

241.1 Report: When a dependent child has been charged with a crime a determination is made in juvenile court as to which system, dependency (WIC 300) or delinquency (WIC 600) is best for the child. This report provides the court the information needed to make the determination. There exists a (WIC 241.1) protocol that is followed by social services and probation to determine their respective recommendations. The CASA report makes a recommendation based on the needs of the child and a determination as to which system has the services to best meet those needs.

You will need the following information for the Report

- Total Hours**
- ICWA**
- Date of Detention**
- Total Out of Home Care**
- Number of Placements**
- Persons Contacted**

Recommendation: State whether you have or have not read the social worker's and probation officer's report. State if CASA agrees or disagrees with the recommendation included in that report. Do not give rationale here. Support recommendations in the various sections of the report.

Assessment and Observations: Primarily deals with the child or children.

- First state CASA's date of appointment
- Give a short description of the child - physical appearance, age, interests, and anecdotes. The court looks to this section of the CASA report for your input so that they can 'meet the child' as they seldom do in person.
- Include all of the following topic areas that apply to your recommendation.
 1. Health
 2. Education
 3. Sibling Relationships
 4. Visitation

Type and Appropriateness of Placement: Briefly describe where the child is (juvenile hall, foster care, shelter, with relatives or parents). State if you believe this placement, other than juvenile hall, is appropriate or if you believe it needs to be changed. If you know, state again how many placements the child has had.

Previous Involvement with CWS and Probation: Give a brief history. This is usually available from the CWS and probation report.