

Genogram of the client's (minor's) Family

SUMMARY QUESTIONS

What observations can be made about your client's relationships with family members?

The client, Joseiry is the youngest of 3 children and the only girl amongst her siblings. Joseiry formerly resided with her mother in their country of origin, Honduras, along with her father and siblings. However, Joseiry now resides in Houston, TX with her father, her brothers, and her eldest brother's significant other, Kenia.

What insights can be gained?

The client's mother is the last member left in country of origin. Prior to their journey to the U.S., Joseiry was the only [other] female in the household besides her mother. Although she is the only female offspring, she has her sister-in-law, Kenia, for nurturing, motherly instincts, guidance and support.

What family relationships are difficult/challenging?

The relationships with Alma, the mother, are distant, both literally and theoretically. The sponsor, Florentino, reported that he has a good relationship with his wife although they have not seen each other in a long time. Alma has an alcohol problem which he has tried to help her with however the distance has only made it much more difficult. Alma's addiction has ultimately caused her family to resent her. Despite being physically disciplined and verbally insulted by her because of the drinking, Joseiry maintains a good relationship with her and is understanding of her alcoholism.

Which family relationships are supportive?

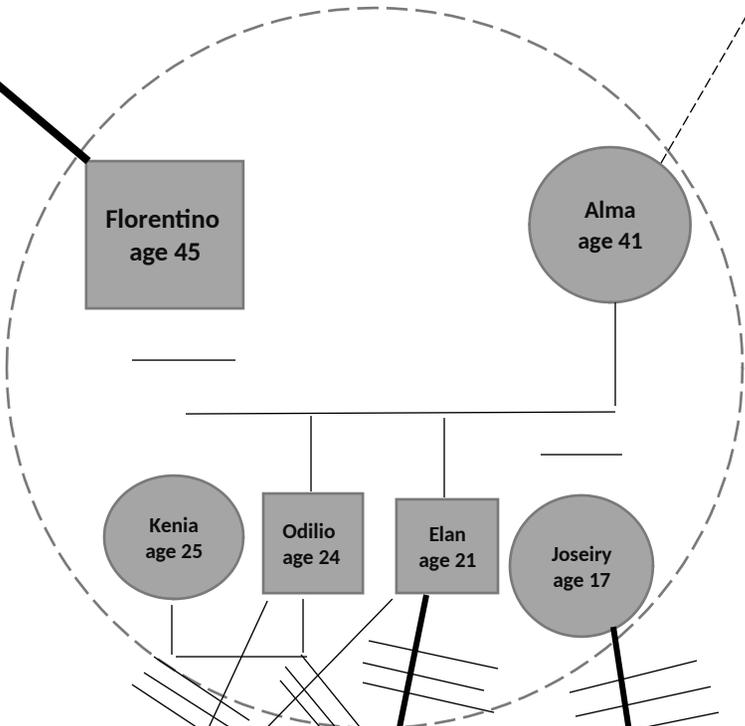
Odilio and Elan are very supportive of their father and little sister. After Florentino left the country to travel to the U.S. to earn a better living, Odilio inevitably assumed the man of the household title. Once he followed in his father's footsteps and migrated to TX, Elan became Joseiry's sole (sober) care taker and protected her from their mother's mistreatment.

What interventions may be needed?

Family sessions to build rapport and strengthen the relationships and address issues that occurred in home country. A Supervision and safety plan to help the minor adjust to a new environment. Recommendation for Post Release Services (PRS) for community follow-up and monitoring. Provided community mental health, educational and recreational resources near the home.

Earns ~\$700-\$1000/wk., as a Construction worker; works ~44 hrs./wk.

Struggles with alcohol addiction and partying/socializing; Strenuous, resentful relationships with husband and children



Work together at the same construction company as their father

Is like a 2nd father to Joseiry

No friends in the U.S. yet; adores her brother Elan

Ecomap for client Joseiry

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What type of supports does your client have?

Joseiry is a 17-year-old unaccompanied minor who traveled to the U.S. from home country Honduras, to reunite with her father and two siblings have continuously provided for her financially and emotionally since they migrated to the U.S. years ago. Prior to her journey, Joseiry lived with her alcoholic mother who would physically discipline and verbally abuse her from the ages of 11-15 years old. After their father's departure and prior to his, brother Elan was like a second father to Joseiry, protecting her from their mother's mistreatment. Odilio is the oldest brother, and the minor's Care Plan who stands as a secondary/back up guardian and care provider. Joseiry's brothers and newly introduced sister-in-law, Kenia are eager and excited for their sister to resume living with them once again.

What supports can be utilized during service provision or incorporated in service provision?

Joseiry asserts that her father is a great source of support as he had always been present emotionally and financially despite the separation. Joseiry is eager to continue her education and obtain a brighter future. Joseiry has presented with as fully oriented, emotionally stable, and has not presented with any behavioral or mental health concerns. Her goal-orientation and logical thought process are recognizable forces that allows for efficient service provision.

What types of services and information are needed to support and empower the client?

Joseiry and Florentino were both provided with Legal Orientation presentations, "Know Your Rights," for undocumented persons. The minor was provided psychoeducation on the importance of ORR regulations, U.S. Child Abuse and Neglect Laws and Child Labor Laws and the prohibition of working for minors. I would ensure that the sponsor is also aware and comprehends U.S Child Labor Laws and ORR conditions of release. A thorough assessment of the sponsor's support system and ability to provide for the minor with recommended services, adequate care, and supervision to ensure minor's well-being and safety needs are met is also necessary to support and empower the client.

