

Case Scenario for Miracle, Scaling and Satellite Questions

You are the 24-year-old single mother of four-year-old Anthony. He has been diagnosed with severe hyperactivity with attention deficit disorder. You know that he really tries to be good, and sometimes you can be patient with him; other times, it's more than you can take, and you spank him, often leaving bruises.

Lately, you feel that you are spinning into a crisis. Anthony's father has stopped paying child support, and your finances are low. Your sister won't babysit anymore, as Anthony is quite a handful. Your boss won't give you any more time off to find new child care.

Last week, you over-disciplined Anthony for bad behavior. You spanked him too hard and left bruises again. After that incident, you asked your neighbor to watch him for a while, so that you could have some time alone to calm down.

The next day the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) came out to investigate the situation. You agreed to open the case, because you knew you needed help.

Your case was assigned to an ongoing worker. She has just arrived at your house to talk with you about this situation and how the agency might help you.