**SRS- Winfield Service Center**

**Identifying Information**

**Client Name:** Larry Bradbury **Case Record #:** 9999

**D.O.B:** July, 30, 1975 **Age:** 36 **Date of Referral:** Aug. 22, 2011

**Soc. Security #:** 555-55-5551 **Social Worker:**  Allyson Crittenden, BSW

**Address:** 521 N. Washington **Report Prepared:** Sept. 21, 2011

Littlebrook, KS 67156

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**Other Persons Involved In Case**

**Name:** Daisy Bradbury

**D.O.B:** Jan. 15, 1984 **Age:** 27

**Soc. Security #:** 555-55-5552

**Name:** Marie Bradbury **Name:** Michael Bradbury

**D.O.B:** Sept. 18, 2002 **Age:** 9 **D.O.B:** April 24, 2004 **Age:** 7

**Soc. Security #:** 555-55-5553 **Soc. Security #:** 555-55-5554

**Name:** Xavier Bradbury **Name:** Bradley Bradbury

**D.O.B:** Jan. 10, 2006 **Age:** 5 **D.O.B:**  Sept. 19, 2007 **Age:** 4

**Soc. Security #:** 555-55-5555 **Soc. Security #:** 555-55-5556

**Reason for Report**

This report was prepared to help better understand the Bradbury family and what problems or events may have caused or led up to the children being removed from the home. This report was made in hopes to assess their situation and establish goals to help Larry and Daisy get their children back in their home.

**Reason for Social Work Involvement**

A report was made to CPS by the Cowley County Sheriff’s Department. Two of Larry’s children, ages 5 and 3, were found walking in the rain on a county road early the morning of 8/20/11. The two boys had no clothes or shoes on and were wearing only soiled diapers. When the sheriff asked the boys why they were walking on the road they told him that they escaped through their bedroom window because they were locked in their room. The two boys could not tell police officials where they lived but through process of elimination found the house the boys described. When a county sheriff knocked on the door, Daisy’s oldest child, Marie 9, answered and then got her mother. The sheriff said that once the mother, Daisy, got to the door she appeared to be groggy and looked to have just woken up. The sheriff told her they had picked up two of her sons on County 1, to which Daisy replied was impossible because they were locked in their rooms. She then proceeded to check the boys’ bedroom and when she did not find them, she said they must have escaped out the window. The father, Larry, was at work at the time. The two youngest boys and the older sister were immediately taken into police protective custody. Once in police protective custody the children made allegations of abuse on their father, Larry Bradbury. They reported as punishment they are locked in their rooms and receive “beatings” with belts and ping pong paddles. They report that their mother is usually sleeping while all this is happening and does not take part in the punishment.

**Source of Data**

This report is based on interviews with the family, reports from the Cowley County Sheriff’s Department, and the report from CPS.

**Family Background and Situation**

Larry is married to Daisy Bradbury; they have four children, Marie 9, Michael 7, Xavier 5, and Bradley 4. Larry’s mother, Marilyn, stays with the family three times a week to help with the children when Daisy has doctor and therapy appointments. Larry’s father is deceased. Daisy’s parents live in Oklahoma; occasionally Marie and Michael go on visits with them but not very often. Michael was at his maternal grandparent’s house when the other children were put in police protective custody. Daisy’s sister lives in Winfield with her husband but the relationship is conflicted and the sisters do not speak to one another. Larry works at GE and makes around $2,800 a month. Interviews done with the children at the Wichita Children’s home have established there is physical punishment occurring in the home. Marie, Xavier, and Bradley state that they are scared of their father and receive “beatings” on a regular basis. Xavier and Bradley say they are locked in their room every night and if they have to go to the bathroom they must yell and knock on the door to get someone’s attention; if nobody answers the door they must go in their room. Michael does not admit to being scared of his father but says he has received a “beating” before. When asked about their mother, all four children said she sleeps all day, doesn’t cook, and doesn’t clean the house. The children are responsible for cleaning the house. Marie states that she is responsible for Xavier and Bradley most of the time. Bradley and Xavier report going without clean clothes and both report not having enough to eat. Bradley stated he does not think his parents love him and said he wanted his dad to go to jail. All children report they like when Grandma Marilyn comes to help out because she cooks and cleans but say that Grandma also locks them in their rooms and gives out spankings.

