

Kids

Referral:

Client system consists of mother, father, and their four children Tia (female, age 9), Timothy (male, age 8), Apricot (female, age 6), and Elijah (age 1, male). The family is living in the Bay Area. They are from the East Coast and have spent time moving between several states (Chicago, New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia) where much of their extended family resides.

Currently the father works under the table. The mother takes care of the children. The parents are illiterate; the father previously obtained work through family networks and cold-calling clients.

Parents Barry (Caucasian male, age 27) and Sylvia (Caucasian female, age 27) were arrested and jailed when they drove away from a grocery store, not realizing their 6-year-old Apricot was wandering around the parking lot.

Little is known about the family's medical history as they have no paperwork/records and have used different names at different times. However, during the CPS medical clearance at the time of parents' arrest, baby Elijah noted to be "extremely thin." Subsequent testing revealed that baby Elijah has a rare genetic disorder that affects his development and involves unique dietary restrictions.

Strengths include large extended family, cultural community through church, close attachment between the family members.

In your group, please discuss:

- 1) Discuss your reactions to the referral. What are you worried about with this family?
- 2) How will you find out what the children are worried about, techniques? Strategies?
- 3) What questions do you want to ask? Be prepared to share 3 solid interview/engagement questions.