

# Case Scenario for Connor

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A laid-back 18-year-old Caucasian woman and her equally laid-back 19-year-old live-in boyfriend arrived at the emergency room with their 11-month-old son, Connor. Both parents were dressed in jeans, old shirts, and tennis shoes. The mother told the doctor that about two hours ago, when she “turned her back for a second” to light a cigarette, Connor 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 the father, who was laid off from work and hanging out with some of his friends, and they caught the next bus to bring Connor to the hospital. The mother feels that something is wrong but she does not know what.

Connor 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. The head nurse had noted in the chart that the father smelled of alcohol when he first came into the emergency room. 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)