

## Morgan (BOY)

Morgan is a 3-year old boy who has been living with foster parents for two months. Morgan was removed from the care of his biological father, as he had been sexually abusing him for at least a period of one-year, as reported by the father's girlfriend. Morgan does not know his biological mother, as she left the family the same week that Morgan was born. Morgan's foster family was very excited to bring him into their home. Morgan likes to play with his new foster mom and sister, but screams and cries every time his foster dad touches him. This has caused a great deal of the stress for the family because Morgan cannot be left home alone with his foster dad without screaming and crying the entire time. Foster parents fear that despite their efforts Morgan may be removed from their home.

Morgan has been attending the same daycare for one year, and he really enjoys it there. Morgan says he likes that he has "girl teachers" because "girls are nicer than boys." Morgan also prefers to play with the other girls at his preschool, especially his 'best friends.' Morgan sometimes needs to take a longer nap than the other kids at school because he often does not get a full night's sleep. He wakes up from nightmares and screams for his foster mom to come lay with him until he falls asleep again.

Morgan's foster parents were unable to conceive a second a child, and were very excited to bring Morgan into their home. They have been doing a lot of activities as a family, like going to the zoo, seeing movies, and swimming at the beach. Morgan loves doing these activities, but will not communicate with his foster father. He stays very close to his foster mother, and often refuses to even let go of her hand. Unless he is at preschool, Morgan screams and cries when he cannot see his foster mother. Morgan's foster sister is 7-years-old, but plays very well with Morgan. Morgan is bright, and able to keep up with more challenging games. Morgan and his foster sister love to explore in the back yard and engage in imaginative play.

Foster parents are very concerned that Morgan will be removed from the home if he cannot begin to trust his foster father. The foster father feels awful that Morgan is unable to trust him, and it is starting cause him stress. They have brought Morgan to family therapy, but the family has not yet seen any results. Morgan says that he only likes his mom and his sister. Foster mother is empathetic towards Morgan, but is concerned that her husband is beginning to feel disconnected from the family. Foster mother is becoming tired and run-down because she has to be the one supervising Morgan at all times. This has begun to affect her performance at work, and she has been falling asleep on the job. The family is new to the area and do not have any family or friends that are able to help out with Morgan when foster mother is busy or running errands. Foster parents recently found, however, a babysitter that is well received by both Morgan and his foster sister.