

Orlando O'Con, born 5-3-55 in Odessa, Present Status ^{Runaway} where about's unknown

Original Intake
2-8-56

Referred by County Health Unit for boarding care. Orlando had been in the hospital since 10-31-55 (2½ months) for mal-nutrition.

Mrs. Francis O'Con, Orlando's mother, had a ruptured ear drum and other ^{physical} complications and was awaiting an ear opening at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. She had also seen Dr. Grace who had diagnosed her to be schizophrenic.

As Mr O'Con was to accompany his wife to Galveston and was employed, all of the children were placed in foster care. Orlando has three sisters, Lourdes, 8, Lucia, 6, and Nachia, 5.

All of the children were placed in the Muniz foster home this date.

At this time a worker taking care of both Midland and Ector counties was handling the O'Con case.

4-56 Case was transferred to another worker.

5-15-56 John Sealy Hosp. reported they had given Mrs. O'Con shock therapy, that she needed surgery and no one would give consent for it, and that they would not recommend returning the children at this time.

Worker attempted to locate relatives to assist - found none. Catholic Children's Home in El Paso considered for placement, but it was felt children were too young.

Neighbors related several stories about the care of the children - one being that Mrs. O'Con reads all the

Children stay under their trailer house all one day. She
sat out in the front yard and would chuck rocks
at them if they came out.

6-13-56 Visiting set up with children and parents, as mother had returned.
Father doing odd jobs.
Foster care continued indefinitely.

7-18-56 Case transferred to new worker who visited foster
home. Orlando appeared sickly - medical care needed. ^{if possible} hospitalize
~~the~~ Parents approached - financial aid in foster care -
unable because of trailer payments etc. Parents
asked children be returned as mother was doing alright.

8-17-56 Children to be returned following mother's exam by Dr.
Grice.

9-4-56 - Dr. Grice put off as Mrs. O'Con returned to Galveston.

9-21-56 Mother has returned doing well - children returned.
no report from Dr. Grice.

10-8-56 Mrs. O'Con & return ~~for~~ to Galveston. Children again
placed in the Murney Foster home - (no further mention of Orlando's
physical condition.

11-26-56 Mother ~~returns~~ comes home, children returned.
Mr. O'Con agrees to reimburse, but no payment made.

2-8-57 Mention made of Orlando needing surgery for hernia condition, but not emergency - not needed.

Public Health Nurses asked to supervise home.
Closed.

8-20-57 Health Nurse reported again - Mother's ~~debt~~ deteriorating Lucia has heart murmur, Orlando had surgery for hernia, had meningitis - developing very slowly - asked that children be placed in institution

9-1-57 ^{New worker} Home visits - children (except O) in school - Mr. not working much - needs financial assist.

12-4-57 No further complaints case closed

12-15-57 Orlando hospitalized - mal-nutrition. Dr. Furst states child should never be returned is willing to testify. Did not file R.V. because of staff concerns.

1-3-58 Dr. F. states Orlando remains in hosp needs surgery.

1-58 Visits made plans discussed with parents. Permanent plans for Orlando in custody discussed - father states "that would be good deal." Not financially able to care for. Mrs O'Len in complete agreement. Asked about their own and other ~~children~~ children's feelings. Parents missed a little, but George was main one taking care of him. Family gets along fine when Orlando is gone. Mother would get such again if returned. [Orlando is presently 2 1/2 yrs old]

Parental statements

Situation discussed with Dr. Foster

Orlando very neglected, scars on face from being burnt.
Had meningitis twice - concern for permanent damage.

New Worker

1-13-58 Mr. + Mrs. O'Con signed D+N petition

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New worker 12-15-57 - 3-11-58

3-11-58 Orlando released from hosp placed in Muniz FH.

3-25-58 Permanent Custody

4-3-58 Muniz FH - adoption discussed - not ready

4-14-58 - Fell of rocking horse Emergency Room.

5-19-58 Worker leaving agency - case transferred

~~6-3-58~~

At this point Orlando does not talk as much but appeared normal

6-58

through ~~10-27-58~~ 10-27-58
adoptive homes
considered

9 received 5 acceptable 2 considered none approved
one withdrew

8-5-58 New Worker case transferred

9-23-58 Orlando should be placed out of county.

→ Foster parents call asks that Orlando be moved as their

~~9-23-58~~ dtr undergoing major surgery

9-24-58 Orlando placed in Pulacado FH.

10-9-58 Dr. Eric states Orlando shows no mental deficiency or illness.

Mother appeared to function normally until Orlando's birth

10-27-58 Adoptive study returned death in family

12-3-58 Orlando continues in FC appears doing fine

1-2-59 More adoptive homes considered

2-17-59 Orlando tested - Psychological

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immediate fear & distrust of strangers - did not want to leave mother
reaction of a child much ~~younger~~ younger -
Summary - significantly mentally retarded
needs from nat. mother not satisfied

3-16-59 Mother committed to Big Spring State Hospital - Orlando's sisters
placed in voluntary FL separate FH.

2-12-60 Case transferred to new worker.

New worker states Orlando's sisters were returned home
before she came to work.

Rubacado's comparing Orlando unfavorably to own dtr. Don't realize effect

~~Orlando~~ Orlando has good disposition - needs adoptive home - individual
attention.

> Moved to Calderon FH. Calderons are mentioned here as an
adoptive home, but as accepting Orlando on a FH basis.

4-4-60 - Removed from adoption record - due to lack of adequate information

> 5-3-60 No mention of Orlando being moved but next entry shows
him to be back with Rubacado.

> At this time ride past Calderon's home - placement made
Orlando fearful of worker as she moves him every time.

2-21-60 Calderon placement going well - waive reimbursement discussed.

