

CASE SCENARIOS

Case Scenario #1: Reynolds Family

The agency received a call early Friday morning from a woman stating that her neighbor (Ms. Reynolds) left her children alone the previous evening while she worked third shift. There are three children, ages 6, 8, and 9. The reporter knows there was no one watching the children. She also stated that the children often run around the neighborhood unsupervised and that the children are often dirty. She stated that the inside of the house is a "pig sty" with dirty dishes piled up, roaches running around on the floor, and dirty clothes strewn all around the house. She reports that the Reynolds have two cats and a dog and that there are animal feces on the living room floor "right where the baby can get into it". She knows this because a couple of days ago she went into the house to return the 6-year-old who had run into the street. She states that the mother is home now as she saw her come in this morning.

Case Scenario #2: Lloyd

A school nurse called on Monday morning and reported to the screener that Lloyd, age 9, came to school again today with inadequate and dirty clothing and lice. There is a significant odor coming from his clothing and his body. He appears to have a serious case of pink eye. The nurse also said that he appears thin for his age and doubts that he's been seen at the clinic for the pink eye. The worker called the mother, who isn't home.

Case Scenario #3: Daryll

A man called in and told the screener that he just saw a 4-year-old neighbor boy, Daryll, outside with a "huge black eye". He remembered hearing the boy screaming out in apparent pain the night before, but didn't think much of it since according to his mother the little boy is always "bumping into things and falling down". However, now the referent thinks that perhaps the boy was struck by

his mother because he also saw a bruise that looked like the shape of a hand on the boy's face. The screening decision maker categorized this referral as an emergency, which requires the worker to attempt to see the child within an hour. The worker arrived at the home. No one answered the door but the worker heard a lot of screaming and yelling, including a woman's voice yelling.... "Stop doing that, you little bastard... I'll teach you a thing or two", followed by what sounded like a belt striking skin. He also heard a young boy cry out in pain and say... "Stop it momma, please stop it, you're hurting me"... to which the woman's voice replied... "I'll teach you what hurt is"... and the worker heard the belt strike skin again.

Case Scenario #4: Jessica

A school nurse called the agency at 1:30 in the afternoon and reported that a 12-year-old girl, Jessica, has just disclosed that her father has been sexually abusing her for the last six months. It started with fondling but has progressed to vaginal penetration. She is afraid to go home from school as her mother is out of town and her father is there alone. She is afraid he will rape her again when she arrives home from school.