car seat was described as dirty and having a foul odor.
- When the DFCS Social Services Supervisor (SSS) learned of the incident where ██████████ had been arrested she staffed the case with her Director and then went to the school to retrieve ██████████. ██████████ started crying and screaming and said ██████████ did not want to go back to ██████████ because ██████████ was mean. ██████████ would not give the SSS any additional detail when asked why ██████████ thought ██████████ was mean.
- ██████████ advised the DFCS Supervisor of ██████████ concerns regarding the children going back to the ██████████; however ██████████ did not give specific information about any abuse or neglect in the ██████████.
- It is unclear if ██████████ was working with ██████████ while the children were placed in ██████████ home from June through September as there is no documentation to support they stayed in contact with the children once they reunited with their ██████████.
- Omni Visions CM visited the ██████████ on 9/18/13 and observed a ██████████ on ██████████. ██████████ reported ██████████ continues to be clumsy, the children have nightmares, and ██████████ is wetting the bed.
- A CPS intake referral was called in on 9/26/13 ██████████ due to concerns with the frequency of the injuries on ██████████. It was reported on 9/18/13 ██████████ had a ██████████. On 9/26/13 ██████████ came in with ██████████. According to the daycare staff, ██████████ did not fall a lot, ██████████ was not clumsy, nor were the children hyper while at the daycare. The ██████████ also expressed concerns with how ██████████ talked down to ██████████. The reporter advised they had a bad feeling about the children being replaced with the ██████████ and they were surprised the ██████████ agreed to take the children in again.
- On 9/26/2013 an on-call DFCS CM from another county responded to the ██████████ and the Omni Visions CM responded as well. When the DFCS CM arrived to the home she found 2 children home alone. They were identified as the ██████████ and were

ages [redacted] and [redacted]. They were home for approximately 45 minutes to an hour before their [redacted] arrived home. The [redacted] arrived home with [redacted] and [redacted] approximately 15 minutes after [redacted] arrived home. Supervision was discussed with the [redacted] and [redacted] and they stated they don't usually leave the children home alone this long and implied they only thought it was for a 15 minute period - the CM documented an hours time had lapsed before the children's [redacted] their [redacted] arrived home. The CM contacted the [redacted] by phone and [redacted] advised [redacted] was unaware [redacted] were home alone. Based on what [redacted] reported, the [redacted] appeared consistent with the [redacted] account. [redacted] advised [redacted] fell while exiting the bath tub. [redacted] stated [redacted] turned [redacted] head to get a towel and [redacted] fell while climbing out of the tub. [redacted] advised [redacted] purchased bath mats in order to prevent injury when [redacted] falls. The CM's did not ask if [redacted] had run into a chair or the bed frame which had been reported earlier to the daycare staff and to the Omni Visions CM.

- [redacted]
- The Omni Visions CM advised there was an incident report submitted regarding [redacted] running at school indicating [redacted] ran into another child which caused a mark on [redacted] face. However the note from the [redacted] house documenting this incident indicated neither [redacted] nor the other child had any visible marks from this accident.
- During the investigation from 9/26/2013, the CM spoke about concerns he observed while completing the investigation. He noted [redacted] was relaxed and talking until [redacted] walked in the room, then [redacted] mood and affect changed. [redacted] demeanor changed and [redacted] was reluctant to talk. There were no new bruises noted. There was an [redacted]. The CM had a conversation with [redacted] that young children may be too much for [redacted] to deal with and [redacted] may want to consider fostering older children. Although [redacted] admitted [redacted] gets frustrated with [redacted] sometimes, [redacted] was adamant about keeping [redacted] and [redacted] in [redacted] home. [redacted] was again noted as being very calm. The CM's did not note any obvious indicators the children were fearful of either [redacted]
- An anonymous report was called in to DFCS on 10/15/2013 alleging they had observed the [redacted] yelling at [redacted] during a social function. The agency addressed this reported information by responding to the home and contacting the Omni Visions Inc. CM to alert them of the call. No new report was entered into SHINES. While addressing these concerns with the [redacted] admitted to the CM that [redacted] gets frustrated and yells sometimes ([redacted] reported 3 separate occasions) [redacted] stated this usually occurs when [redacted] is not feeling well, and [redacted] is not feeling well. The [redacted] denied yelling at [redacted] but admitted [redacted] was tired and frustrated. [redacted] stated [redacted] was frustrated and was yelling but was just yelling about the situation and [redacted] yelling was in general and not directed at [redacted]. During this visit, [redacted] had to go [redacted] during the interview. [redacted] was in [redacted] crib crying. The CM went to pick [redacted] up and [redacted] immediately stopped crying. She then carried [redacted] into [redacted] room where [redacted] was watching television and [redacted] laughed, played and walked around (without stumbling or falling). [redacted] denied any abuse and stated [redacted] was not afraid of either [redacted]
- The Omni Visions CM developed a Corrective Action Plan/Safety Plan regarding [redacted] yelling and getting frustrated at [redacted] crying. It was documented that no safety concerns were identified. It was also noted that Omni Visions CM initiated a