12-1-60 Calderons not pushed toward adoption

3-8-61 Must make decision regarding adopt. Unable financially -
already have adopted son Carlos.

Orlando having speech problems - now speaking Spanish
exclusively - insecure.

Belive Calderon's love Orlando dearly, but may not pursue
adopting second child.

3-13-61 Permanent Placement needed really - 6 years old.

10-23-62 New Worker - continually working with Calderons to make adoptive placement. Orlando now in adoptive home 2½ years

No one entered him in school until this new worker came - which must be entered 11-62 and did not pass since he entered so late. - Spec. Ed. to catch up.

10-20-62 Psychological testing - slow not retarded.

12-62 Principal discussed catching Orlando stealing - spanking seemed to help.

FOR 2½ years no entry in file

Next entry -

6-30-65 New worker - much overturn in staff - continues with Calderons

2-28-64
Testing - behind in absorption
for level recommends praise even for
minor improvement

^{Miss Klemm}
8-22-65 New Worker - took Orlando to get clothes visited with him more than others.

2-2-66 Orlando stealing from drawers in Calderons home -
stealing at school from lunch boxes
Stole \$12.00 from teacher's purse.

2-28-66 Talk with school principal - Orlando making 'Ds' in school work 'Fs' in conduct

→ Locking in fantasy + make believe
recommend plenty of attention + encouragement

4-2-66 Orlando taken to Big Spring for testing - well behaved
appeared very good relationship with sister.

Numerous visits

9-21-66 Placed in Special Ed. - Orlando stealing things he
doesn't need.

10-20-66 Brought home by principal so stole dollar from student.
Stealing food, although teacher states Mrs. C sends
4 sandwiches for him each day.

10-24-66 Dr. Furst prescribes tranquilizer.
School improves with medication.

2-6-67 Stole some money from Mrs. Calderon -
grades up - 90s & 100s in math -
No more mention of adoption

4-19-67 School principal advised O was not in return to school -
had been leaving at noon. Stole coke bottles & pencils from tree.
~~Stole~~ Would not stay seated in class, stole books from class
room. Problems increase for few days then quiet for several months.
Punish by not allowing to go to school -
IQ scores too high for State school, too low for boys ranch.

7-21-67 Contacted Buckners Dallas

8-28-67 Orlando taken to B.S. for testing. Results borderline -
Spec. Ed. detrimental environment although not able to compete w/ reg. classwork

- 9-3-67 Buckner needs more info.
- 11-27-67 Dr. Furst - good health -
- 2-1-68 Orlando approved for Buckner
- 2-19-68 Orlando taken by plane to Dallas Buckner -
- 8-19-68 Teranya Salcido, Orlando's sister contacted by agency. asking to have little brother back. Mother sick - now well. No contact since 58 in spec. school - be difficult if removed now. Mrs. Salcido would get attn. and fight in court.
- 12-17-68 O. not allowed to come home ^{Christmas} because of behavior. Stealing money aggressive toward other children.
- 8-1-69 Came to Calderon FH for ~~vacation~~ visit returned after couple of days.
- Redd summary from Buckners
- 12-10-69 Came home to Calderon for Christmas.
- 6-28-70 Call from Buckner. Orlando stabbed boy in arm - ~~also~~ slashed tires on row of autos by school.
- 7-13-70 Buckners can no longer keep O. Staff Dr. advised every child with injury in past 3 months is result of Orlando.
- 7-16-70 Calderon FH.



7-21-70 Big Spring for testing - potentially dangerous. possible fear of epilepsy. Too much risk for foster home dull normal

7-28-70 O. admitted to Big Springs

10-7-70 ~~Aggressive~~ Aggressive toward other children - Takes advantage of any situation - Plan to keep until January.

10-19-70 -> letter from Big S. O ran away - has been located
 Worker transfer

12-18-70 Since O. about to be released from B.S. State Hosp. arrangements begun to enter in E. South Texas Rehabilitation Center in Edinburg, Texas
 Texas Ran Away Again

1-11-71 Call from Dallas Juv. Authorities stating Orlando had been picked up there. Rehab contacted - would have to run tests in Big Springs first.

1-12-71 Orlando brought back from Dallas - placed Big Springs
 " states he ~~came back~~ went to Dallas to get a job and wanted to return to the Buckner school.
 Worker told O. about Edinburg - suited

2-2-71 (Orlando to Edinburg -
 Read Summary from Edinburg)

4-26-71 Received call from O. Crazy House in Arlington

4-27-71 Call Edinburg - Harlingen - Mental Hosp. for flashbacks caused by the use of drugs - Had run away 4 times - once stealing pickup driving 65 mi. wrecked it. Spent 7 or 8 days in jail. Asked for summary

- 5-13-71 Orlando runaway ^{again} called wks from Texas would not say exactly where he was. Edinburg put out pick up for runaway
- 6-14-71 Still not located - contacted by Rehab that they received information of his being on drug needed to locate
- 6-19-71 Orlando called from Dallas, picked up by PD - stole pickup - armed robbery - only gave him a ticket - again ~~was~~ would not say where he was. ^{Said would pay ticket} 6-29-71 and catch bus to Okla. Dallas Auth contacted - no record of ticket or arrest - would look for.
Operator found he had called from pay phone.
- 7-29-71 Dallas Juve Ofor bike theft - unable to hold Rehab unable to locate place - Edinburg refused to take him as did Luckness
- 8-5-71 O placed with Calderon's temp until permanent arrangements could be made.
- 8-6-71 Talked with O & M & C placement going well Orientation
- 8-23-71 Advised had run away
- 8-24-71 Contacted natural parents - haven't seen used ~~as~~ stated Orlando for payment -