

SESSION 4 AMARILLO CASE "SAVING KIDS—CHILDREN OF ADDICTS" WORKSHEET

After watching the "Saving kids: Children of addicts" video, take time to respond to the following questions and prepare to share them with your facilitator during your Session 4 debrief:

- 1. What was going through your mind as you listened to the stories of the siblings impacted by their mother's substance use disorder? How did you feel about the mother?
- 2. Did anything change for you the way you think about people impacted by addiction? Why or why not?
- 3. After watching the video and thinking about your role as a volunteer, what challenges might you have balancing the children's best interests with their mother's addiction?
- 4. If you were the CASA/GAL volunteer in this case, what concerns would you have regarding these children and potentially reunifying with their mother?
- 5. Unlike what happened in this video to the mother, most addicts don't have that one dramatic experience that "scares them straight." It's often a difficult journey to sobriety with peaks and valleys. What concerns would you have supporting a child of a parent who struggles with addiction? What additional information would you want to have at your disposal to inform your recommendations to the court?

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