safety plan on 9/11/2013 when the children were placed back in the home from their trial home visit. The safety plan from 9/11/2013 addressed the yelling at

- was contacted in order to work with on but it appears some of their work surrounded their attempts to help the better understand the children's behaviors and how they were a direct result of their environment prior to entering.
- advised that when went to visit would question about the was always protective of when questioned by DFCS or by Omni Visions CM's.
- did not refer to by name. called "my baby".
- While staffing the 9/26/2013 report for closure – a new report was being entered. The new report with an intake date of 10/29/2013 was assigned to a different CPS investigator who was unaware of all that had been learned in the 9/26/2013 report.
- A CM spoke with who advised that watches children (ages). It is unknown how often watches them, however the Omni Visions CM advised the were never observed in the home when has visited.
- is employed as a Tax Preparer/Accountant for an agency. can work from home but usually works from the office.
- After the 10/29/2013 report was received a DFCS CM interviewed at school. was talkative and not reserved. did disclose any concerns in the and denied being afraid of either. The school counselor did not have any concerns for. The CM went to the house to see and was told no longer attends there. When the CM went to the new daycare, was observed with a. The CM thought this injury was the same injury already assessed by the agency and so the CM did not address the with the. Daycare staff told the CM they had no concerns but also advised had only been attending the new daycare for a few days.
- Upon arriving to the to address the new allegations in the 10/29/2013 report, was home with the children and was at work. The children did not display any fear towards. was called on the phone and was adamant the allegations regarding locking the children out of the house were untrue. said never told to lock them out and if would have told that would not have done it anyway.
- advised of some personal problems between family and the which thought resulted in making a DFCS referral on family stated the had rented a home to that was in foreclosure and the claimed the was angry at family and that is why made a report.
- Between November and December, took out of the daycare for 3 weeks due to a family emergency. The County knew about the family emergency in TN and approved for to take to TN for day trips while dealing with the family emergency.
- It was discussed by Fannin County DFCS that when they originally staffed this case on 10/16 & 10/17, they were planning to remove the children from the. After speaking with the Omni Visions CM and discussing the services that were being put in place, the decision was made to leave the children in the home. Fannin County advised they wish they had moved the children at the time they staffed the case and felt they were influenced by the Private Agency CM as she had ongoing contact with the children in the and they felt she would have sensed if something was wrong as she

had ongoing contact with the children and with the [REDACTED]

- On 12/29/2013 [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] waited about 7 hours before seeking [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] fell down the stairs earlier in the day. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] thought [REDACTED] was fine after falling and did not think [REDACTED] was injured.
- An autopsy was completed and there was evidence of bruising found on [REDACTED] back, arms, face and torso. [REDACTED] had retinal hemorrhages and both new and old brain bleeding.
- DFCS staff took [REDACTED] to the funeral home to see [REDACTED]
- Due to family coming to the funeral home [REDACTED] was able to meet [REDACTED] new [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] has petitioned the court for return of custody.
- DFCS staff and Omni Visions CM advised that [REDACTED] identifies well with the [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]