



CONFIDENTIAL CASEWORK

Directions: Describe what action you would take in response to the following scenarios. Cite what parts of Section 6340 of the Child Protective Services Law support your decisions.

1. C.A. Smith is an alleged perpetrator in a case of suspected sexual abuse. During a recent visit to his home, you were asked to give him the name of the person who called your agency to report the allegations.
2. C.A. Smith is unsatisfied with your responses to him during home visits. He sends a letter with his complaints to your agency. In the letter, he demands a copy of all information.
3. You've contacted the appropriate law enforcement officials regarding C.A. Smith's case. The investigating officer wants to know the name of the person who called your agency to report the allegations. Mr. Smith soon learns that the police are involved. He accuses you of breaking confidentiality by releasing information about him to the police.



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4. C.A. Smith contacts the regional office of the Department of Public Welfare and your county commissioners regarding the "mishandling" of his case. You are contacted by your county's program representative who asks for details about your investigation. Your director receives a call from the county commissioners regarding your competence.

5. When you initially received the referral on C.A. Smith, you had the subject child, Angelina, examined by a physician. The physician wanted details on the sexual abuse allegations, but you were concerned about breaking confidentiality. You research the law so that you are certain of your response to physicians in the future.

6. C.A. Smith and his former girlfriend have a case before the court of common pleas regarding custody of Angelina. The court requests certain reports and files regarding the family.

7. The school nurse who reported C.A. Smith to your agency phones you a month after the report to ask what you've done on the case.