**Hypo:**

You are recently assigned to represent a sibling group of legally free children: Adam, age 3, and Benjamin, age 4. You learn that when Adam and Benjamin were 2 and 3, respectively, they were removed from their prospective adoptive placement—a non-relative, licensed home—after their daycare provider called CPS over unexplained bruising on Adam’s backside. Adam and Benjamin’s “fictive grandparents” (i.e. the father and mother of their foster father) asked to be placement at the time the children were removed, but the Department declined on the grounds that the grandparents were not licensed and not blood relatives. Adam had been in his foster home since birth and Benjamin since he was 1 year old. The Grandparents lived next door and regularly cared for the children. The children have their own bedrooms at Grandma and Grandpa’s house.

The fictive Grandparents have filed a motion to intervene and are requesting placement of Adam and Benjamin. They have become licensed and have an approved adoptive home study. At this point, Adam and Benjamin have been in a new pre-adopt foster home for 10 months and appear bonded to their caregivers. Both Adam and Benjamin can identify “Grandma and Grandpa” in pictures you show them. When you ask Benjamin (4) about his grandparents, he says “I love them.” but then becomes withdrawn. Adam (3) refuses to talk about his grandparents, but is upset if you try to take the pictures away from him.

**Questions:**

1. Issues??
2. How do you determine your young clients’ respective positions? What information do you rely on?
3. What position do you ultimately take regarding intervention? Placement?