

Case Scenario for Shaquille

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A frantic, thirty-something African American couple arrived at the emergency room with their 11-month-old son, Shaquille. You could smell alcohol on the father's breath. Both are well dressed and well groomed. The mother told the doctor that about one hour ago, when she "turned her back for a second" to answer the phone, Shaquille had stood up in his high chair and had fallen to the floor. After she picked him up, he was screaming and had been screaming ever since. She said that she called her husband at his job at Microsoft. He came home immediately, and they immediately brought the child to the hospital. The mother feels that something is wrong but she does not know what.

Shaquille was examined and X-rayed and was found to have a spiral fracture of his right leg. He also had some minor bruising on both of his arms and his left leg. Knowing that a spiral fracture is often a result of a twisting motion and not a fall, the doctor, head nurse, and social worker met and decided that given the nature of the injury and the bruises, they must call Childline and report this as a suspected child abuse.

You are the CYS worker who is assigned the case.

Use the skill of *Tuning in to Self*, to answer the following questions:

- 1) What are my emotional, physical, and cognitive reactions to this situation?
- 2) How will this reaction affect my actions?
- 3) What outcome do I want?
- 4) What do I need to do with my reaction?
- 5) At this time, I feel... (complete the feeling)