

The Role of Process in a CINA Case

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Different Perspective

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“How are you?”

Broken. Useless. Alone. Clueless.
Confused. Betrayed. Fragile. On the verge
of tears. Depressed. Anxious. About to
break down. Really. Pathetic.
Annoying. I’m just a burden. Distant.
Lonely. Bitter. I don’t think I’m loved.
Rejected. Crushed. I feel like I’m going to
just fall apart at any moment. Empty.
Defeated. Never good enough.

Juvenile CINA Court is Different

- Procedures
- More Collaborative
- Different strategies than traditional litigation
- Greater opportunity to shape the outcome

A Story and a Book

- On*Star
- *Scarcity* by Sendhil Mullainathan & Eldar Shafir
 - Tunneling
 - Cognitive Bandwidth

Teaching

- One family/one judge
- Basic terms/acronyms
- Hearings
- Best practices

Task List

- Critical Tasks
- Important Tasks
- Agreements
- "Show your therapist"
- Prioritize

Front-load Help

- Will make things go more smoothly down the road.
- Gets them off to a better start
- *You* are their advocate, not DHS—make sure you have *regular* contact with your client.

Make Your Record

- Don't get so caught up in "routine" of CINA case that you forget to advocate
- Removal based solely/primarily on SUD
- Removal based on NAS due to MAT
- Subpoena records if necessary

Conclusion

- If you want templates, go to www.CaseNavigatorIowa.com.
- Permission to use, but with appropriate credit
- You may use, but remind your clients that those things are not legal advice—that comes from *you*.

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