

Sample Youth Scenario and Action Plan



Youth Scenario

Youth's Name: Jordan

Age: 16

Brief Case History:

Jordan entered the child welfare system at age 12 due to neglect and emotional abuse stemming from his mother's struggles with substance use disorder. Over time, Jordan has experienced multiple placements, initially in two different foster homes. Two years ago, at age 14, Jordan was placed in his current group home as behavioral concerns, including school absenteeism and emotional outbursts, escalated. Jordan's biological father's identity is unknown, and his mother is currently incarcerated for drug-related offenses.

Jordan has a younger sister, Mia (age 10), who remains in foster care in a separate home. Jordan and Mia have limited contact due to placement logistics and their mother's legal circumstances. Jordan has had occasional contact with extended family members. Although Jordan's maternal grandmother has expressed interest in maintaining a relationship with him, she has not been able to take guardianship due to her own health challenges.

Current Situation:

Jordan is currently residing in a group home, where he has developed positive relationships with the staff. However, he continues to struggle with authority and exhibits resistance when faced with rules that he perceives as restrictive. He is in the 10th grade but is behind in credits due to frequent absences. Despite his challenges, Jordan has demonstrated a strong interest in woodworking, excelling in an elective class that focuses on carpentry.

Jordan has expressed a strong desire to be reunited with his sister Mia and is also frustrated by the instability in his life. He has shared that he just wants to "feel at home" and is open to forming meaningful, lasting relationships with caring adults. However, Jordan remains wary of forming attachments due to past experiences with loss and abandonment. He has expressed an interest in adoption but is clear that he does not want to be "bounced around" again.

Permanency Goals:

Jordan's ideal permanency goal is to develop a stable, supportive relationship with a caregiver who can provide lifelong support. He hopes for the possibility of being adopted by a family that can offer stability, or for the opportunity to be placed with his maternal grandmother if she becomes able to care for him. He also deeply values the opportunity for ongoing contact with his sister, Mia, and desires a consistent adult presence who can help him navigate the transition into adulthood.

Action Plan

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill in all columns below for each recommended action plan strategy.

Strategy #1: Strengthen and expand supportive relationships for permanent connections

<u>Actions</u> <i>(List specific tasks)</i>	Anticipated Barriers to Implementation	Plan to Overcome Identified Barriers	Target Completion <i>(month/year)</i>	Person Responsible
1. Visitations with Mia	Logistics & Transportation	Provide virtual options, prepare multiple meeting spaces and support coordination	Start within 1 month, ongoing	Caseworker
2. Explore Mobility Mapping with Jordan	Jordan's frustrations with instability	Continuous support and framing while processing, moving at Jordan's pace and allowing multiple talks	Start next week	Group home staff, with support from YCPRT Facilitator
3. Kinnect to Family Referral – re-engage extensive family search and engagement	Lack of contact information	Start with who we know, grandma, mom, Mia's support.	Referral by end of week	Caseworker
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Action Plan (Continued)

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Strategy #2: Plan for the Future

Actions <i>(List specific tasks)</i>	Anticipated Barriers to Implementation	Plan to Overcome Identified Barriers	Target Completion <i>(month/year)</i>	Person Responsible
1. Woodworking apprenticeship	Limited openings and transportation	Explore community partnerships through trade unions and Vocational Schools	Within 1 month	Jordan, Independent living caseworker, group home staff
2. Jordan identify 2-3 adults who can be supports and explore Permanency Pact relationships	Overwhelm	Utilize the Pact tool to explore supports	By next YCPRT	Jordan, with group home staff support
3. Future planning conversation with youth and a connection/support	Connection coordination	Assign the unit coordinator to set up the conversation	By next YCPRT	Jordan, Caseworker, Coordinator
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