

Specific Allegations

vs

Assessment Factors

DIRECTIONS: Review each scenario. Circle the specific allegations; underline the assessment factors. Identify strengths (positive assessment factors with an "S".)

1. Jack is a 10 year old who has a black eye caused by being stuck by his mother's boyfriend because he wet the bed. Jack has mild mental retardation and also stutters. His mother and boyfriend drink alcohol to excess. The boyfriend is a cocaine abuser. School officials are concerned for Jack's safety in the home.

2. Candy is a four year old child who attends Headstart. Candy appears to be afraid of male staff, masturbates constantly, and has been touching other children's genitals on a routine basis over the past few weeks. Prior to 4 weeks ago, Candy appeared to be a happy little girl. She exhibited none of the above behaviors. The only change in the family situation is mom's new boyfriend. Headstart staff observed child with mother on several occasions and the two appear to be very close. Today when the boyfriend picked the child up at Headstart, the child clung to staff members and begged them not to make her go with him.

3. Jennifer is a 19 year old psychotic who just gave birth to a baby boy. She has a history of beating her first son severely. That child was placed in foster care and eventually adopted. Jennifer has not been taking medication because of her pregnancy. She was severely physically and sexually abused as a child by her father. She has stated that she hates males and believes they are all "the devil". Hospital staff are requesting intervention.

4. Debbie has 6 children, ages 5, 4, 3, 2 and a set of twins who are 6 months old. Debbie and the children live in a home with broken windows without heat. The children are always begging for food. They are routinely dirty and dressed in clothing that is dirty, torn and too small. The older children have rotten teeth, with the oldest one complaining of a tooth ache. This morning the police received a call stating the children were home alone. This was verified when the police arrived at the home learned that the children have been alone for about 3 hours. Police have arrested Debbie in the past for prostitution. Police requesting assistance.