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Department of Health & Human Services  
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Mr. Robert M. Kerr  
Director  
SC Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

RE: Mrs. Jeannine Romano  
For Joseph Joshua Wahl

Dear Mr. Kerr,

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Yours very truly,



JOE WILSON  
Member of Congress

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September 28, 2007

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

South Carolina Department of Social  
Services,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Betsy Wells and Joseph Wahl,

Defendants,

In the interest of:  
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age of eighteen (18) years.

PC0075

IN THE FAMILY COURT  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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07-DR-32-0855X ✓

**ORDER OF CONTINUANCE**

TRIAL JUDGE:  
DATE OF HEARING:  
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:  
DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY:  
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COURT REPORTER:

Richard W. Chewning, III  
June 20, 2007  
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Pro Se  
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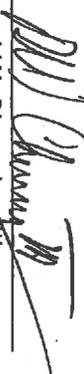
This matter is before me for an Intervention Hearing filed by the Lexington County Department of Social Services. This court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.

Plaintiff informed the court that the case needed to be continued to perfect service on the Defendants, and the case should be rescheduled for a future date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** as follows:

1. This hearing shall be continued and shall be rescheduled on a future date.
2. That temporary custody of the minor child, Joseph Wahl, shall be given to Mark Romano and Jeannine Romano, without prejudice to Defendant Betsy Wells.
3. That Mark Romano and Jeannine Romano, family friends, shall be made party Defendants to this action.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Richard W. Chewning, III  
Presiding Judge  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Lexington, South Carolina

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

6/14/07

Name: Betsy Wells / Joseph Wahl Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DSS has identified the following concerns as placing your child or children at serious risk of harm. The undersigned have developed this plan for the purpose of preventing removal of the child to foster care or as a plan to control safety concerns during the investigation. The parties enter into this agreement voluntarily. The parents' agreement to this plan is not an admission that they have abused or neglected the child.

If YES is checked, DSS has determined that if the preventive services are not provided or are not effective, foster care will be the plan for the child.  Yes  No

Safety Concern: Betsy Wells agrees to put Joseph Wahl

Preventive Service: (Include specific action, who will be responsible and who will monitor) in the alternative placement of Mark and

Jeanine Romano at 3705 Cairnbrook Dr.

Safety Concern: Mr. + Mrs. Romano agree to supervise visits

Preventive Service: (Include specific action, who will be responsible and who will monitor) between Joseph and Betsy Wells at least

2 times a month.

Safety Concern: \_\_\_\_\_

Preventive Service: (Include specific action, who will be responsible and who will monitor) \_\_\_\_\_

This safety plan is subject to change by DSS.

By signing this Safety Plan, the parents and the protector understand and agree that the protector will be responsible for the safety of the child(ren) during the investigation. This agreement will expire in 90 days from date of signature. The parents and protector have the right to and agree to contact the caseworker if they no longer wish to carry out any part of the agreement, have questions, or want to bring something to the worker's attention. If the report is unfounded, the Safety Plan will end automatically on the date of case decision.

Protector's Signature/Relationship to Child: [Signature] Date: 6-14-07 Worker's Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/14/07

Parent's Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/14/07

Parent(s)/Caregiver refused to sign  
Note: Failure to comply with the Safety Plan may result in court intervention to assure the child's safety.

[Signature] 6/14/07

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Safety Concern: Betsy Wells agrees to put Joseph Well in the alternative placement of Mark and Jeannine Roman at 3705 Cairnbrook Dr.

Safety Concern: Mr. + Mrs. Roman agree to supervise visits between Joseph and Betsy Wells at least 2 times a month.

Preventive Service: (Include specific action, who will be responsible and who will monitor)

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Protector's Signature/Relationship to Child: Mr. Roman Date: 6-14-07  
 Worker's Signature: Alana Baker Date: 6/14/07  
 Parent's Signature: Betsy Wells Date: 6/14/07

Parent(s)/Caregiver refused to sign  
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Mark Roman 6/14/07

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Safety Concern: Betsy Wells agrees to put Joseph Wahl in the alternative placement of Mark and Jeannine Rowand at 3705 Cairnbrook Dr.

Safety Concern: Mr. + Mrs. Rowand agree to supervise visits between Joseph and Betsy Wells at least 2 times a month.

