

<b>NAME OF AGENCY:</b>	Health & Human Services Agency Child Welfare Services	<b>DATE:</b>	08/28/2018
<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b>	8911 Balboa Ave.		
<b>CITY AND ZIP CODE:</b>	San Diego, California 92123	<b>COUNTY:</b>	San Diego
<b>NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER:</b>	Susan Phommacharinh	<b>CASELOAD ID:</b>	MC4F
		<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	[REDACTED]

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE REFERRAL INFORMATION**

**REFERRAL NAME:** McCormack, Leticia (EO)      **REFERRAL NUMBER:** 0424-6714-3051-8095475

**EVALUATE OUT**     
 **IMMEDIATE**     
 **3 DAY**     
 **5 DAY**     
 **10 DAY**     
 **N/A SECONDARY REPORT**

**SCREENER INFORMATION**

NAME	TITLE	DATE	TIME
Phommacharinh, Susan	PSW	08/28/2018	05:01pm
<b>CASELOAD #</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>LOCATION</b>	North Central/ICT
MC4F			

**ALERTS:**

**DATE/LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** 08/27/2018/Spring Valley

**DATE/TYPE REFERRAL RECEIVED:** 08/28/2018/Telephone

**CULTURAL COMPONENTS:** When asked if there are any cultural components for the family, the RP responded the Arabella is adopted.

**MILITARY:** Unknown

**LANGUAGE:** English

**FAMILY/HOME COMPOSITION:** [REDACTED] Arabella McCormack ADET (7), mother-Leticia McCormack, and father-Brian McCormack.

**SUPPORT/SAFETY NETWORK:** Unknown

**SCHOOL/DAYCARE:** Highlands Elementary

**IEP/MEDICAL ISSUES:** No

**CWS HISTORY:** Yes # OF REFERRALS: 1 # OF CASES: 0

**ALLEGATIONS/WHAT ARE WE WORRIED ABOUT?**

On 08/28/2018, it was reported that the parents: Leticia and Brian McCormack are making the child, Arabella McCormack (7) sleep on the floor without a bed and bedsheets. The parents are restricting the child's water intake by allowing the child to have only one cup water a day at school. The parents want the child to use the restroom at a certain time. The RP also mentioned that the parents are not allowing the child to receive rewards at school. It was noted that RP's coworker notified CWS on 08/27/2018 about the concerns. However, the RP wants to make CWS aware that the child stated that her stomach was hurting. The child then asked the RP "do you know the movie Annie?" The RP stated yes. The child responded that she is not like Annie because when Annie was adopted, all her "hurts" were gone; however, the child stated that she is still hurting. The child did not explain why she was hurting. There were no disclosure of physical abuse and the RP did not observe any marks or bruises on the child.

**WHAT IS WORKING WELL?** Unknown

**PROVISIONAL HARM STATEMENT(S):** N/A

**PROVISIONAL DANGER STATEMENT(S):** N/A

**SCREENER'S NOTE:** Duplicate referral # 0195-8796-1432-6071891

**CALWIN:** Opened Calvin case to the common address

**SUBSTITUTE CARE PROVIDER (SCP) SEARCH:** No history

**CONSULTED WITH:** Not required

**RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT/REGION:** FC-Duplicate referral # 0195-8796-1432-6071891

CHILD(REN) NAME

Arabella ADPT McCormack

CHILD ID #

1147-7643-2421-4071891

Referral Number 0195-8796-1432-6071891

Referral Date 08/27/2018

**SCREENER NARRATIVE**

**ALLEGATIONS (Who, What, Where, When, How, Who Else Knows, Why Now?) COLLECT AND RECORD INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING RISK FACTORS:**

