

ELISA IZQUIERDO STORY

Small Group Processing Questions:

1. What liability risks were evident during:

The Intake/Investigation Stage?

The Ongoing Services Stage?

The Case Closure Stage?

2. Using the definitions from the “Speaking Malprac-Tese” quiz, identify the major forms of malpractice that you think occurred in this case.
3. Review the handout concerning the *4 Elements of Malpractice Litigation*. Were they present in this case? Explain.
4. Malpractice litigation often happens after violence occurs in a home and a child is seriously hurt or killed. What indicators were present in this case that should have alerted the caseworker to the abuse that was occurring?

With Father?

With Mother?

With Elisa?

5. What liability risks do you think were evident with the Supervisor and Administration of the Child Welfare Agency?