

## Infant/Toddler Placement Exercise

(Birth to 24 months)

The family composition consists of a 20-year-old mother (Layla) and her 1-year old daughter (Lucy). They are currently residing with the child's maternal grandmother (36-year-old Elizabeth).

The agency became involved with the family when it was reported Layla was abusing drugs (specifically heroin) and she brings her child around others who are using drugs.

Layla recently left an abusive relationship after being punched in the eye; however, she downplays the violence. Layla reports feeling stressed, overwhelmed, and angry at times. The grandmother, Elizabeth, reported Layla has learning disabilities and agrees Layla is angry a lot and does not respond well to stress.

It was reported Layla is always grabbing and yelling at her daughter whenever she does something she does not like. Layla currently does not have any resources to take care of herself and her child. She is reliant on her mother for help. Elizabeth reports she was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer and won't be able to house them anymore or provide parenting support for Lucy. She is not sure how she is going to take care of herself right now as she does not have health insurance.

Father's whereabouts are unknown, and paternity has not been established. Layla reports she connected with his sister a few years ago on social media but does not have any current information.

Lucy has some breathing issues and uses a breathing machine and albuterol drops for the machine to use as needed.

Lucy was brought into the agency by police as she had been found outside the house unsupervised while Elizabeth was working, and Layla was found in the home unresponsive.

Your safety assessment found an active safety threat, you have sought out several relatives for safety planning; however, no one is available at this time. You and your supervisor have determined Lucy needs placed in foster care.

Assign your group members a role below then initiate and implement Lucy's placement in front of the rest of the training class.

Roles: Layla, Elizabeth, Lucy, Caseworker, Foster Parent

Optional roles: Narrator and/or Supervisor

