

SAMPLE POST-ADOPTION REPORT FOR COLOMBIA

AREA OF LIFE AND SURVIVAL

[This section must include the following: Skills and interests, personality development, development of intelligence, psychomotor development, language development, preferred activities, schooling (performance, extracurricular activities, educational and leveling progress, educational projection according to the type of teaching, name of institution).]

The six-month post adoption visit for Michael Marcus Venado was completed on February 28, 2025. His parents, Anne and Drew Venado, were present along with Michael and his siblings, Harley (10), Adley (8), Camden (5), and Isabella (3). The purpose of the meeting was to gather required information for La Casa de la Madre y el Niño, and provide support to assist the family with a smooth transition.

The Venado family recently moved to a new home in the same community. Their new home has less stairs and therefore is easier for Michael to navigate on his own. Anne and Drew report that Michael did exceptionally well with the moving process. At their current home, Michael shares a bedroom with his brother, Quill and Ives. Drew and Anne believe that this new sleeping arrangement has helped Michael sleep through the night and become more comfortable with his bedtime routine. He prefers his mom, Anne to put him to bed and is able to sleep through the night. He goes to bed around 7:30pm or 8:00pm.

Michael is eating well. He has a healthy appetite and enjoys most foods. His favorite foods are chicken nuggets and fries. Michael eats some vegetables as well and is open to trying new foods.

In the past 6 months, Anne and Drew have taken Michael to intensive therapy programs, consisting of occupational, physical, and speech therapy. Michael participated in these therapies for a few months, however, the Venado family determined that the services provided were not conducive to their family's routine and decided to discontinue these intensive therapeutic services. They are currently taking a break from these therapies but continue to work on different exercises at home with him. Anne and Drew have been communicating with other adoptive families with children who have cerebral palsy and have been asking for advice from their experiences. One of the adoptive families they have been talking with suggested a type of therapy called Dynamic Movement Intervention which has been proved effective for children with cerebral palsy. The Venado's are in the early stages of researching this type of therapy and hope to have Michael participate in them in the near future. The Venado family has taken Michael to specialists at Children's Hospital Kansas City. These specialist report that he is doing very well physically and that they will continue to monitor his progress. The specialists at Children's Hospital have been very impressed by Michael's physical abilities and the pace that he is able to overcome challenges.

Michael is doing amazing physically. He has made a lot of progress since my last visit with the family. Michael is now able to sit up on his own and lift heavier objects. He is still hesitant to use his left hand but will utilize whenever necessary. He is able to lift and through heavier toys. Michael has a walker that he utilizes often. He is able to pull up on his walker and move around quickly. He is also learned recently to stand flat footed with the assistance of his walker. Michael enjoys talking walks with his family and playing with his siblings using his walker. He often goes outside with his family and walks around in the yard. He has learned how to move his walker in the grass, which can be challenging. He also uses leg braces and adoptive shoes to assist him when walking. He does not prefer his leg braces but is becoming more comfortable with them. He is also able to pull up with some assistance and stand leaning against an object like the couch. He is also able to push himself up on his hands and knees. When Michael is able to conquer an obstacle and masters a new skill physically, he feels proud of himself. During our visit, Michael walked around the house using his walker and was excited to show off his abilities. Drew and Anne are in the process of getting an adaptive motorized toy car for Michael which will increase his ability to keep up with his siblings. This toy car will be made custom for Michael for his physical needs. The company making the car specializes in creating adaptive objects for children with physical delays.

Michael is still wearing diapers. However, Anne, believes that he will be able to successfully potty train when the time comes. They are hoping to start potty training in the coming months.

DEVELOPMENT AREA

Michael is incredibly intelligent. His parents report that he has picked up English very quickly. They explain that Michael prefers to speak in English even though his parents have continued to encourage him to maintain his Spanish language. Michael is able to say many English words and put short sentences together. During our visit, he used many different phrases to express what he was thinking or feeling. These phrases like "I am joking with mommy," "I don't want to use my walker." And "Excuse me, please." His parents report that he has a good memory and is able to name objects that he enjoys such as Bluey, Baby Yoda, trucks, etc. Michael likes to play with dinosaur toys, his Grinch stuffed animal, balloons, the game Uno, and building towers.