1. **PRECIPITATING INCIDENT** (Severity, frequency; location and description of injury; history of abuse)
2. **CHILD CHARACTERISTICS** (Age, vulnerability, special circumstances; perpetrator's access; behavior, interaction with caretakers, sibling and peers)
3. **CARETAKER CHARACTERISTICS** (Capacity for child care; interaction with children, other caretakers; skill, knowledge; substance abuse, criminal behavior, mental health)
4. **FAMILY FACTORS** (Relationships, support systems; history of abuse; presence of parent substitute; environmental conditions; family strengths)
5. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ABUSE FACTORS** (Safety risks; pattern of assaults on, threats to, and/or stalking of household members; forced social isolation or economic deprivation; weapons present in the home and used as a threat; prior law enforcement or emergency medical response(s); history of domestic violence/abuse; medical neglect; violation of restraining orders; mental health issues; other risk factors)

DATE/LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Ongoing/Spring Valley

DATE/TYPE REFERRAL RECEIVED: 08/27/18/Telephone

CULTURAL COMPONENTS: None reported.

MILITARY: No.

LANGUAGE: English

FAMILY/HOME COMPOSITION: Arabella (7), [REDACTED] adoptive parents Leticia and Bryan at the common address.

SUPPORT/SAFETY NETWORK: RP stated that there are grandparents that assist with caring [REDACTED]

SCHOOL/DAYCARE: Arabella attends Highlands Elementary. School hours are M, W, Th, Fri 7:50 a.m.-2:10 p.m. and Tuesdays 7:50 a.m.-12:55 p.m.

IEP/MEDICAL ISSUES: Arabella has an IEP for speech and a 504 plan for an unknown reason.

CWS HISTORY: No. REFERRALS: 0 CASES: 0

**ALLEGATIONS/ WHAT ARE WE WORRIED ABOUT? EMOTIONAL ABUSE**

RP stated that parents are telling the school to withhold water or "free drink" from Arabella (7). They have limited her to drinking one dixie cup per day at school. RP was asked if the parents provide other liquids to the child that are sent to school. RP denied this and stated that she eats the school lunch. The parents told the school that Arabella is sleeping on the floor without a pillow because she has been disrespectful. It is unknown how long this was a punishment. The parents also call Arabella a liar. RP explained that the parents told the school that that

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CHILD(REN) NAME

Arabella ADPI McCormack

CHILD ID #

1147-7613-2421-4071891

Referral Number:	0198-8786-1432-6071891
Referral Date:	08/27/2018

she cannot not use markers in the classroom, for an unknown reason Arabella told her parents that she told the teacher she could not use whiteboard markers. The class had an assignment where the classroom was using whiteboard markers and a whiteboard. Arabella told her parents that her teacher said it was okay for her to use the markers. The parents talked to the teacher and the teacher stated that child did not use markers. RP stated that there was a meeting regarding this at the school and that the parents have frequent meetings with the school and email contact. RP described parents as very intelligent and speak as if they are trauma-informed. RP believes that the parents need assistance in parenting.

As of 08/25/18, RP also stated that Arabella is not allowed to use scissors because she has "self-harming behaviors." The teacher has never observed Arabella to have self-harming behaviors. As of last week the father told the teacher to take all classroom jobs (i.e. line leader) from Arabella, for an unknown reason. In addition the parents have communicated at the school that Arabella can only use the restroom at 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Arabella's teacher describes her as a wonderful student. The parents also monitor what Arabella can and cannot eat with the cafeteria staff. The teacher and parents have created a daily contract that gives a daily report to the parents about Arabella's day.

RP believes that the parents want to control what Arabella does and stated, "It's all about control." The teacher has not observed Arabella to have any behavioral issues at school. RP stated that these concerns have been ongoing. RP did not know how Arabella is impacted by the parent's controlling behaviors.

WHAT IS WORKING WELL? RP stated that the parents really care [REDACTED]

**PROVISIONAL HARM STATEMENT:**

**PROVISIONAL DANGER STATEMENT:** RP and the Agency are worried that the parents may be causing Arabella (7) mental suffering due to restricting water from her, having her sleep on the floor without a pillow as a consequence, not allowing her to use markers, nor scissors in school, only being permitted to use the restroom twice at school daily, and not being permitted to do classroom jobs. Effects of emotional abuse include antisocial, destructive behavior, sleep issues, overly adaptive behavior, and suicidality.

**SCREENER'S NOTE:** Arabella's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] can be contacted for further information.

