

Preschool Placement Exercise

(2 to 5 years)

The family composition consists of a 26-year-old mother (Hannah), and two children, a 7-year old girl (Abby) and a 5-year old girl (Zoey). The mother is legally married to Oliver, the father of Zoey, and divorced from Ryan, the father of Abby. Ryan currently has custody of Abby.

Agency involvement with the family began when it was reported Hannah was not taking her medication for her Bipolar disorder, and she was drinking and driving while the two children were in the car. The reporter stated the mother keeps Zoey out until 2 o'clock in the morning, and associates with people who sell drugs. It was noted the mother smokes marijuana in front of Zoey and had drug paraphernalia in her car.

The mother was diagnosed with Bipolar disorder when she was 15 and has been on medication. She indicated she has not been on medication since she left Oliver. She states Oliver had been verbally and emotionally abusive to her and she filed a Temporary Restraining Order against him.

She states Ryan, the father of 7-year-old Abby, was abusive toward her. He reports Hannah had stopped taking her medication and he had to take custody of Abby due to her erratic behavior.

Hannah indicates she drinks occasionally but does not drink and drive. However, she is currently charged with driving under the influence and drug paraphernalia in the car. Hannah currently works and her mother cares for the children when Hannah is working.

The father (Oliver) of the 5-year-old has not lived with Hannah for two years. He reported when he was with his child's mother, she was not addressing her mental health problems and she was seeing another man. His contact with his daughter is infrequent and that is because of Hannah's fragile emotional state. Domestic violence charges were filed against him by his wife. He has charges against him for driving under the influence of alcohol, smoking marijuana, trafficking drugs, and has his driver's license suspended.

The 5-year-old is shy but very energetic. The 5-year-old is up-to-date on shots and has no known medical or mental health concerns.

Your safety assessment found an active safety threat, you have to determine a safety response.

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

Roles: Hannah, Zoey, Ryan, Caseworker, Zoey's Father, Kin/Foster Parent

Optional roles: Narrator and/or Supervisor