He also works hard to keep up with his siblings. He enjoys playing with them



And tells them he loves them.

Michael is very intelligent. His parents report that he picked up on several English words very quickly. Anne says that he has a great memory. She says that while in Colombia, they saw a bird, names Paco, at a zoo. Michael remembers Paco and frequently brings him up. Michael likes to be active. He likes when his parents and siblings read books to him, doing puzzles, and playing with the piano. He is able to ask for help when needed and can repeat what others say.

He interacts well with his siblings and works hard to keep up with them. Michael loves playing with his siblings and bouncing on the trampolines with them. He has bonded specifically with his sisters. Anne and Drew relate this close bond to his close connection with his foster sister in Colombia. He likes to be near the other kids and works hard to keep up with them. Michael is driven and motivated. He loves music and watching videos/movies on the phone. He likes going to the zoo as well.

Michael has interacted on several occasions with his extended family. He has also interacted with friends at church. Anne and Drew say that he sometimes gets anxious when new people are around. When he is nervous, he complains of his stomach hurting. Anne and Drew have worked hard to build their attachment with him and to comfort him when he is feeling nervous.

AREA OF PARTICIPATION AND ADAPTATION

[Please include the following: Permanent state of mind of the child or adolescent, adaptation, adaptation and adjustment of parents to favor the integration of the child or adolescent, dynamics of relationship with their siblings (if any), integration of the child or adolescent in other social contexts, special aspects to take into account during the integration of the child and adolescent into their new family.]

Michael presents with a positive and stable emotional state and has adjusted well to his adoptive home. He has adapted successfully to recent changes, including the family's move to a new home, which better supports his mobility needs. His parents have been highly attentive in creating a structured, nurturing environment that promotes his independence and development, including adapting routines and sleeping arrangements to meet his needs. Michael shares strong, affectionate relationships with his siblings and actively engages in family activities, demonstrating motivation to keep up with them. Continued attention is given to supporting his physical development, emotional regulation, and gradual exposure to new social environments, particularly when he experiences mild anxiety with unfamiliar individuals.

PROTECTION AREA

[Please include the following: Civil registration, date of nationalization, concerns expressed by the child or adolescent due to their origins and aspects related to their memories, interest or demonstration of the child or adolescent by establishing contact with his biological family, parents' management regarding the status of adoptive child and attitudes of the parents before them, reports of the child and adolescent regarding experiences in the institutional protection stage.]

Michael's legal adoption, civil registration, and nationalization processes have been completed in accordance with requirements. At his current developmental stage, Michael does not express concerns regarding his origins; however, he demonstrates strong cognitive abilities and memory, including recalling experiences from Colombia. His parents maintain an open and supportive approach to his background, encouraging both English language development and continued exposure to Spanish. There has been no expressed interest in contacting biological family members at this time. Michael does not verbalize concerns about his prior institutional care, though his parents remain sensitive to his past and respond with reassurance and connection-focused parenting.

AREA OF THE LIVING OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS

[Please include the following: Parental perception of the adoption, current fears of parents about adoption or some associated issue.]

Anne and Drew express a highly positive perception of the adoption and demonstrate strong commitment to Michael's well-being and development. They are proactive in seeking resources, consulting with specialists, and connecting with other adoptive families for support. Their current concerns primarily relate to ensuring they are providing the most effective therapeutic interventions and supporting Michael's continued progress, particularly given his physical and developmental needs. They remain thoughtful and intentional in their parenting approach.

AREA OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES

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[Please include the following: Describe if this is the case, difficulties in the child and adolescent with the parents or in the extended family. Describe crisis situations associated with the adoption of this accompaniment to date. Describe advice or accompaniment provided to the child and adolescent.]