**CALWIN:** Open CalWin at the foster parent's address for Medi-Cal and Adoption Assistance. [REDACTED] is the only other person listed.

**SUBSTITUTE CARE PROVIDER (SCP) SEARCH:** Father and mother have hits as a resource family home and foster family home. There are not any active placements.

**CONSULTED WITH:** SPSW Martin

**RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT/REGION:** 10-Day/East Region

**ACTIVE/PENDING WORKER:** None.

**COMPANION REFERRAL(S):** None.

**SECONDARY ASSIGNMENTS:** GF3A, GF5A, Adoptions Managers

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Department of Social Services  
CWS Case Management System  
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11/14/2022  
12:09 PM

Health & Human Services Agency - San Diego  
Logged-On Staff Person: [REDACTED]

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**DELIVERED SERVICE LOG**  
All Contacts, Services & Visits

FROM: 8/1/2018 TO: 11/14/2022

FOR: Arabella D. McCormack ADPT

**Contact Date:** 09/05/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Investigate Referral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):** [REDACTED] Bryan McCormack, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Leticia McCormack, Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Method:** In-Person **Location:** Home **Status:** Attempted

PSW Freeman made an unannounced visit to the home of Bryan and Leticia McCormack to investigate a referral. There was no response at the home.

**Contact Date:** 09/10/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Investigate Referral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):** [REDACTED] Bryan McCormack, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Leticia McCormack, Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Method:** In-Person **Location:** Home **Status:** Attempted

PSW Freeman made a second unannounced visit to the home of Bryan and Leticia McCormack. There were no cars in the driveway and the worker could not hear any noise coming from the home. PSW Freeman left a business card in the front door.

**Contact Date:** 09/10/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Consult with Collateral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):** [REDACTED] w-counselor  
**Method:** Telephone **Location:** [REDACTED] **Status:** Attempted

PSW Freeman made a telephone call to [REDACTED], counselor. A voice message comes on and states that he is out of the office on leave.

**Contact Date:** 09/11/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Investigate Referral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):** Leticia McCormack  
**Method:** Telephone **Location:** [REDACTED] **Status:** Attempted

PSW Freeman made a telephone call to the mother, Leticia McCormack [REDACTED]. A voice message requesting a callback was left.

**Contact Date:** 09/12/2018 **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Investigate Referral **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):** Leticia McCormack  
**Method:** Telephone **Location:** [REDACTED] **Status:** Completed



PSW Freeman received a telephone call from the mother, Leticia McCormack. The mother stated that she received this worker's message and asked what is this regarding. PSW Freeman requested to meet with the family at the home regarding a referral received. PSW Freeman discussed the allegations with the mother, and the mother said "Oh my goodness come over and we can talk we have nothing to hide". The mother stated that they are in the process of completing their adoption [REDACTED]. The mother stated that they are currently out of town but can meet with this worker after the 19th. PSW Freeman informed the mother that this worker will be out of the office but requested to meet on the 25th.

In regards to the allegations, the mother stated that the child has been having stomach issues and they are trying to find out what is going on. The mother stated that she has kept the school informed and provided documentation. The mother stated that the doctor had the child drinking liquids at certain times and on a strict diet. The mother stated that they have talked with the school nurse and the cafeteria staff to make sure that the child is not eating certain fatty foods and dairy products. The mother stated that they would never withhold food from the child. The mother stated that the child does not really understand what is going on and sometimes she wants to eat certain sugars and snacks and unfortunately she cannot right now so they told the teachers and school staff to withhold the items. The mother stated that they had a big meeting with all of the important stakeholders at the school regarding this last week. The mother stated that everything is on file. The mother stated that they have an adoptions worker as well who is aware and can speak on their behalf. The mother stated that Arabella is tribal so there are alot of different rules and things that they have implemented. PSW Freeman asked the mother if there is any physical discipline used, and the mother said "no not at all". PSW Freeman asked the mother to not talk with the child about the referral and scheduled to meet on 09/26.

