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: SUPERIOR COURT
: IN RE JOHN DOE : JUVENILE MATTERS AT HARTFORD
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: 2006

MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE IN-COURT JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Guardian ad Litem (“GAL”) for John (“John”), a youth currently committed to the Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), hereby requests, pursuant to Practice Book §35-1 and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-121, an immediate in-court judicial review regarding DCF’s plan to place John in relative foster care in ANOTHER STATE. In support of this request, the undersigned counsel for John represents the following:

1. John had been living with his mother under DCF protective supervision from November, 2005 until June, 2006. Prior to November, 2005, John lived in DCF custody and spent several months in various placements, including a foster home, and two shelters. John has been in and out of detention several times over the past 18 months. John was released back to his mother’s custody on XX 2006 after spending one month at Hartford Juvenile Detention Center on a violation of probation charge.

2. In XX, 2006, through the efforts and coordination of DCF and the Office of Juvenile Probation, John and his mother were referred for a variety of services to help John succeed in the community and in his family. These services included a therapeutic mentor, an after-school program, family counseling and MDFT therapy. These services were implemented without much success. DETAILS. The efforts of this GAL and DCF to shore up services for this family in a timely manner were not successful.

3. Without intensive services available for him, John continued to struggle with his emotions and behavior both in school and in his home. Conflicts intensified between John and his mother who became increasingly frustrated and unwilling to parent John. Eventually, John was remanded to Detention in early mONTH, 2006 because of increased “acting-out” behavior.

4. John was released four weeks later with a new and “improved” package of services. DETAILS. It is also likely at this point that John will need an alternative, private educational setting that can better meet his behavioral and cognitive needs. His PPT, scheduled for SUMMER, 2006, was cancelled by John’s mother.

5. This GAL has communicated with PROVIDERS and John to determine whether services were being “wrapped around” John effectively and in a timely manner. These communications indicated that John and his mother are not receiving all of the recommended services. As of this writing, this GAL has no information that Mrs. Doe is receiving case management services or parent aide services. DETAILS. Additionally, John indicated that school is still a very difficult place for him.

6. John exited Detention with high hopes of engaging successfully in the community. He expressed a willingness to comply with services, with therapy and with school. He indicated that if his mother was willing to do these things, he was too. It is this GAL’s opinion that with the right support and consistency in therapeutic and educational services, John can make steady clinical, behavioral and academic progress.

WHEREFORE, this GAL respectfully requests an in-court judicial review of the circumstances surrounding John’s care and receipt of services, and moves for such further

orders as will protect him and serve his best interests.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

The Motion for Immediate In-Court Judicial Review having come before this Court for consideration, it is hereby ordered:

GRANTED/DENIED.

Judge, Superior Court

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE