

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Mario Jimenez was referred for a psychological re-evaluation pursuant to a Court Order. He is presently seeking to have unsupervised contact with his two children.

Results of the current evaluation raise several concerns. There is some suggestion that the children are not being appropriately supported in the attempts to foster a relationship between themselves and Mr. Jimenez. Various statements that they made to the undersigned are consistent with some alienation occurring. For instance, Nicole's repeated expressed fear of her father appears excessive given the amount of time that has transpired since she last had unsupervised contact with her father. In addition, her stated reasons for her fear do not appear to justify the described extent of fear.

That said, the undersigned notes that Mr. Jimenez has done very little to improve his relationship with the children. While the undersigned is sensitive to his reported financial limitations, it is noted that he could be choosing to spend his time with the children in places that are not as costly as Chuck E Cheese or Dennys, such as the beach or a park, with the saved money being used to pay for an additional visit. In addition, his inconsistency in seeing the children is of significant concern given that there are times when he sees the children every other week, and then other times when he does not see them for almost six weeks at a time. The undersigned is aware that the Court shares this concern, and that an Order has been recently entered mandating a more consistent schedule.

The undersigned also shares the Court's concerns that Mr. Jimenez has not demonstrated much creativity in his selection of where the visits occur. In apparent response to the Court's expressed concern on this matter and reported suggestion of taking the children to the zoo, Mr. Jimenez did in fact take the children to the zoo. He has since made plans to take them to the zoo again for the next visit. This rigid thought pattern is apparently evident in other areas. For example, Mr. Jimenez reportedly brings the same game case to every visit. Likewise, such perseverative thought processes and dogmatic behavior patterns would also explain his religious obsessions, and his repeated and continued attempts to convince others that he has been falsely accused.

Furthermore, the undersigned notes that Mr. Jimenez is not a good historian - especially when it pertains to details. The fact that he does not know his wife's date of birth, nor could he identify the children's teachers is of some concern - especially in light of the fact that he is a medical physician.

Finally, the undersigned is extremely concerned by Mr. Jimenez's apparent lack of interest in having all four of his children develop a bond with one another. His behavior in this regard is clearly abnormal, and his explanation of it is almost illogical. Other observations further support the possibility that Mr. Jimenez has trouble forming emotional bonds with

other people. He presents with some schizotypal and/or schizoid features.

Based on the above, the following recommendations are suggested:

The undersigned believes that Mr. Jimenez should commence having unsupervised contact with his children. It is stressed, however, that this recommendation does not in any way suggest that the undersigned believes that Mr. Jimenez is capable of assuming full parental responsibilities for his children. Rather, the concern is that his financial limitations have interfered to some extent with his ability to maintain his bond with his children. As such, the unsupervised contact should be limited to no more than two hours once a week - with the understanding that the previously ordered therapeutically supervised time-sharing will continue to occur every other week. This unsupervised time-sharing should occur on the same day each and every week. Extended family members should participate on occasion.


Mr. Jimenez's current wife and two children need to start participating in the visits. Their participation, however, should initially be limited to just the therapeutically supervised visits - and ideally these visits should take place in the home environment given Mr. Jimenez's stated concerns that he and his wife do not believe in exposing their infant to the outside world unnecessarily.

Mr. Jimenez needs to continue to participate in the therapy sessions with Dr. Alvarez. Dr. Alvarez should be provided with the notes from the therapeutic visits. In addition, it is strongly suggested that therapy focus more on the current issues which are interfering with Mr. Jimenez's ability to be an effective parent as opposed to discussing whether or not the children have been alienated by the mother.

Mr. Jimenez should be afforded additional unsupervised time-sharing for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Jimenez should undergo re-evaluation in six months for purposes of assessing if his time-sharing should be expanded, or if a more permanent time-sharing agreement should be reached.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance.


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