

Case Scenarios

Case Scenario #1: Reynolds Family

The agency received a call early Friday morning from a woman stating her neighbor (Ms. Reynolds) left her children alone the previous evening while she worked third shift. There are three children, ages two, four and six. The reporter knows there was no one watching the children. She also stated the children often run around the neighborhood unsupervised, and the children are often dirty. She stated the inside of the house is a “pig sty” with dirty dishes piled up, roaches running around on the floor and dirty clothes strewn all around the house. She reports the Reynolds have two cats and a dog, and there is animal feces on the living room floor “right where the baby can get into it”. She knows this because a couple of days ago she went into the house to return the two-year-old who had run into the street. She states the mother is home now, as she saw her come in this morning.

Case Scenario #2: Lloyd

A school nurse called on Monday morning and reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center intake worker that Lloyd, age nine, came to school again today with inadequate and dirty clothing and lice. There is a significant odor coming from his clothing and his body. He appears to have a serious case of pink eye. The nurse also said Lloyd appears thin for his age and doubts he has been seen at the clinic for the pink eye. The intake was assigned. The worker called the mother, who isn't home.

Case Scenario #3: Daryll

A man called in and told the Kansas Protection Report Center intake worker that he just saw a four-year-old neighbor boy, Daryll, outside with a “huge black eye”. He remembered hearing the boy screaming out in apparent pain the night before, but didn’t think much of it since, according to his mother, the little boy is always “bumping into things and falling down”. However, now the referent thinks that perhaps the boy was struck by his mother because he also saw a bruise that looked like the shape of a hand on the boy’s face. The intake was assigned for physical abuse with a same-day response. When the worker arrived at the home, no one answered the door but the worker heard a lot of screaming and yelling, including a woman’s voice yelling “Stop doing that, you little bastard ... I’ll teach you a thing or two,” followed by what sounded like a belt striking skin. He also heard a young boy cry out in pain and say ... “Stop it momma, please stop it, you’re hurting me”... to which the woman’s voice replied... “I’ll teach you what hurt is”... And the worker heard the belt strike skin again.

Case Scenario #4: Jessica

A school nurse called the agency at 1:30 p.m. and reported a 12-year-old girl, Jessica, has just disclosed her father has been sexually abusing her for the last six months. It started with fondling but has progressed to rape. She is afraid to go home from school, as her mother is out of town and her father is there alone. She is afraid he will rape her again when she arrives home from school.