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## ADOPTION PROGRESS REPORT

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Alyssa Keast and Amber Keast  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** Alyssa 1/22/00 Amber 8/18/02  
**FIA CASE NUMBER:** 05-6388-NA  
**PERMANENT CUSTODY DATE:** 510/06  
**REFERRING COUNTY:** Newaygo  
**ADOPTION WORKER:** Suzanne Adams, LBSW  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 12/19/06

### I. CHILDREN'S SUMMARY

Alyssa and Amber continue to do very well in their current foster home placement. They remain closely bonded to their foster mother, who is considering adopting the girls and asked the girls how they would feel about moving with a new family. At first Alyssa wanted to know if the new family would have new toys for her to play with and if there would be other siblings. She then said she wanted to move. Later she cried and told Nichole that she wanted to stay with her. Amber just wants to stay with Nichole.

### II. PROGRESS OF ADOPTION

The family assessment was completed on the maternal grandparents, Tim and Barbara Atwood. Approval of the Atwoods was not recommended. As anticipated, they requested a case conference. This was attended by Tim, Barb, Deb Ward (Tim's sister), Tim, Jr. (their son), Mr. and Mrs. George Atwood, (Tim's parents), Bethany representatives Brian DeVos, Dave Glerum, Susanne and I. Following review of the case conference, Brian DeVos issued his determination, was to stand by the original decision to not support Tim and Barb as adoptive parents for the girls. The case information has been forwarded to the Consent Office for Review and we are waiting to hear from them regarding proceeding with the adoption planning.

The girls' foster mother, Nicole Coppess, said she is definitely considering adopting the Alyssa and Amber. She discussed concern over being able to financially care for them. We discussed subsidy as she was unaware of this help. She was concerned about health insurance costs as well as day care expenses. She was also interested in knowing more about the other approved adoptive family that would be interested in the girls.

As Christmas is so close, she asked if we could hold off beginning visits until after the holidays, which will give her the chance to talk with her family members about moving forward with the adoption. This should coincide with hearing something from the Consent Office.

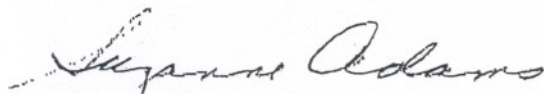
It is this workers opinion that Nicole will decide to pursue the adoption of Alyssa and Amber. If so, a home study will need to be completed and consent and subsidy requested. If she does

decide not to adopt the girls, we will begin visitation with the other family as soon as we receive a go-ahead from the Consent Office.

It is anticipated that the girls will be adoptively placed by March 2007.

Respectfully submitted

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