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Department of Children and Family Services

REQUEST FOR IFS TIER 2 DESIGNATION

Case Name: Miller family case **CYCIS ID #:** 88492-AX

Case opening date: 03/14/2026

Agency: Riverside Family Services

County: Summit County **Team:**

The information below must be addressed with this request and through integrated assessments, service plans, CERAPS, and contact and supervisory notes:

1) Reason for case opening: presenting issues, indicated allegations

The case was initially opened due to concerns regarding parental substance use and lack of adequate supervision for the two minor children.

2) Initial family goals that were deemed necessary to achieve safe case closure - expressed in behavioral terms, From the onset, we need to clearly describe the ***Behavioral Patterns*** that must be acquired and then adequately and consistently demonstrated by the caregiver to preserve a family and to maintain family stability and daily functioning

The primary family goal was for the parents to maintain sobriety and for the caregiver to demonstrate consistent, active engagement with the children through planned, supervised recreational activities, in response to initial concerns of parental substance use and lack of adequate supervision.

3) Service plan goals established to achieve safe case closure,

The primary family goal has been for the parents to maintain sobriety and for the caregiver to demonstrate consistent, active engagement with the children. A behavioral strategies roadmap is also being implemented, including bi-weekly coaching sessions and mandated participation in the 'Positive Parenting' workshop series to address de-escalation techniques and secure a safe case closure.

4) Strategies deployed to achieve safe case closure,

The case was initially opened due to concerns regarding parental substance use and lack of adequate supervision. The primary family goal has been for the parents to maintain sobriety and demonstrate consistent, active engagement with the children. Progress has been steady; both parents have remained sober for four months and have completed the intensive outpatient program. However, caregivers still struggle with de-escalation techniques during high-stress interactions, which is impacting the transition to unsupervised visits. A behavioral strategies roadmap that includes bi-weekly coaching sessions and mandated participation in the 'Positive Parenting' workshop series is now being implemented.

5) Progress achieved to date,

The primary service plan goal is for the parents to maintain sobriety and demonstrate consistent, active engagement with their children. Progress to date includes four months of sobriety and completion of an intensive outpatient program by both parents. A key barrier to case closure is the caregivers' difficulty with de-escalation techniques, which is preventing the transition to unsupervised visits. Current strategies to overcome this barrier include a behavioral strategies roadmap with bi-weekly coaching sessions and mandated participation in a 'Positive Parenting' workshop series to ensure new behavioral patterns are established for a safe case closure.

6) Barriers to achieving safe case closure,

A behavioral strategies roadmap is being implemented over the next six months. It includes bi-weekly coaching sessions and mandated participation in the 'Positive Parenting' workshop series. The service plan objective is to improve the caregivers' de-escalation techniques during high-stress interactions. Case management and monitoring will continue, with the case remaining open until November 15, 2026, to ensure new behavioral patterns are cemented and to secure a safe case closure.

7) Specific roadmap of behavioral strategies to be deployed to achieve safe case closure in the prospective 6 months, including achievement of service plan objectives, case management and monitoring strategies,

The primary service plan goals for the Miller family (CYCIS ID: 88492-AX) involve the parents maintaining sobriety and demonstrating consistent, active engagement with their children. Significant progress has been made, as both parents have remained sober for four months and completed an intensive outpatient program. However, a barrier remains in their struggle with de-escalation techniques, preventing a transition to unsupervised visits. To address this, a behavioral strategies roadmap is being implemented, which includes bi-weekly coaching sessions and mandated participation in a 'Positive Parenting' workshop series over the next six months. Keeping the case open until November 15, 2026, is essential to provide the necessary monitoring and support to ensure these new behavioral patterns are cemented, thereby securing a safe case closure.

8) Basis to support the reasonable expectation that keeping the case open will be beneficial to family and is aligned with the original goals.

The family has made steady progress, with both parents maintaining sobriety for four months and completing an intensive outpatient program. However, caregivers still struggle with de-escalation techniques during high-stress interactions. An extension is required to implement and monitor a new behavioral strategies roadmap, which includes bi-weekly coaching sessions and participation in a 'Positive Parenting' workshop series. This additional time is essential to ensure new behavioral patterns are cemented, allowing for a safe transition to unsupervised visits and ultimately a secure case closure.

Anticipated closing date: 11/15/2026

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