

JOSÉ RODRIGUEZ CASE SCENARIO

José Rodriguez is a ten-year old Puerto Rican boy who became known to us by way of a referral from the school. José had been living with his Grandmother, Mrs. Ramona Hernandez after his mother died in a car accident five years ago. His father's whereabouts have been unknown for the past seven years since his parents separated. When his Grandmother became seriously ill, José came into foster care two years ago. Efforts to interest relatives in providing permanent care for José have been unsuccessful because they do not wish to commit to the therapeutic care José needs. José has been truanting school. He was picked up for shop lifting but no charges were filed. He picks fights with his foster siblings and class mates. His tests show he has normal intelligence but he is unable to concentrate or sit still for any length of time at school. His foster mother says he has moments when he can be cooperative, affectionate, and happy. But many times, his deep anger bursts forth in these behaviors. He is happiest when the other foster siblings are visiting friends and he has the foster mother all to himself. He has displayed artistic talent and some of his drawings are on display at the community center where he also participates in softball. He has no other biological siblings.