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SWK 516- Generalist Practice I: Individuals and Families

Case Note Recording- Narrative Note

Client is an unaccompanied minor in immigration custody who migrated to the U.S. to live with family. Client traveled via a paid coyote from Guatemala. The minor was abandoned by her parents in country of origin (COO) when she revealed to them that she identified as a girl, and not as the gender classified at birth which is a boy. The minor speaks with her grandparents weekly, which prompts her to think about how much she misses her parents. The minor has not spoken with her parents in approximately 1 year since they told her to leave their home because she was transgender. The minor asks her grandparents for her parents, but her parents never ask about her and do not wish to know anything about her. The minor's grandparents are aware about how this makes the minor feel. The minor thinks about what would have happened, if she did not identify as a girl, whether she would still be with her parents. The minor identified thinking about the good times she shared with her parents prior to their abandonment as a coping strategy. The minor is hopeful that one day her parents will have a change of heart and want to reunite with her. The minor feels safe and well within the safe haven program while awaiting reunification with her sponsor, who is her maternal aunt.