**Mia**

Mia, age 11, and her younger brother, Tony, age 6, were placed with their maternal grandmother two months ago. The plan is for Mia and Tony to permanently reside with their grandmother.

The children were removed from their parents’ home after a report of neglect and abandonment was filed. Mia and her brother were found alone; it was discovered that they had been alone for several days.

The neighbors and the children’s grandmother confirmed that there was a two- to three-year pattern of the children being left alone in this manner. It was also suspected that the birth parents were using drugs.

Mia always wants to cook, clean, do laundry, and babysit and resents not being allowed to do so in her grandmother’s home. Mia feels that she was taking good care of herself and her brother. She is angry that her parents were reported and it has resulted in her and her brother having to live with her grandmother. Mia feels that her parents did a good job of raising her by teaching her to take care of herself and her brother. Mia resents anyone telling her when to go to bed, when to eat, and when to come home.

Mia believes that she and her brother will return to her parents because her parents told her they would. Her parents told her not to plan to stay with or be raised “by anyone else but them.”

Mia knows her parents used drugs, but feels they were still good parents. Mia says, “they just needed to get away from us children and chill sometimes, but they would leave food and stuff.”

Mia wishes her grandmother would let her help more around the house since her grandmother is elderly.

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| **Mia’s Weaknesses/Problems** | **Mia’s**  **Needs** | **Mia’s**  **Strengths** |
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