

## PSYCHOLOGICAL QUALIFICATION

**Psychological diagnostics:** Alexandra Cheropoulou, born on April 01, 2015.

**Survey date:** June 06, 2018

**The grounds for the conduct:** ruling of the Oktyabrsky District Court of the City of Minsk dated June 05, 2018.

**Purpose:** to study the sphere of interpersonal relationships of the child and her perception of family relationships, study the level of attachment of the child to each of the parents and identify the level of emotional connection of the child with each of the parents, the presence of signs of adverse effects of the parents on the child.

### **Methods and techniques of psychological diagnostics:**

1. Diagnostic conversation, observation;
2. Sociometric test "Birthday";
3. "Measurement of psychological distance" technique, a modified version of T.A. Zaeko;
4. "Two houses" technique by I. Wandvik, P. Ekblad;

Psychological diagnostics was carried out in the absence of parents and strangers.

**Conversation.** During the diagnostic conversation, the following was revealed. Alexandra is well socialized, willingly makes contact, talkative and inquisitive. It is important to note the positive emotional background of the child. At the time of the psychological diagnostics: good mood, smile, openness, relaxation. Sasha easily entered into communication, quickly answered questions, and perceived what was happening. The child told the psychologist that she lived with his mother and sister Anthoula, and the father went to Greece, but would soon return and bring a gift (doll). To the questions of the psychologist (with whom she was friendly and played) the girl replied that she plays with mom, sister and dad. She clarified that with dad they used to jump on a trampoline.

**Sociometric test "Birthday"** allows to determine the most significant family members for the child and their emotional distance.

The older sister Anthoula is the first one whom Alexandra invited to her birthday, which may indicate a close, trusting relationship between the children. Then the girl invites mom, and after that her dad. Sasha puts her mother next to her father, which may indicate that the child perceives them together as a couple, which is natural at her age.

**The technique "Measurement of psychological distance"** is designed to determine the degree of proximity (remoteness) of the subject in relation to family members based on measuring the length of the psychological distance and identifying the type of relationship between the subject and members of his or her family.

Alexandra chose a red chip for herself, put it in the center of the test field, then she put a green chip, which represented her mother, next to herself on the left side, which can be interpreted as a short psychological distance. Then she put the chip that represented her dad on the other side, to her right, she put it quickly and also at a short distance. The short distance indicates affection, possibly a symbiotic relationship, a fear of separation and emphasizes the importance and significance of parental figures for the child. Then, next to her mother, she puts the "Anthoula" chip. All chips are on the same row. From the results of this test, it can be assumed that the girl is attached to both her father and mother. Relations with a sister are comfortable, trusting, close.

**The projective technique "Two houses"** is focused on identifying family members communication with whom is most desired for the child.

Sasha settles herself in a red "beautiful house", she places her father, then her mother and sister Anthoula next to herself, but in the upper cells. Which can be interpreted as significant relations

important for her. Such an arrangement may indicate the importance and authority of the specified family members. Based on the drawing, Sasha is in the middle, and on top, at about the same distance, she placed dad, mom and sister. The figure of the father is directly above the girl.

The girl refused to place anyone in the black “ugly house”. This house frightened the child and was therefore painted over with a felt-tip pen and separated from the “beautiful house”. This indicates a good attitude of the girl to family members, the absence of a negative attitude towards them.

**Conclusions and recommendations:**

- 1) Due to age, it is difficult for Alexandra to understand the fact of the separation of her parents.
- 2) In some of the proposed techniques the father is marked first by the girl, which usually corresponds to high authority and significance in the eyes of the child. In others, Sasha places herself closer to the figure of her mother, which speaks of close, trusting relationships, the need and importance of communicating with her mother.
- 3) In relation to mother and father, the girl shows a high degree of affection. In two of the three proposed methods, emotional closeness to mom may be noted.
- 4) Alexandra has a comfortable, close, trusting relationship with her older sister Anthoula.
- 4) The child has a positive psycho-emotional background, socialized, sociable, willingly makes contact, talkative and inquisitive.

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