**Physical Functioning and Health**

Larry is extremely obese and suffers from sleep apnea but has a device to help relieve breathing issues. Daisy is also extremely obese, suffers from back pain, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and postpartum depression (PPD). Daisy has at least three different appointments each week for the chiropractor, medical doctor, or mental health appointments. Daisy also believes she suffers from sleep apnea and has participated in sleep studies to try to get treatment; so far the studies have not come back with sufficient data to support the diagnosis of sleep apnea. The children do not have any physical functioning complications and are all in good health.

**Intellectual Functioning**

Larry and his family are all very intelligent. Larry and Daisy both graduated from high school but have not attended any college. All of the children are considered ‘gifted’ at school.

**Emotional Functioning**

Larry admits to having anger management issues, which he has tried to deal with in the past by going to an anger management group therapy. Larry admits to yelling at the children and spanking them with belts when they are in trouble. Larry says he does not spank the children very often.

Daisy has struggled with PPD since the birth of her last child, Bradley. Her struggles with PTSD date back to her teenage years, in which she was a rape victim and suffered from abuse. Daisy does not take part in disciplining the children. She says she does not like the way Larry yells at the children but does not know what to do about it. She admits to not being able to control her youngest two children Xavier and Bradley. When asked why she cannot control them, she stated “they are too quick and are like little Houdini’s,” which is why they are locked in their rooms at night so they won’t get into anything. Larry states that before he goes to bed at night he locks the door on Bradley and Xavier’s room so they will not be able to get out in the morning and wake their mother up. Larry says Daisy has so many issues sleeping that he does not want the children waking her up in the middle of the night. Daisy says she usually wakes up around 8 a.m. but sometimes sleeps in until 10 a.m.

All the children are very negative about their parents and are very worried about going back home.

**Psychological and Emotional Patterns**

Larry states that Daisy’s depression is cyclic and is at its worst during the months of April-July. He believes this is due in part by the end of the school year coming and the thought of summer break causing all four children to be at home every day.

Daisy reports that Larry plays computer games all the time and will stay up all night playing and then is too tired the next day to play with the kids. Larry says he tries not to spend too much time on the computer but sometimes he gets too wrapped up in his games.

**Interpersonal and Social Relationships**

The Bradbury’s do not have any strong social relationships in the community other than at church. They do not take part in community events.

**Religion and Spirituality**

The Bradbury’s attend church every Sunday and occasionally on Wednesday’s. They believe religion is very important and make it a priority for their children. Daisy has a strong relationship with the pastor.

**Strengths and Problem-Solving Capacity**

Larry and Daisy are willing to try anything to help get their children back.

The family receives help from Grandma Marilyn on a regular basis.

The family has a strong bond with their church, which may be used as a support system in the future.

The Bradbury’s admit their current discipline practices are harmful to their children and want to learn more appropriate methods of discipline.

**Economics/Housing/Transportation**

Daisy is not employed and has no history of employment. Daisy struggles maintaining a clean house and does not enjoy cooking meals for her family. Larry is employed at GE and makes $2800 a month, which is sufficient enough to meet the basic needs of the family. The family has two vehicles in working condition. Larry and Daisy struggle with budgeting and do not always agree on how to handle their finances. Larry often accuses Daisy of spending too much money. Daisy admits to not sticking to the budget Larry sets for the family but says she does not always know what the budget is because Larry does not communicate with her.

**Use of Community Resources**

Daisy uses the local mental health center for therapy. The family attends church every week and has some strong relationships at church. The family currently does not utilize any services from social agencies like SRS or family preservation services.

**Social Worker’s Impressions and Assessment**

It is in this worker’s opinion that the parents in this family are in great need of parenting classes in order to learn how to appropriately discipline their children rather than with physical punishment and neglect. Larry and Daisy are ready and willing to learn appropriate methods in order to get their children back in their custody. I believe Larry uses the computer games he plays as an escape from reality and Daisy sleeps all the time because she does not have the parenting skills needed to control her children. Larry and Daisy do not seem to have very good communication skills and seem to blame one another for their problems. Both parents are intelligent and have the ability to make logical decisions but currently they do not work together to maintain the basic needs of their family. The Bradbury’s could benefit greatly from marriage counseling and family preservation services. The children in this household have suffered great emotional and physical damage and would greatly benefit from mental health services. The children need a safe and nurturing environment and the parents must work hard to make the changes needed before the children will be returned to their home.

**Goals for Work with Client**

In order to help Larry and Daisy make the necessary changes to their parenting and habits at home, I plan on referring them to Cowley County Mental Health for marriage counseling and family therapy. Also, the family will need to meet the goals set by the court in order to get their children back. Larry, Daisy, and their children need emotional support and structure during this difficult time and should maintain their current community resources they do have.

**Genogram Attached**