

Skills Application: Identifying the Tasks of Concurrent Planning

Directions: Read the brief scenario below. Based on the information given, answer the questions about what planning steps and processes need to be completed for Rosalba. When you are finished, give your answer sheet to the trainer. Please work individually. You will have an opportunity to discuss the case as a group after you have finished and have turned in your answer sheet.

Rosalba, 16, was declared a ward of the court about a year ago as a result of her involvement in the burglary of a high school snack bar with a group of other friends. She was placed on formal probation and has been supervised while living at home with her mother, her mother's boyfriend and her two younger siblings aged 11 and 13.

Community supervision and services have been only partially successful in helping Rosalba. She has tested positive for cannabis on three occasions and has had a spotty school attendance record. She is frequently caught hanging around with the group she was with during the burglary long after her curfew. The community probation officer had difficulty maintaining a productive contact with Rosalba's mother that supported her getting to required services and to school.

Last week, Rosalba's mother and boyfriend were arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and transporting controlled substances. They are both in jail, unable to post bond. When police raided the home, conditions of the home were unsafe and unsanitary, even for teen and pre-teen children. The pending charges are very serious and these are not first offenses for either adult. They may be facing state prison time if convicted.

Rosalba's siblings have gone to stay with their father in the next county and have been enrolled in school there. Rosalba became argumentative and combative with police in the home during her mother's arrest and she was transported to Juvenile Hall. She was ordered detained by the court and at the disposition hearing ordered placed in a family foster agency home in the community. New charges of assault on a police officer are being considered and a hearing is scheduled regarding her placement status.

Rosalba last saw her father when she was 8 years old, when her mother and father divorced in New Mexico. He sent her several letters and birthday presents for a couple of years and then stopped making contact after her mother moved several times to various counties. Rosalba's brother and sister have a different father who has maintained contact and visitation with all three children.

Rosalba has a large extended family in Northern California and New Mexico, but few relatives are near her community. She has some information about her mother's family, but limited information about her father's. Rosalba told the officer that her mother once told her that her relatives in New Mexico are Native American and are members of the Sandia Pueblo. Her maternal aunt who lives in California has expressed an interest in having Rosalba live with her.