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Protector's Signature/Relationship to Child: James Finnes 6-14-07 Date: 6-14-07  
Protector's Signature: Aldea Baker Date: 6/14/07  
Parent's Signature: Betsy Wells Date: 6/14/07  
Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Caregiver refused to sign  
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Mark Rowand 6/14/07

Proposed Treatment Plan  
June 18, 2007

**Case Caption: SCDDSS vs Betsy Wells and Joseph Wahl**

**A. FINDING**

1. The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that **Betsy Wells** did physically neglect **Joseph Wahl**.
2. The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the Department of Social Services had reasonable cause to intervene in this case.
3. This finding shall be entered into the statewide central registry system.

**B. PLACEMENT OF CHILD**

- 1 The minor child, **Joseph Wahl**, shall be placed in the temporary custody of **Mark and Jeannine Romano** without prejudice to **Betsy Wells**.

**C. REQUIREMENTS/SERVICES FOR DEFENDANTS.**

1. Within 30 days **Betsy Wells** shall make an appointment and keep that appointment to be evaluated for substance abuse by LRPADAC at 1325 Harden Street, Columbia, SC, 29204; phone 256-3100. This evaluation is to be completed and presented to the Department of Social Services. The defendant shall further follow all treatment recommendations, to include submitting to random drug screening, until released as having successfully completed by the treating counselor.
2. **Betsy Wells** shall attend and participate in mental health counseling at Lexington County Mental Health ( 359- 7206 ), attending all appointments set by her counselor until released as having successfully completed.
3. **Betsy Wells** will secure and maintain appropriate housing for at least 6 months, to include running water, heat, stove, refrigerator, operational plumbing, and secure doors.
5. **Betsy Wells** will maintain a minimum level of cleanliness in his home, keeping all food covered, dishes washed, kitchen surfaces wiped clean, trash removed, and adequate linens on the beds.
6. **Betsy Wells** will cooperate with the Department of Social Services and referrals made by DSS.

8. **Betsy Wells** shall attend and participate in therapy sessions with the minor child as recommended by the child's therapist until released as having successfully completed by the treating counselor.

9. **Betsy Wells** shall keep plaintiff informed of any changes in their circumstances, to include but not limited to, any change in address, household composition, employment, or telephone number, and that any change shall be reported to the South Carolina County Department of Social Services, Lexington County, within three (3) working days of such change occurring.

**D. REQUIREMENTS/SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.**

1. **Joseph Wahl** shall attend counseling at the Lexington County Community Mental Health Child and Adolescent Center, or a DSS approved provider, and follow all treatment recommendations made by his counselor until successfully terminated;

2. **Joseph Wahl** will comply with a psychological assessment with Dr. Marc Harari, 803-422-0017, and he will follow the recommendations of this evaluation.

**E. VISITATION/CONTACT ISSUES.**

1. **Betsy Wells** shall have scheduled visitation with **Joseph Wahl** at the discretion of **Mark and Jeannine Romano**.

**F. CHILD SUPPORT.**

1. The **Betsy Wells** shall be ordered to pay child support in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ per month, plus 5% collection costs, beginning \_\_\_\_\_ payable through the Clerk of Court, \_\_\_\_\_ County Family Court, with \_\_\_\_\_ designated as the payee.

Payor:

Address:

Payee: **Mark and Jeannine Romano**

Address: **3705 Cairnbrook Drive, Columbia, SC, 29210**

**G. REVIEW.**

1. This case shall be reviewed in 6 months unless treatment services terminate prior to that time.
2. Review shall be upon motion of any party or as required by law.

**H. REASONABLE EFFORTS BY DSS.**

1. The Court finds that by clear and convincing evidence, that the child(ren) is/are threatened with harm absent the successful completion of this treatment plan, services shall continue until such completion.

**I. ACCESS TO INFORMATION/AUTHORIZATION.**

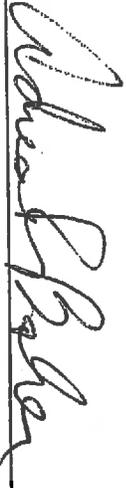
1. Department of Social Services shall be allowed access to all medical, school, criminal, or professional records that may be necessary to implement this treatment plan.
2. The Guardian ad litem shall continue to monitor this case and have access to information necessary to monitor.
3. The Department of Social Services shall continue to monitor this case.

**J. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

1. **Mark Romano and Jeannine Romano** shall be made a party to this action.
2. Defendant **Betsy Wells**, shall pay the \$100.00 court fee pursuant to 20-7-1440 within 60 days of this hearing.