**Contact Date:** 09/26/2018      **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Consult with Collateral      **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):**  
**Method:** Telephone      **Location:**      **Status:** Completed

PSW Freeman contacted [REDACTED], teacher with Highland Elementary. The teacher stated that she has worked with the child and denied having any safety concerns about the child. The teacher stated that she is concerned that the child is stressed because she is not allowed to eat certain things and the child often reports having stomach aches. The teacher stated that the mother is at the school often. The teacher denied that the child has reported being abused. The teacher stated that she knows that the child is adopted.

**Contact Date:** 09/26/2018      **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Investigate Referral      **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):** [REDACTED] Leticia McCormack, Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Method:** In-Person      **Location:** Home      **Status:** Completed

PSW Freeman arrived at the home of Leticia McCormack on the current date. PSW Freeman arrived to the home and was invited into the home. This worker observed the home to be organized. PSW Freeman provided the mother with this worker's business card, the Your Rights brochure and the Civil Rights letter. Minor, Arabella (7) was



observed sitting at the table. [REDACTED]. The father was not present at the home.

PSW Freeman met with the mother, Leticia. PSW Freeman discussed the allegations. The mother denied the allegations. The mother stated that she has had [REDACTED] for 2 years and has been going through the adoption process. The mother stated that if there were concerns the adoption workers would have been all over it. The mother stated that Arabella was in and out of the doctor's office for stomach issues. The mother stated that Arabella has a 504 plan due to her dietary restrictions. The mother stated that they are not sure what the issue is but stated that it has been an issue ongoing. The mother stated that she is constantly at the school keeping them informed and making sure that Arabella is getting the special accommodations that she needs. The mother stated that she met with the principal and the school psychologist and nurse to discuss what is going on. The mother stated that Arabella has made a lot of progress but Arabella had a lot of issues when she came to them. The mother stated that Arabella was acting out and she was in therapy to address the behaviors. The mother stated that they have never withheld food from the child or done any harsh punishment methods. The mother stated that they do not use physical discipline so they do have a daily contract with the child for behavior. The mother stated that the child has made so much progress that the therapist, [REDACTED], is discharging the child due to the child no longer needing the therapy. The mother stated that this worker can talk to Arabella. The mother stated that she does not know why anyone would make such harsh statements. The mother denied that the child is not allowed to have a pillow or not allowed to participate in school activities. The mother stated that the child was somewhat aggressive so they asked that the school supervises the child with sharp objects. The mother stated that Arabella has told the school that she is allowed to eat certain things that she is not allowed to eat so they make sure that the school is aware. The mother stated that the school would send messages home through Arabella, and the messages would never make it home so the mother stated that she has asked the school to call her directly. The mother stated that she has done a lot of classes and training and is trying to make sure that the school is meeting all of the needs [REDACTED]. The mother denied that the child is diagnosed with anything. The child has ADHD. The mother has a binder of documents for the child. The mother stated that due to the child being tribal they have to have everything documented and on file during the adoption process. The mother stated that the school does not understand that. The mother stated that she has tried to keep a lot of information confidential. The mother stated that Omar Avila was the adoption worker.

PSW Freeman met with Arabella. The child stated that she likes school. The child said that she likes to play. The child stated that she likes arts and crafts. PSW Freeman asked the child what she ate for breakfast, and the child said she had fruit and said that she eats lunch at school and dinner at home. The child stated that her mother makes her dinner. The child denied that she is ever not allowed to have dinner or if she is hungry and does not get enough food to eat. When asked what happens when she gets into trouble, the child said that she has to go to time out. The child said that sometimes she cannot play. The child denied being physically disciplined. The child denied that anyone in the home fights or argues. PSW Freeman asked the child if there is anything that she is sad about, and the child said that she gets sad if a friend is mean. The child did not report that anyone is being mean to her. PSW Freeman asked the child if she gets sad at home, and the child said no. PSW Freeman asked the child if she ever has to go potty and is not allowed to use the bathroom, and the child said no.

PSW Freeman observed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with linens and there were no safety hazards.

