

Developmental Jigsaw Puzzle Activity

Juan (Teen)

Juan (17 year old) had resided in the emergency shelter for almost a year.

He was recently placed in a foster home after several attempts. Most of the foster homes that Juan had rejected were in the Chicago suburbs. He did not want to leave the high school that he was attending in Chicago. He had maintained a B average and was on target to graduate next year.

He also stated that he felt comfortable at the shelter and did not like the experience that he had in his last foster home.

Juan's father was going through the services DCFS required in his service plan, which had a goal of "Return Home."

Juan was not a problem in the shelter but he tended to go and come as he pleased. The shelter staff was worried for his safety especially at night. In addition, Juan found an after school job in downtown Chicago, which further traumatized staff regarding Juan's safety.

Juan doesn't appear to be affiliated with any gang but he does have a tattoo that appears to be a gang symbol.

Juan's permanency worker found a foster home in the southern suburbs of Chicago, thinking that he would reject it also. Surprisingly, Juan agreed to go to the preplacement visit that weekend.

The permanency worker was informed by the foster parent that the visit went well and that they liked Juan. In addition, Juan informed the worker that he would not object to being placed in this foster home. The worker placed Juan in the foster home the following weekend.