

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF  
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**In the Interest of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**File Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A child.**

**SOCIAL HISTORY FORMAT**

**Court Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. OFFENSE DATA:**

- A. Prior Offenses.  
Discuss previous contacts with the juvenile court in this county as well as any contacts with courts in other counties.
- B. Current Offense.  
List the current complaint which brings the child before the court and discuss any information which would shed light on the circumstances surrounding the offense.

**II. FAMILY DATA:**

Describe the family constellation in which the child is living. Which family members are regularly in the household?

- A. Father (or other male caretaker). Absent or present in the home? Is there a stepfather? Explain and define roles. Describe either or both along the following dimensions: (a) role in the home: relationship with spouse, type and consistency of discipline; (b) employment: type of job, income, hours worked; (c) role in community; (d) any outstanding problems: medical, emotional, drug/alcohol?
- B. Mother/Stepmother (or other female caretaker). Define roles. Describe either or both along the same dimensions as father above.
- C. Other Significant Adults. Age, sex, relationship to child.
- D. Siblings. Are any of the siblings positive resources for the child? Have any been involved with court?
- E. Home Life. Describe housing, neighborhood. Have there been any traumatic experiences (deaths, illness, divorces, etc.)? Describe basic feelings of family members toward each other (caring, hostile, indifferent). Has the family been referred to or involved in counseling?
- F. Discuss how the child perceives the present situation and how the court involvement has impacted upon the lives of the family members. Is the child remorseful and willing to face whatever the court decides or is the child hostile and difficult to work with? Will the family resist efforts by the court to help or are they willing to cooperate with the worker? If there has been any prior court involvement, what was the child and family's reaction to it?

### III. CHILD'S PERSONAL HISTORY AND ADJUSTMENT:

- A. Physical Health
  - 1. Medical History. Give a general physical description. Discuss in detail any serious illness or disabilities.
  - 2. Drug/Alcohol Involvement. Is the use/abuse of drugs or alcohol involved in the child's offense(s)?
- B. School - Academic and Vocational Aptitude. Discuss school attendance, achievement, behavior, and extra-curricular activities. Has the child any career goals, work experience, or vocational interests?
- C. Leisure Time. Has the child any special interest, talents, or activities?
- D. Treatment Efforts. Has the child been referred to or evaluated by psychologists, mental health clinics, etc.? Has the child been previously placed in a Youth Development Center or other DJJ residential program or non-residential program? What other agencies are now or have been involved with child?

### IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:

These should be well thought-out and reasoned recommendations which include justification for each recommendation. The social history report should contain goals, and the recommendations should be the means to achieve those ends. If the recommendation is for probation, you should state what your goals are for the child and relate how you intend to help the child reach that goal. If you recommend restitution, you should specify how much, to whom it should be paid, how it should be paid, and how the victim should receive it. (Should the child be required to deliver it in person or pay it into the Clerk of the Court's office?)

## SOCIAL HISTORY FACE SHEET

Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Chatham

Juvenile: \_\_\_\_\_ Case #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

	Father	Mother	Other Male	Other Female
Full Name				
Address (if different from child)				
Marital Status				
Occupation				
Income				
Highest Grade				

Has psychological or psychiatric evaluation been done? (Y/N)  
 If Y, Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Other agencies involved with the family: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Current offense: \_\_\_\_\_

History of Prior Dispositions				
Informally adjusted or adjudicated offenses	Completion Date	Disposition	Date Disposed	Date Discharged