**Contact Date:** 10/01/2018    **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Investigate Referral    **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):** Bryan McCormack  
**Method:** Telephone    **Location:**    **Status:** Completed

PSW Freeman contacted the father, Bryan McCormack by phone. PSW Freeman introduced herself and informed the father of the reason for the call. The father stated that he is aware. The father stated that these allegations are bogus. The father stated that they check in with the child and the school to make sure that they are informed but denied that anything is withheld from the child. The father stated that they make sure that the child follows her diet. The father stated that he and the mother check in with the teachers to make sure that Arabella is following through and doing well in the class. The father denied that they abuse the child in any way. The father stated that they make sure that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] taken care of. The father stated that [REDACTED] doing well. PSW Freeman discussed the child abuse laws with the father. The father seemed to be knowledgeable about child abuse laws. PSW Freeman explained the referral process to the father and informed the father that this worker would follow up with him with any other concerns.

**Contact Date:** 10/08/2018    **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Consult with Collateral    **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):**  
**Method:** Telephone    **Location:**    **Status:** Completed

PSW Freeman contacted adoptions worker, Omar Avila, to get more information about the family and to find out if there are any concerns. The worker was unable to get the worker; so PSW Freeman contacted the duty worker to get further information. There were no concerns noted about the family.

**Contact Date:** 10/11/2018    **On Behalf Of:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Arabella D. McCormack ADPT  
**Contact Purpose:** Consult with Staff Person    **Staff Person:** Shara Freeman  
**Participant(s):**  
**Method:** E-Mail    **Location:**    **Status:** Completed

PSW Freeman spoke with Omar Avila, PSW for Arabella. PSW Avila stated that the adoption is pending a finalization date. PSW Avila denied having any concerns about the caregivers or the child. PSW Avila denied that the child has ever expressed that food was withheld or that there was any abuse in the home.



Referral Number:	0195-8796-1432-6071891
Referral Date:	08/27/2018

Medical: Medi-Cal

Education: Arabella attends Highland Elementary. She is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Arabella has an IEP and 504 plan.

Safety Network: The mother reported that there is a host of extended family

INVESTIGATION INTERVIEWS AND EVIDENCE:

Child/Youth: Arabella (7) - PSW Freeman met with Arabella. PSW Freeman asked the child what she ate for breakfast, and the child said she had fruit and said that she eats lunch at school and dinner at home. The child stated that her mother makes her dinner. The child denied that she is ever not allowed to have dinner or if she is hungry and does not get enough food to eat. When asked what happens when she gets into trouble, the child said that she has to go to time out. The child said that sometimes she couldn't play. The child denied being physically disciplined. The child denied that anyone in the home fights or argues. PSW Freeman asked the child is there anything that she is sad about, and the child said that she gets sad if a friend is mean. The child did not report that anyone is being mean to her. PSW Freeman asked the child if she gets sad at home, and the child said no. PSW Freeman asked the child if she ever has to go potty and is not allowed to use the bathroom, and the child said no.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Parent/Guardian: Leticia McCormack, Mother: The mother denied the allegations. The mother stated that she has [REDACTED] 2 years and has been going through the adoption process. The mother stated that Arabella was in and out of the doctor's office for stomach issues. The mother stated that Arabella has a 504 plan due to her dietary restrictions. The mother stated that they are not sure what the issue is but stated that it has been an issue ongoing. The mother stated that she is constantly at the school keeping them informed and making sure that Arabella is getting the special accommodations that she needs. The mother stated that she met with the principal and the school psychologist and nurse to discuss what is going on. The mother stated that Arabella has made a lot of progress but Arabella had a lot of issues when she came to them. The mother stated that Arabella was acting out and she was in therapy to address the behaviors. The mother stated that they have never withheld food from the child or done any harsh punishment methods. The mother stated that they do not use physical discipline so they do have a daily contract with the child for behavior. The mother stated that she does not know why anyone would make such harsh statements. The mother denied that the child is not allowed to have a pillow or not allowed to participate in school activities. The mother stated that the child was somewhat aggressive so they asked that the school supervise the child with sharp objects. The mother stated that Arabella has told the school that she is allowed to eat certain things that she is not allowed to eat so they make sure that the school is aware. The mother stated that the school would send messages home through Arabella, and the messages would never make it home so the mother stated that she has asked the school to call her directly. The mother stated that due to the child being tribal they have to have everything documented and on file during the adoption process.



