

## Miller Family-Foster Care

### **Scenario:**

Your agency received an anonymous call reporting that 10 year old John Miller had been absent from school for three days and the caller was concerned that John may have been seriously hurt as a result of treatment from his father.

The caller reports that they know the school called home and told the family that John cut class, and was doing poorly in school. The caller knows the family and stated that John's mother, Nancy has confided in her that Mr. Miller is very violent and he has hurt Mrs. Miller in the past.

The caller stated that her child has expressed concerns about John's safety in his home and that is why she called.

The intake worker and her supervisor took the police for an unannounced home visit that resulted in them learning that John was assaulted by his father and has suffered broken ribs. Mr. Miller was arrested and the case was registered abuse investigation and passed on for further investigation and services.

The abuse investigation resulted in an indicated finding of physical abuse against Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller refused to meet with the agency social workers and Mrs. Miller appeared unable to assure the safety of John. It became very apparent to the GPS worker Mr. Miller is an alcoholic. When they tried to see John, he refused to talk stating that ever since Children and Youth became involved, his father has been arrested and there has been nothing but trouble. John blames himself and talked vaguely about hurting himself. The Millers refused to plan for the safety of John. A petition for custody of John was filed and he was taken into protective custody. The case has now been passed on to you.

### **Foster Care worker:**

Your narrative may be whatever you want it to be, without changing the nature or spirit of the information you have been given.

Write out dictation from at least one unsupervised visit with John and his mother and one supervised visit with his father. Include during both contacts your review of the Permanency Placement Plan for John. Include at least one contact with foster parents. Consider that your record must reflect all that you have seen that may assist you in future months if John is still in foster care.