**K. TYPE OF HEARING.**

1. This hearing shall serve as an intervention hearing.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea P. Baker  
Human Services Specialist II

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Walker  
Social Services Supervisor I

Keep this stub with your personal records. The other side contains important information.

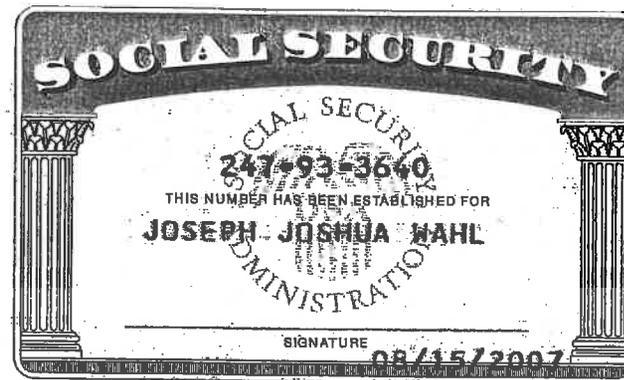
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JOSEPH JOSHUA WAHL  
3705 CAIRNBROOK DR  
COLUMBIA SC 29210-4818

## YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

**ADULTS:** Sign this card in ink immediately.  
**CHILDREN:** Do not sign until age 18 or your first job, whichever is earlier.

Keep your card in a safe place to prevent loss or theft.  
**DO NOT CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU.**  
Do not laminate.



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MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

MEDICAID NUMBER: 7630165236 DATE OF SERVICE: 07/11/2007

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 247933640

FIRST NAME: JOSEPH MI: J LAST NAME: WAHL

ADDRESS: 3705 CAIRNBROOK DRIVE COUNTY: 32 LEXINGTON

COLUMBIA, SC 29210 CITIZEN: Y

DATE OF BIRTH: 07/30/1993 MEDICAID ELIGIBLE ON 07/11/2007

RECIPIENT HAS AGE EXEMPT FROM COPAY

PMT CATEGORY: 88 OCWT (CHILDREN UP TO AGE 19) PHC

QUAL CATEGORY: 30 AFDC

RECIPIENT HAS 75 HOME HEALTH VISITS REMAINING IN DATE OF SERVICE FISCAL YEAR  
RECIPIENT HAS 12 CHIROPRACTOR VISITS REMAINING IN DATE OF SERVICE FISCAL YEAR

RECIPIENT IS UNDER 21. AMBULATORY VISIT COUNTS DO NOT APPLY

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*State of South Carolina*  
Department of Health and Human Services

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Governor

Emma Forkner  
Director

October 11, 2007

The Honorable Joe Wilson  
United States House of Representatives  
Midlands District Office  
1700 Sunset Boulevard  
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for referring Ms. Jeannine Romano to our agency regarding financial assistance for Joseph J. Wahl.

The Department of Health and Human Services administers the Medicaid program. A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Romano regarding Medicaid eligibility and the rules and regulations governing the program. Since Medicaid does not provide financial assistance to pay utility bills or living expenses we forwarded Ms. Romano's correspondence to the Lexington County Department of Social Services Director, Mr. Greg Frohnappel, in regard to possible financial assistance. We also mailed Ms. Romano information on resources that may assist with her housing and utility bills.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner  
Director

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October 11, 2007

Mr. Greg Frohnappel  
County Director  
Lexington County Department of Social Services  
Post Office Drawer 430  
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Dear Mr. Frohnappel:

Please find enclosed a copy of correspondence from Ms. Jeannine Romano to Congressman Joe Wilson that was forwarded to our agency concerning the financial and personal needs of Joseph J. Wahl. We have provided Ms. Romano with information on charitable and non-profit organizations that may be of assistance. I would appreciate it if your office could contact Ms. Romano at (803) 665-6914 to determine if her family qualifies for any type of financial assistance and answer her questions regarding DSS eligibility guidelines.

Thank you for any assistance your staff may be able to offer Ms. Romano and her family in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs".

Alicia Jacobs  
Interim Deputy Director

AJ/cod



*State of South Carolina*  
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Ms. Jeannine Romano  
3705 Caimbrook Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Ms. Romano:

Congressman Joe Wilson asked our agency to assist you in obtaining financial aid benefits for Joseph J. Wahl.

The Department of Health and Human Services administers the Medicaid program. Joseph receives Medicaid assistance through our Partners for Healthy Children program. If you have questions regarding Joseph's Medicaid eligibility please contact Mr. Fred Tate, Lexington County Medicaid Supervisor, at (803) 785-2966.

