

Module 7 Chapter 1 Screening Scenarios



Scenario 1

The elementary school guidance counselor calls regarding 9 year old Sam. Sam has been a few minutes late to school twice in the past month. He often appears tired. On three separate occasions this past month, he has not had all of his math homework done. The counselor asked him if he was getting enough to eat for breakfast; she thought that food might have something to do with his tiredness. Sam reported that he eats leftover pizza for breakfast about once per week. On other mornings, he eats granola bars, toast or cereal. Sometimes he likes cold meat loaf and he wishes his mom would cook that more often. The counselor explains that she thinks Sam is being neglected and his basic needs aren't being met.

- What is the allegation?
- Does this report meet statutory and rule criteria for assessment?
- What statutory elements are present or missing that help you decide if the report meets criteria for assessment?
- What is your screening disposition? (Screened in or screened out)
- If the report meets criteria, what assessment track is most appropriate?



Scenario 2

The middle school social worker calls regarding 13 year old Sarah. Her left cheek is red and her left shoulder has a purple bruise that is about the size of a half-dollar. Sarah will only tell you that she and her dad “got into it last night” and that she “deserved everything I got.” She will not elaborate on what her statements mean. She is not afraid to go home. The social worker asked Sarah’s 12 year old brother, Tom, what happened and if he was hurt. Tom denied being part of the altercation; he would only say that Sarah needed to get her act together and he didn’t blame his dad for getting mad. Mom was at bowling when Sarah and Tom Senior “got into it.”

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Scenario 3

The pre-school teacher calls to report that 4 year old Tony is having trouble going to the bathroom. He is very clingy today; he cried when his mom brought him to school and this is not usual for him. He wet his pants and after he was cleaned up, he said he needed to go to the bathroom again but he wanted the teacher to be with him. He said, “My bum hurts. It hurts to go.” He started crying again. When asked why his “bum hurts,” Tony replied, “Mike sticked his thing in there. It hurted bad and I don’t like it.” The teacher stopped asking questions and called to make the report. Mike is Tony’s step-father; he often brings Tony to pre-school.

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