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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN
AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
JUVENILE DIVISION

CASE NO:

IN THE INTEREST OF:

MINOR CHILD(REN)

GUARDIAN AD LITEM REPORT TO THE COURT

Guardian ad Litem:

Type of Hearing:

Judicial Review

Date of Hearing:

Length of Time child(ren) in out of home care:

Number of Placements:

Date of Report:

I. Recommendations and Observations of the Guardian ad Litem:

A. The Guardian ad Litem respectfully makes the following recommendations:

1. **Placement/Safety:** The GAL believes that the current placement of the child, Monica, with the Maternal Grandmother, is safe and appropriate until Reunification is ordered by the court. **No placement changes are recommended at this time.**
2. **Observations of the the child/Sibling Visitation:** This GAL visited this child 8 times since the last JR in both the grandmother's home and at school. She is doing very well in her grandmothers home and at school. Her teacher said that she is always on task and making good progress. She and her grandmother have a very loving relationship. There are no siblings in this case.
3. **Observations on Parental Visits/Interactions:** I have also observed two visitations between the mother and the child. Mom and child have a close relationship and my observations of mom's ability to appropriate parent the child are all positive. **The GAL recommends that the mother be granted weekly, unsupervised visits, first in a public place for a period of one**

month, followed by weekly over-night visits for a period of 4 weeks, followed by a planned reunification with the mother if these visits are successfully achieved.

4. **Services Needed for Children:** At our last JR, the GAL requested, and the Court ordered, that the child be taken to a dentist for an evaluation of her teeth, which appear to this guardian to be in need of significant repair. That appointment has not been scheduled, and **the GAL will be recommending in Court that the Department schedule such an appointment within the next 30 days and report to the Court and the GAL that the appointment has been scheduled.** All other services have been provided. The child is doing well in school.

5. **Permanency Recommendations:** The current goal is reunification which remains appropriate. In as much as the mother has successfully completed each of her case plan tasks, and since, based on this GAL's observations of the mother's interaction with the child, the mother is demonstrating that she can provide safety and appropriate care for her child, **the GAL recommends reunification be ordered following successful completion of the visitation extensions recommend above. The GAL asks that court order the Department have the authority to reunify, with the concurrence of the GAL.**

- B. The Guardian ad Litem respectfully submits the following statement(s) of the wishes of the child(ren):** The child, Monica, age 8, has a strong bond with her mother and has informed this GAL that she is very anxious to be reunified with her mother.

Respectfully Submitted,

Volunteer Child Advocate

____/____/____
Date

Child Advocacy Coordinator

____/____/____
Date

Pursuant to Fla. R. Juv. P. 8.230, the foregoing report has been read and, to the best knowledge, information and belief of the undersigned, there is good ground to support the report and it is not being filed or interposed for purposes of delay.

By: _____, Esq.

____/____/____
Date

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