Medicaid is a healthcare program and does not provide financial assistance to pay utility bills or living expenses. I have forwarded a copy of your inquiry to Mr. Greg Frohnappel, Lexington County Department of Social Services Director, for his staff to review for financial assistance. Enclosed is a list of charitable and non-profit organizations in your area that may be able to assist you.

I hope this information is helpful in meeting your family's healthcare and financial needs.

Sincerely,

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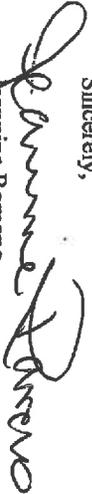
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COURT REPORTER:

Richard W. Chewning, III  
June 20, 2007  
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CLERK OF COURT  
LEXINGTON, SC

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This matter is before me for an Intervention Hearing filed by the Lexington County Department of Social Services.  
This court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.

Plaintiff informed the court that the case needed to be continued to perfect service on the Defendants, and the case  
should be rescheduled for a future date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** as follows:

1. This hearing shall be continued and shall be rescheduled on a future date.
2. That temporary custody of the minor child, Joseph Wahl, shall be given to Mark Romano and Jeannine Romano, without prejudice to Defendant Betsy Wells.
3. That Mark Romano and Jeannine Romano, family friends, shall be made party Defendants to this action.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

*Richard W. Chewning, III*  
Richard W. Chewning, III  
Presiding Judge  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

6/14/07

Name: Betsy Wells / Joseph Wahl Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DSS has identified the following concerns as placing your child or children at serious risk of harm. The undersigned have developed this plan for the purpose of preventing removal of the child to foster care or as a plan to control safety concerns during the investigation. The parties enter into this agreement voluntarily. The parents' agreement to this plan is not an admission that they have abused or neglected the child.

If YES is checked, DSS has determined that if the preventive services are not provided or are not effective,  Yes  No foster care will be the plan for the child.

Safety Concern: Betsy Wells agrees to put Joseph Wahl in the alternative placement of Mark and Seanine Romond at 3705 Cairnbrook Dr.

Safety Concern: Mr. + Mrs. Romond agree to supervise visits between Joseph and Betsy Wells at least 2 times a month.

Preventive Service: (Include specific action, who will be responsible and who will monitor)

This safety plan is subject to change by DSS.

By signing this Safety Plan, the parents and the protector understand and agree that the protector will be responsible for the safety of the child(ren) during the investigation. This agreement will expire in 90 days from date of signature. The parents and protector have the right to and agree to contact the caseworker if they no longer wish to carry out any part of the agreement, have questions, or want to bring something to the worker's attention. If the report is unfounded, the Safety Plan will end automatically on the date of case decision.

Protector's Signature/Relationship to Child: [Signature] Date: 6-14-07 Worker's Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/14/07  
 Parent's Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/14/07

Parent(s)/Caregiver refused to sign  
 Note: Failure to comply with the Safety Plan may result in court intervention to assure the child's safety.

[Signature] 6/14/07

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If YES is checked, DSS has determined that if the preventive services are not provided or are not effective, foster care will be the plan for the child.  Yes  No

Safety Concern: Betsy Wells agrees to put Joseph Wells in the alternative placement of Mark and Jeannine Romand at 3705 Cairnbrook Dr.

Preventive Service: (Include specific action, who will be responsible and who will monitor)  
Mr. + Mrs. Romand agree to supervise visits between Joseph and Betsy Wells at least 2 times a month.

Safety Concern: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Protector's Signature/Relationship to Child: Mark Romand Date: 6-14-07  
Worker's Signature: Alison Baker Date: 6/14/07  
Parent's Signature: Betsy Wells Date: 6/14/07

Parent(s)/Caregiver refused to sign  
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Mark Romand 6/14/07

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SAFETY PLAN

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If YES is checked, DSS has determined that if the preventive services are not provided or are not effective, foster care will be the plan for the child.  Yes  No

Safety Concern: Betsy Wells agrees to put Joseph Wohl in the alternative placement of Mark and Jeannine Roman at 3705 Cairnbrook Dr.

Safety Concern: Mr. + Mrs. Roman agree to supervise visits between Joseph and Betsy Wells at least 2 times a month.

