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From: Gary Simrill <GarySimrill@schouse.gov>  
Date: September 29, 2015 at 6:26:55 AM EDT  
To: Ryan Burnaugh <RyanBurnaugh@schouse.gov>  
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: <ptypegreen@yahoo.com>

Date: September 28, 2015 at 6:09:16 PM EDT

To: Undisclosed recipients;;

Subject: Urgent help needed to keep foster daughter in SC ~ Website email from Phillip Yontz

Dear Representative Simrill, I beseech to intercede on our behalf in the Department of Social Services Columbia office for interstate adoptions in the case of Aryka Paulus from Sidney Ohio. Aryka has been our foster daughter for 6 months and a week. We planned on adopting her. She is 11 years old and has been in the foster system since she was one year old. Like many children with her background she has had many problems, but we love her. The government provides many resources and we have needed to avail ourselves of some of them. Long story short Aryka has attempted to inflict injury on my wife Robin. One by pushing her near the top of some stairs and by placing some Odo-Ban disinfectant in her water. After the first instance we took her to Novant Hospital's Child Emergency Room for Behavioral Health in Charlotte NC, that was on September 10th. We were not in fear of our health or lives and the doctors agreed and released her to us. We wanted to get her help. The attempted poisoning occurred around the same time but did not come to light until last night, September 27th. We think we may have seen signs of undiagnosed schizophrenia and returned her to Novant Hospital's Child Emergency Room for Behavioral Health in Charlotte NC. She was admitted for three to five days for observation and treatment. My wife and I do not fear she will actually inflict any harm on us, we think she is calling for help. We believe her best opportunity for recovery is with us. Her Ohio Department of Jobs and Family services case worker feels the same way; she is Mindy Serr, telephone 937 497-2840. Her SC psychiatrist Doctor Tarunendu Dwivedi believes that she is best with us; his number is 803 329-7778. Her SC therapist, Tomeka Gannt, 704 968-4893 also believes she is best left in our home. The only dissent is the Columbia office of South Carolina's Department of Social Services interstate adoption office. They are demanding she be returned to Ohio where she will lose her Mom and Dad, us. Aryka's case worker there is Tee Ara Copney. I do not have her office number but her cell is 828 216 9055. I am sure Tee Ara and her supervisors have their valid concerns for our welfare but we do not fear Aryka. We believe she is a loving child in need of more analysis and treatment. Except for the Columbia DSS office everyone else involved in Aryka's case believe she is best left with us. We are not in fear of our health or lives from Aryka. We and nearly everyone who knows her believes she is best left in our custody. Please investigate and decide for yourself that Aryka is best left in our care. This is urgent as she could be returned to Ohio this Thursday or Friday, October 1st or 2nd. Phillip Yontz 803 370 8058 My wife Robin 803 448 6620 4609 Deer Run Rock Hill SC 29732

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