

**DFS/Wyoming Citizen Review Panel Mini-CFSR**  
**FAMILY SUMMARY SHEET**

**Case Name:** Smith

**Case #:** WY88

**Target Child (if in-home case):**

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**Names and ages of children:** Larry (15); Tillie (13); Cindy (7)

**Case Summary:**

Wanda and Howard Smith (member of the Cheyenne Tribe) were married on October 10, 1991 and have two children: Cindy (7) and Tillie (13). Wanda has a son, Larry (15) from a previous marriage who lives with Wanda and Howard at 123 Main Street, Evanston, Wyoming. Wanda has primary custody of Larry. Her ex-husband Jeff Jones, and Larry's father, has not paid the \$250.00 monthly child support obligation in over one year. Jeff, whose last known address is Phoenix, AZ has visitation rights that he does not exercise.

Howard works construction and begins his workday at 6:00 a.m. In the evenings, he consumes 6-8 beers and often becomes violent. In August of 2002 and again in February of 2003, the Sheriffs Departments received domestic violence calls resulting in Howard voluntarily leaving the residence for the night. No charges were filed. The family has health insurance through Howard's employment, and while the children are current on their immunizations, school workers report difficulty in getting the children consistent with dental and medical appointments. Howard considers himself the breadwinner and ultimate family authority; he is abusive of his wife Wanda and she often leaves the home for days at a time.

Wanda is unemployed and suspected of doing methamphetamine by her family. While she has family in Rocksprings, she has no contact with them. An uncle, from age 5 until age 15, sexually abused Wanda. Often times Wanda does not get the three children to school and all three are reported to be having ongoing problems in school.

Larry, a sophomore, is struggling with truancy and poor grades, and is barely passing. Larry is very close to Wanda and often finds himself at odds with his stepfather Howard, trying to protect Wanda. In 2001 there was one unsubstantiated allegation against Howard of general physical abuse in which Larry was the victim.

Tillie who is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade has excessive trancies and is failing. Described as Howard's favorite and the "peacemaker of the family" Tillie assumes many of the maternal roles around the house but is described as a disciplinary problem at school. She is receiving special education services for a learning disability.

While Cindy is a happy child, DFS has been notified of neglect concerns. Some have not risen to the level of an intake and others have been dealt with on an assessment track. In all reports, DFS has initiated contact with the parents and each time, one or both parents have refused services. Beginning in August 2003 the school began contacting DFS with concerns about Cindy. She was frequently absent and sometimes came to school dirty and hungry. There were also reports of bruising. On 3 occasions from August 2003 to January 2004, DFS saw Cindy at school, met with the parents and offered prevention services, which the family refused. On February 25, 2005, the school reported serious bruising to Cindy's right arm. Inflicted injury and medical neglect were substantiated against Howard and Cindy was taken into protective custody and placed in foster care. A neglect petition was filed on February 26, 2005.

Also on February 25, 2005 the school contacted DFS to report Tillie as a truancy and behavior problem, in danger of failing 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They had been unable to reach either parent to discuss their concerns. A CHINS petition was later filed on March 7, 2005 on Tillie.

On March 17, 2005 Larry was placed overnight at the crisis center when he was picked up in connection with a vandalism report and he was intoxicated. A delinquency petition was filed on Larry on March 18, 2005. It was later amended to reconsider shelter care on March 23, 2005 and Larry was returned to placement at the Group Home.

Wanda is currently in treatment at an inpatient program about a hour from home. Howard has gone through a detoxification at the local hospital and is receiving outpatient substance abuse treatment and has maintained his job. Larry is still in the group home; Tille has remained at home with her father and Cindy remains in a foster home.

The permanency goal for Cindy and Larry is reunification and the concurrent plan is placement with relatives.

## Case Contacts

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address / Phone</b>
DFS Caseworker	Kevin Myer ( <i>CPS case worker for Cindy and Tillie</i> )	350 City View Drive; Suite 208 Evanston, WY 82930; (307) 789-2576
Bio-Parents (if applicable)	Wanda Smith – Inpatient Treatment (mother) Howard Smith (father/stepfather to Larry)	Hwy 345, #540 Rock Springs, WY 82930; (307) 634-6832 123 Main Street Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-3254
Psychologist	Charlotte Means (psychologist conducting assessments on Tillie)	874 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-0048
GAL	Freddie Smyth, ESQ (court appointed GAL for all three children)	Law Offices 497 Justice Avenue Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-9472
County Attorney	Gene Greenjeans (Deputy County Attorney- Cindy's neglect petition; Tillie's CHINS case; Larry's Delinquency case)	Uinta County Attorney's Office 587 Broadway; Suite 400 Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-9945 x256
Nurse	Jane Kekich, RN (School Nurse, has seen all three children while at school)	Uinta County School District #1 398 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-3254 x487
School teacher/ preschool/day care provider	Henry Franklin, MSW (School Counselor, has worked with all three children)	Uinta County School District #1 398 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-3254 x569
Bio-Father	Jeff Jones (biologic father to Larry)	Maricopa County Detention Center 569 Desert Street; Cell 101 Phoenix AZ 36984
DFS Probation Officer	Lynette Oswald ( JS Probation Officer for Larry)	350 City View Drive; Suite 208 Evanston, WY 82930; (307) 789-2576
<b>Others:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address / Phone</b>
Howard's Parents	Fred and Lucy Smith	865 Old Pen Drive Rawlins, WY 82301 – (307) 857-3478
Neighbor	John Jones (neighbor and often times lets Larry work with him on cars)	125 Main Street Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-6754
Wanda's Parents	Paul and Rita Rodriquez	975 N 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-9354
Deputy Sheriff	Wyatt Erp (has responded to one domestic violence call at the Smith's and was the citing deputy for Larry's vandalism charges- works evening shift)	Uinta County Sheriff's Department 587 Broadway; Suite 100 Evanston, WY 82901 - (307) 789-7493 x284