Safety Concern: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preventive Service: (Include specific action, who will be responsible and who will monitor)

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Jeannine Roman 6-14-07 Aldea Baker 6/14/07  
Protector's Signature/Relationship to Child Date Worker's Signature Date  
Betsy Wells 6/14/07  
Parent's Signature Date Parent's Signature Date

Parent(s)/Caregiver refused to sign  
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Mark Roman 6/14/07

Proposed Treatment Plan  
June 18, 2007

**Case Caption: SCDDSS vs Betsy Wells and Joseph Wahl**

**A. FINDING**

1. The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that **Betsy Wells** did physically neglect **Joseph Wahl**.
2. The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the Department of Social Services had reasonable cause to intervene in this case.
3. This finding shall be entered into the statewide central registry system.

**B. PLACEMENT OF CHILD**

- 1 The minor child, **Joseph Wahl**, shall be placed in the temporary custody of **Mark** and **Jeanine Romano** without prejudice to **Betsy Wells**.

**C. REQUIREMENTS/SERVICES FOR DEFENDANTS.**

1. Within 30 days **Betsy Wells** shall make an appointment and keep that appointment to be evaluated for substance abuse by LRADAC at 1325 Harden Street, Columbia, SC, 29204; phone 256-3100. This evaluation is to be completed and presented to the Department of Social Services. The defendant shall further follow all treatment recommendations, to include submitting to random drug screening, until released as having successfully completed by the treating counselor.
2. **Betsy Wells** shall attend and participate in mental health counseling at Lexington County Mental Health ( 359- 7206 ), attending all appointments set by her counselor until released as having successfully completed.
3. **Betsy Wells** will secure and maintain appropriate housing for at least 6 months, to include running water, heat, stove, refrigerator, operational plumbing, and secure doors.
5. **Betsy Wells** will maintain a minimum level of cleanliness in his home, keeping all food covered, dishes washed, kitchen surfaces wiped clean, trash removed, and adequate linens on the beds.
6. **Betsy Wells** will cooperate with the Department of Social Services and referrals made by DSS.

8. **Betsy Wells** shall attend and participate in therapy sessions with the minor child as recommended by the child's therapist until released as having successfully completed by the treating counselor.

9. **Betsy Wells** shall keep plaintiff informed of any changes in their circumstances, to include but not limited to, any change in address, household composition, employment, or telephone number, and that any change shall be reported to the South Carolina County Department of Social Services, Lexington County, within three (3) working days of such change occurring.

**D. REQUIREMENTS/SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.**

1. **Joseph Wahl** shall attend counseling at the Lexington County Community Mental Health Child and Adolescent Center, or a DSS approved provider, and follow all treatment recommendations made by his counselor until successfully terminated;

2. **Joseph Wahl** will comply with a psychological assessment with Dr. Marc Harari, 803-422-0017, and he will follow the recommendations of this evaluation.

**E. VISITATION/CONTACT ISSUES.**

1. **Betsy Wells** shall have scheduled visitation with **Joseph Wahl** at the discretion of **Mark and Jeannine Romano**.

**F. CHILD SUPPORT.**

1. The **Betsy Wells** shall be ordered to pay child support in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ per month, plus 5% collection costs, beginning \_\_\_\_\_ payable through the Clerk of Court, \_\_\_\_\_ County Family Court, with \_\_\_\_\_ designated as the payee.

Payor:  
Address:

Payee: **Mark and Jeannine Romano**  
Address: 3705 Cairnbrook Drive, Columbia, SC, 29210

**G. REVIEW.**

1. This case shall be reviewed in 6 months unless treatment services terminate prior to that time.

2. Review shall be upon motion of any party or as required by law.

**H. REASONABLE EFFORTS BY DSS.**

1. The Court finds that by, clear and convincing evidence, that the child(ren) is/are threatened with harm absent the successful completion of this treatment plan, services shall continue until such completion.

**I. ACCESS TO INFORMATION/AUTHORIZATION.**

1. Department of Social Services shall be allowed access to all medical, school, criminal, or professional records that may be necessary to implement this treatment plan.

2. The Guardian ad litem shall continue to monitor this case and have access to information necessary to monitor.

3. The Department of Social Services shall continue to monitor this case.

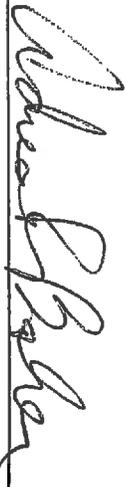
**J. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

1. **Mark Romano and Jeannine Romano** shall be made a party to this action.

