

Developmental Jigsaw Puzzle Activity

Kyle (Crossover Youth)

Kyle (17 years old) came to the attention of DCFS after the State Central Registry (SCR or “hotline”) received a report that his birth mother had struck him with a broom before he left for school and left marks on his arm. The next day an additional report was received by the SCR alleging his mother had punched and bit him in the presence of the cab driver who was hired to transport Kyle to school. Subsequently, Kyle was placed in the custody of DCFS.

Kyle’s mother would not disclose the name of the father but she indicated that Kyle may have been conceived after she was gang raped.

Kyle’s mother was born and raised in Chicago and moved to the northern suburbs during one of her several relationships. She came from a family that had many episodes of domestic violence. She reports being abused both physically and mentally while growing up. She reported that she had also suffered the same abuse in her relationships with her paramours.

Kyle’s mother has been diagnosed as suffering from depression and has suicidal ideations. She has cut herself on several occasions.

Reports have stated that before Kyle was removed from his mother, he had struck her on several occasions and had bit and tried to stab her with pins.

Kyle has been hospitalized on several occasions and was diagnosed as bi-polar, ADHD, and Oppositional Defiant Disorder. He has been placed in three residential facilities since DCFS took custody of him. He has exhibited physically aggressive behaviors towards staff and other residents at these residential facilities. It was reported that he can easily become violent if he doesn’t have his way.

Kyle had grown to the size of over 6 feet and more than 200 pounds. He would often use his size to intimidate staff and residents. However, during his stay at these residential facilities, he got a GED and was attempting to enroll in a college.

His educational aspirations were put on hold last year because he was accused of stealing at a Game Stop store. Eventually Kyle was sent to a juvenile correctional facility downstate where he was put in solitary confinement because of his physical aggression.

He was eventually released from the correctional center and placed in the Emergency Shelter.

Kyle is currently placed in a Transitional Living Placement.