**Active Efforts Scenarios**

**SCENARIO #1**

A dependency case is opened due to neglect in which a parent’s mental health issues affected:

* parent’s daily functioning and ability to safely supervise their child,
* follow through on meeting child’s daily care needs, and
* maintaining a safe home environment.

The parent was easily located by DCYF and maintained phone communication. The social worker observed that the family had no car and lived near a bus line.

EFFORTS: The social worker:

* provided the parent with a list of local mental health providers with contact information
* provided the parent with a bus pass to travel to services

**SCENARIO #2**

After consulting with the tribe, family members, and collaterals to assess the case background and the parent’s baseline capacity issues, the social worker was able to accurately identify chemical dependency and housing as issues needing to be targeted with Active Efforts.

Unfortunately, the parent would not communicate with the social worker, return their calls/texts, or make their whereabouts known.

EFFORTS: The social worker:

* went to parent’s last known residence
* communicated with parent’s family, tribe, and collaterals to seek assistance in locating parent
* followed up on all leads
* went to locations parent is known to frequent.

Unfortunately, social worker was unable to locate parent and coordinate any services for them.

**Active Efforts Exercises (cont.)**

**SCENARIO #3**

A dependency case was opened due to parenting skill deficits and chemical dependency-related neglect that created a threat to the child’s safety.

EFFORTS: The social worker:

* coordinated culturally appropriate parenting education and chemical dependency services provided by the parent’s tribe (Positive Indian Parenting program through Lummi Family Services and Lummi CARE chemical dependency program)
* assisted the parent in contacting those agencies and seeking input from parent, tribe, and family members
* arranged transportation for the parent directly to/from services
* maintained regular contact with the providers to assess for obstacles and make changes to services when those obstacles were identified
* wrote in the DCYF court report - “Active Efforts were made through parenting and chemical dependency services.”