



Supporting Healthy Families

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

August 12, 2020

Client: Layla Morgan
DOB: March 25, 2012
Sex: Female
Gender Identity: Female
Gender Expression: Female

Dates of Evaluation: July 30, 2020; August 3, 2020; and August 4, 2020

Reason for Referral

Layla Morgan was referred to the Supporting Healthy Families therapeutic foster care program by Brooke Tillman, Department of Children and Families Services, after Layla was disrupted from her foster care placement.

Background Information

Layla Morgan is an 8-year-old, Caucasian female. She is the second oldest of three children. She, along with her two siblings, came into foster care in July 2020 because of neglect that resulted from parental substance abuse. Prior to coming into foster care, Layla lived with her mother, Janet Morgan, and her sisters, Jessica and Kerry, in a modest home in Jacksonville, Mock State. By report, Layla's older sister, Kerry (age 10), assumed a significant amount of caregiving responsibilities for Layla and her younger sister. The family appears to have been somewhat isolated with few social supports.

Layla will be in the 4th grade and begin attending Franklin Elementary School. She receives special education services for delays in communication; social and emotional development; and physical development, specifically gross motor skills. She is on medication to control seizures.

The child's mother was not married to the children's fathers. Layla has little memory of her step- or biological father. Her stepfather is currently incarcerated at the Mock State Correctional Facility. The location of both of Layla's biological parents is currently unknown.

Tests Administered

Layla Morgan was seen for 3 sessions over a 2-week period. Additional information was collected through interviews with the child's previous and current foster parents. The following were administered:

- Children's Behavior Checklist (CBCL)
- Children's Depression Inventory 2 (CDI 2)
- Thematic Apperception Test (TAT)
- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, 5th ed. (WISC-V)
- Clinical Interview

Clinical Impressions and Diagnosis

Layla Morgan initially presented as a shy, timid child. However, over the course of each evaluation session, she would engage with this evaluator. Layla functions in the average range of intellectual functioning. Layla was both anxious and sad when talking about her mother. She admitted to being very concerned for her mother's overall well-being and wanted continuous reassurances that her mother would not die. Layla reported experiencing nightmares on a daily basis and problems concentrating (listening to what the teachers or fosters parents said). She became easily frustrated with tasks, often acting out violently (throwing materials). Layla was hypervigilant during each session and easily distracted.

Diagnoses/ICD codes

F92 Mixed disorders of conduct and emotions

F83 Mixed specific developmental disorder

G40.7 Petit mal, unspecified without grand mal seizures

R/O F94.1 Reactive attachment disorder of childhood

F94.9 Childhood disorder of social functioning, unspecified

Recommendations

1. Continued placement in therapeutic foster care
 - a. Provide structured environment and predictable routine
 - b. Involve a Behavioral Management Specialist (in home and in school environment)
2. Individual therapy to address:
 - a. Trauma
 - b. Separation from primary caretaker
 - c. Development of coping skills
3. Family therapy with siblings to promote appropriate sibling relationships
4. Reassess in 3 months

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