

School of Government
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Case Summary

Name: June B., mid 20's

June was a young woman who lived in Chester County. She developed an addiction which was not only detrimental to her life but also the lives of her 3 children. Her addiction spanned more than 10 years.

June's mother made a report to Children, Youth and Families because she was concerned about June's ability to care for her children and about their living environment. Based on the results of the report investigation the Court removed the children from June's home. The children were placed in their grandmother's (June's mother) care. The children were all below the age of 5 at that time.

June attempted treatment several times before finally being able to attain sustained recovery. Children, Youth and Families continued their involvement with the family, encouraging June to pull her life together while also insuring that the children remained in a safe, stable environment with their grandmother. Case managers from the drug and alcohol department worked with CYF case workers and June to engage her in, and provide access to drug and alcohol treatment and support services.

June entered her last treatment in 1999 and has been able to sustain her recovery since that time. She has also received assistance in getting June training through the Department of Public Welfare's Single Point of Contact program (now the EARN program) and has maintained employment for the last 10 years.

Once she was in a position to regain custody of her children, June and her mother determined that the children would be best served by remaining with their grandmother so as not to destabilize their lives. June lives very near the children and has insured her continued involvement in their lives.

In the coming year's June's mother also applied to the Aging Department for assistance when her husband developed a terminal illness. Prescription assistance was obtained.

June's children have developed and continue to grow in very healthy ways with very positive relationships including strong, healthy relationships with their mother. June's oldest child recently began college on a full academic scholarship.