CHILD(REN) NAME

Arabella ADPT McCormack

CHILD ID #

1147-7643-2421-4071891

Referral Number:	0195-8796-1432-6071891
Referral Date:	08/27/2016

Bryan McCormack, Father: PSW Freeman contacted the father, Bryan McCormack. The father stated that these allegations are bogus. The father stated that they check in with the child and the school to make sure that they are informed but denied that anything is withheld from the child. The father stated that they make sure that the child follows her diet. The father stated that he and the mother check in with the teachers to make sure that Arabella is following through and doing well in the class. The father denied that they abuse the child in any way. The father stated that they make sure that [REDACTED] taken care of. The father stated that [REDACTED] doing well. PSW Freeman discussed the child abuse laws with the father. The father seemed to be knowledgeable about child abuse laws.

Collaterals: [REDACTED] Highland Elementary Teacher: The teacher stated that she has worked with the child and denied having any safety concerns about the child. The teacher stated that she is concerned that the child is stressed because she is not allowed to eat certain things and the child often reports having stomachaches. The teacher stated that the mother is at the school often. The teacher denied that the child has reported being abused.

Omar Avila, PSW for Arabella: PSW Avila stated that the adoption is pending a finalization date. PSW Avila denied having any concerns about the caregivers or the child. PSW Avila denied that the child has ever expressed that food was withheld or that there was any abuse in the home.

What is Working Well?:

The parents are involved at the school

What are we Worried About?:

No worries observed or found during investigation

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES:

- Safety Mapping
- Three Questions
- Solution Focused Questions
- Three Houses
- Safety Circles
- Safety House
- Appreciative Inquiry
- Harm and/or Danger Statement created/discussed with the family
- Safety Goal created/discussed with the family
- Other:

SDM SAFETY ASSESSMENT:

Initial: Safe

Update/Closing: N/A

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Referral Date 08/27/2018

SDM RISK ASSESSMENT LEVEL:

Low/ Do not promote

Harm Statement: N/A

Danger Statement: N/A

DISPOSITION/RECOMMENDATION..

The allegation of Emotional Abuse of Arabella McCormack by Bryan and Leticia McCormack/Parents is determined by this investigation to be UNFOUNDED as defined by Penal Code 11165.12 (a) based on: The child denied all abuse. The mother stated that the child has diet restrictions and they have kept the school informed. The child denied that she is physically disciplined or that food is withheld from her.

**Emotional Abuse** as defined, per Penal Code 11165.3, as "a situation in which any person willfully causes or permits any child to suffer, or inflicts thereon, unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering, or having the care or custody of any child, willfully causes or permits the person or health of the child to be placed in a situation in which his or her person or health is endangered.

What Needs to Happen Next?:

Close referral with no further involvement

Provisional Safety Goal: N/A

PRE-PLACEMENT PREVENTATIVE SERVICES FOR FAMILY:

- Family Centered Meeting
- Safety Plan
- Referrals to Community Resources
- Civil Rights Brochure
- Counseled on child abuse laws and responsibility to protect
- Counseled on non-physical forms of discipline
- Counseled on appropriate supervision and responsibility to protect
- Counseled on sexual abuse dynamics and responsibility to protect
- Counseled on domestic violence dynamics and responsibility to protect
- Crisis Intervention
- Other:

DOJ/CACI:

Closing letter sent on 10/15/18





## County of San Diego

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AGENCY DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR  
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

10/15/2018

Bryan and Leticia McCormack  
[REDACTED]  
Spring Valley, CA 91977

Referral #: 0195-8796-1432-6071891

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McCormack:

On 08/27/18, we received a referral alleging that Arabella McCormack may be at-risk of Emotional Abuse.

After conducting an investigation, we have concluded that this referral may be closed, effective 10/14/18.

If you have any questions, or if you would like referrals for services in your community, please feel free to call me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Shara Freeman  
[REDACTED]  
389 N. Magnolia Ave  
El Cajon, California 92020

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