

UNSOLICITED NOTE TO JOYCE FUNDA

The following note was left on my seat – unsigned – during a seminar on Jan. 20, 2016 in Kalispell unrelated to Commission business. I tracked down the author who is a CASA advocate I do not know.



Joyce -

Thank you for your work on the commission!

Just want to share something that happened in my case - hope that policy can help prevent this in future cases

toddler's Dad was alleged abuser of a half sibling of toddler. Before the accused abuser's ~~dad~~ criminal case (felony assault) came to trial, the dept. moved to dismiss the ~~in~~ case w/ toddler - and the judge agreed (against my report recommendations as CASA; against attorney for child's recommendations).

\* Seems like dept. policy should require the conclusion of criminal charges <sup>abuse</sup> before child is returned to accused's supervision. (?) Just my two cents

Thank you again for all you do!