2. Defendant **Betsy Wells**, shall pay the \$100.00 court fee pursuant to 20-7-1440 within 60 days of this hearing.

**K. TYPE OF HEARING.**

1. This hearing shall serve as an intervention hearing.

  
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Andrea P. Baker  
Human Services Specialist II

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Miller  
Social Services Supervisor I

## YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

**ADULTS:** Sign this card in ink immediately.

**CHILDREN:** Do not sign until age 18 or your first job, whichever is earlier.

Keep your card in a safe place to prevent loss or theft.

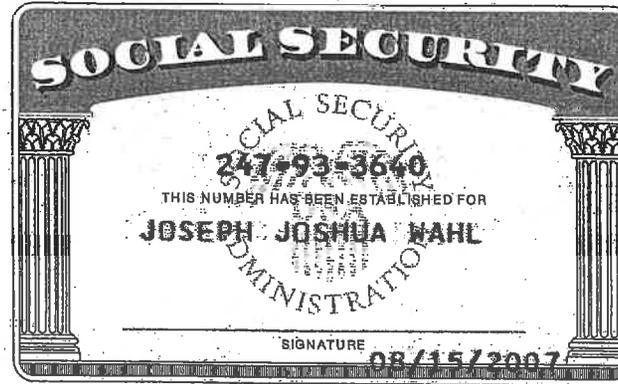
**DO NOT CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU.**

Do not laminate.

Keep this stub with your personal records. The other side contains important information.

Please note: The date we issued this card is shown below the signature line.

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3705 CAIRNBROOK DR.  
COLUMBIA SC 29210-4818

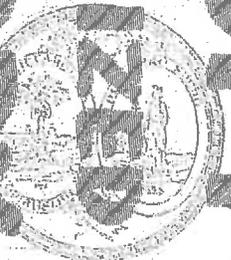


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DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS  
1000 WEST GATEWAY DRIVE  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
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Assistant Registrar

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BIRTH CERTIFICATION

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STATE FILE NUMBER : 139-93-027618

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NAME OF REGISTRANT : JOSEPH JOSHUA WAHLE  
DATE OF BIRTH : JUL 30 1993  
SEX : MALE

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PLACE OF BIRTH : WASHINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
FATHER'S NAME : JOSEPH WILLIAM WAHL

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MOTHER'S MARRIEN IN VAHLE  
DATE RECORDED FILED : AUG 03 1993  
PLACES : RENOVA WELLS

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DATE ISSUED : AUG 08 2007

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Constituent Notes

SSN 000-00-0000

MEDICAID ID 7630165236

First Name MI Last Name Joseph J Wahl

Constituent Phone(s)

Constituent Phone Extension

HIPAA Authorization

Reason for Referral Other

Staff ID Staff First Name Staff Last Name 2 Jennifer Dabbs

Point of Contact

Authorized Rep Jeannine Romano

Rep Phone (803) 665-6914

Relationship Legal Guardian

Legislator/ Other Congressman Wilson

Entry Date 10/ 8/2007

Last Update 10/ 8/2007

Last Update User LYNCHJEN

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 Legislator / Other

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**From:** Fred Tate  
**To:** Jennifer Dabbs  
**Date:** 10/8/2007 2:21 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Joseph J. Wahl HH# 101201188

**CC:** Pat McWhite

Yes. His eligibility was not based on her circumstances. Fred Tate

>>> Jennifer Dabbs 10/08/07 2:06 PM >>>  
Good afternoon,

Congressman Wilson's office forwarded us a letter from Jeannine Romano, Joseph's AR, regarding "financial assistance". Her letter says that since she is not a blood relative, she cannot get assistance. I know this doesn't have anything to do with his Medicaid, but wanted to be sure that he is protected until 7/9/08. I would like to include that in the letter. I think this letter was mistakenly referred to us, but we still must respond. Thanks for checking it out!!!

Jennifer Dabbs  
Supervisor, Division of Constituent Services  
Bureau of Eligibility Policy & Oversight  
Department of Health and Human Services  
(803) 898-3965  
(803) 255-8350 FAX  
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HH NUMBER: 101201188 APL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTION DATE: 07/09/07

AUTHORIZED REP/RESPONSIBLE PARTY MAILING ADDRESS:  
NAME: JEANNINE \_\_\_\_\_ ROMANO \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: NR NO REL  
3705 CAIRNBROOK ROAD

LEGAL RELATIONSHIP:  
COLUMBIA \_\_\_\_\_ SC 29210- \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE/CONSERVATOR  
HOME PHONE: - - - - - X GUARDIAN  
WORK PHONE: - - - - - POWER OF ATTORNEY  
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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