The family has not experienced any major crises since placement; however, some challenges have arisen related to Michael's developmental needs and therapy planning. The family previously engaged in intensive occupational, physical, and speech therapy programs but determined these were not sustainable within their daily routine. They are currently implementing therapeutic exercises at home and exploring alternative interventions, such as Dynamic Movement Intervention (DMI). Michael occasionally experiences anxiety in unfamiliar social settings, which can present as physical complaints (e.g., stomach discomfort). His parents respond with attunement, reassurance, and comfort, which has been effective in supporting his emotional regulation. Guidance has been provided on maintaining consistent routines, encouraging gradual exposure to new environments, and continuing supportive therapeutic practices.

EXTENSIVE FAMILY AREA

[Please include the following: Adaptation and integration of the child or adolescent to the family environment and/or friends. Describe aspects of interaction between the child and adolescents and their families. Please include a paragraph about the child's interactions and relationship with extended family members.]

Michael has demonstrated strong integration into his immediate family, forming secure and trusting relationships with his parents and siblings. He enjoys playing outdoors, engaging in recreational activities, and participating in family routines. His interactions are warm and affectionate, and he frequently expresses love toward his family members. He is especially bonded with his sisters, which may reflect past relational experiences, and he shows a strong desire to be included in all sibling activities.

Michael has also begun integrating into extended family and social environments. He has had multiple positive interactions with extended family members and participates in church-related activities, where he is exposed to peers and community members. While he may initially experience anxiety around new individuals, he is gradually becoming more comfortable with support from his parents. Extended family members are engaged and supportive, contributing to Michael's growing sense of belonging and security.

AREA OF CONCERN/BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH/EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

[PAST: Please include a paragraph/information regarding any past concerns mentioned in previous reports and how the children/family are doing now and any services/therapies that continue as a result. What has been helpful and successful.

[CURRENT: Please include a paragraph/information on any current concerns regarding the child and their attachment and bonding. What services/therapies are they currently participating in? What are your observations of the relationship?

[PROGNOSIS: Please include a statement regarding the prognosis of the child and family. What is the plan for the future?]

Past: Previous reports identified concerns related to physical mobility, communication, and adjustment following institutional care. The family engaged in intensive therapy services, which contributed to early developmental gains. Over time, they transitioned to a more sustainable, home-based approach to therapy, which has continued to support Michael's growth.

Current: Michael is making significant progress physically and developmentally. He is now able to sit independently, use a walker to move throughout the home, and demonstrate increased strength and coordination. He continues to work on using both hands and adapting to assistive devices such as leg braces. His language development is notable, with rapid acquisition of English and the ability to form short sentences and express his needs. Mild concerns remain related to anxiety in new situations and ongoing physical development, both of which are being actively addressed by his parents. Observations indicate a strong and growing attachment between Michael and his parents, characterized by trust, affection, and responsiveness.

Prognosis: The prognosis for Michael and his family is very positive. With continued parental support, appropriate therapeutic interventions, and a stable, nurturing environment, Michael is expected to make ongoing progress in his physical, emotional, and developmental growth. The family plans to continue home-based therapies, pursue additional interventions such as DMI, and maintain regular follow-up with medical specialists.

AREA OF ACCOMPANYING OR ADVICE TO THE FAMILY

[Please include the following: Describe the interventions, suggestions or recommendations made to the child and adolescent, parents or extended family in this session or follow-up visit. It is important to clarify that each case is particular and the time and accompanying actions that the professionals in charge deem appropriate depend on it.]

During this reporting period, recommendations included maintaining structured routines, continuing home-based therapeutic exercises, and pursuing additional evaluation for specialized therapies such as Dynamic Movement Intervention. Parents were encouraged to continue fostering attachment through consistent, responsive caregiving and to support Michael's gradual exposure to new social environments to reduce anxiety. It was also recommended to support his bilingual development by continuing exposure to both English and Spanish. Extended family members were encouraged to maintain consistent, supportive interactions to reinforce Michael's sense of security. It is important to recognize that each case is unique, and the duration and type of interventions will depend on the evolving needs of the child and family, as determined by the professionals involved.

Respectfully submitted by:

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State of _____
County of _____

The foregoing acknowledged before me on this ____ day of _____ 20__ by _____ who is:
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