

# Derrick Johnson Case – The Rest of the Story

## Part Two – Module IV

Following is a sample safety plan that may have been developed with the Johnson family.

Derrick was called into the living room by his father at the end of the video segment. What happened next is as follows:

Mr. Johnson stated that he would not be willing to change his beliefs relative to the teachings of the Bible, but that he would refrain from hitting Derrick anywhere but on the buttocks with an open hand. He refused to go to counseling but is willing to allow Derrick to go to learn “why he disobeys so much.”

Mr. Johnson also called the local pastor of the Grace Brethren Church for guidance while the worker was still there. Although only a member of the church for six months, Mr. Johnson agreed to listen to what the pastor had to say and consider other ways to discipline Derrick. The pastor also spoke to the worker and said he feels that he can talk to Mr. Johnson about his use of discipline and that he can get Mr. Johnson to see that beatings are not the way to control the boy. The pastor agreed to check in with the Johnson’s every day over the next week and call the worker if there are any concerns.

Derrick and Sherice both have been advised they can leave the home when they feel unsafe and go to their Aunt Janet’s house. The worker spoke with this relative, she agrees to this action, and she will participate with the case. The mother, father and both children agree to this. Aunt Janet also agreed to have daily contact with the children and will call the worker if there are any concerns.