

The following pages provide a series of six possible scenarios, which may be brought to the attention of Child Protective Services. The identifying information contained in the vignettes is not inclusive of all the details regarding the family. However, please read each vignette and choose an answer that best describes the action you would be most likely to take with this family.

1. A school social worker made a report regarding Christopher, a six-year-old child who said his mom and dad fight all the time at home. Christopher said that when they fight sometimes his dad gets really mad and will hit his mom. Christopher also disclosed that when he sees the fighting, he runs and hides in his room. The school social worker also noted that Christopher is hitting other children during recess when they make him mad.

	Given the limited information provided, how likely would you be to:	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely
1A	<i>(For CPS Staff Only):</i> Unsubstantiate a finding of abuse or neglect?	1	2	3	4
1B	<i>(For CPS Staff Only):</i> Substantiate a finding of abuse or neglect?	1	2	3	4
1C	Recommend removing the child from the home?	1	2	3	4
1D	Need to discuss this case with your supervisor.	1	2	3	4
1E	Bring to the attention of the court.	1	2	3	4
1F	Make a referral to parenting classes.	1	2	3	4
1G	Give a referral for domestic violence services in the community	1	2	3	4
1H	Any other actions? Types of referrals if applicable?				

2. A hospital social worker called in a report regarding Kaitlin, an 11-month-old infant, who was brought into the hospital due an arm fracture from a suspicious fall. The hospital social worker addressed domestic violence concerns during the health assessment, at which, the mom denied being a victim of domestic violence. However, Barbara, the maternal grandmother disclosed she has concerns about her son-in-law, Wayne, and his anger. Barbara has never witnessed Wayne hitting Sherry, but alleged, she has seen “unexplained” marks on Sherry.

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2A	<i>(For CPS Staff Only):</i> Unsubstantiate a finding of abuse or neglect?	1	2	3	4
2B	<i>(For CPS Staff Only):</i> Substantiate a finding of abuse or neglect?	1	2	3	4
2C	Recommend removing the child from the home?	1	2	3	4
2D	Need to discuss this case with your supervisor.	1	2	3	4
2E	Bring to the attention of the court.	1	2	3	4
2F	Make a referral to parenting classes.	1	2	3	4
2G	Give a referral for domestic violence services in the community	1	2	3	4
2H	Any other actions? Types of referrals if applicable?				

3. A report was received regarding Monica age 11, and her brother Juan age 8. The two children have reported that their father, Jose, beats their mother, Serena, when he comes home from the bar. The children informed their maternal aunt that the father has threatened to hit them, but he just yells and uses bad words. The aunt reported that this started three months ago when the father lost his job.

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3B	<i>(For CPS Staff Only):</i> Substantiate a finding of abuse or neglect?	1	2	3	4
3C	Recommend removing the child from the home?	1	2	3	4
3D	Need to discuss this case with your supervisor.	1	2	3	4
3E	Bring to the attention of the court.	1	2	3	4
3F	Make a referral to parenting classes.	1	2	3	4
3G	Give a referral for domestic violence services in the community	1	2	3	4
3H	Any other actions? Types of referrals if applicable?				

4. A report was received from a neighbor who is concerned about two children, Tyrone age 4, and Anika age 8. The reporter has witnessed the mother’s live-in boyfriend, Kenton pushing Cheryl, the mother of the children. The neighbor has asked Cheryl about Kenton’s behavior, and she protects him by saying , “he just gets frustrated when I don’t listen to him”. She also stated he slapped her before, but the children did not witness the incident.

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4C	Recommend removing the child from the home?	1	2	3	4
4D	Need to discuss this case with your supervisor.	1	2	3	4
4E	Bring to the attention of the court.	1	2	3	4
4F	Make a referral to parenting classes.	1	2	3	4
4G	Give a referral for domestic violence services in the community	1	2	3	4
4H	Any other actions? Types of referrals if applicable?				

5. A case was assigned regarding a report received from a day care center. The staff has concerns about Robert a 3-year-old child, who is quite aggressive with other children. He is biting and slapping other children if they take his toys or ignore him. His mother, Rita, is always on edge and appears to be nervous about their concerns. She arrived at the daycare facility this morning with a swollen lip and a bruise on her left cheek. The staff asked about her condition and she stated she tripped over some of Robert's toys and hit the side of his bed.

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5B	<i>(For CPS Staff Only):</i> Substantiate a finding of abuse or neglect?	1	2	3	4
5C	Recommend removing the child from the home?	1	2	3	4
5D	Need to discuss this case with your supervisor.	1	2	3	4
5E	Bring to the attention of the court.	1	2	3	4
5F	Make a referral to parenting classes.	1	2	3	4
5G	Give a referral for domestic violence services in the community	1	2	3	4
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6. Maxine has three children, Bobby (age 10), Alicia (age 6), and Terrance (age 3). The report alleges severe neglect and emotional abuse suffered by the children from both parents. Maxine is active in her AA program and has been clean for 3 years. She admits neglecting the children because of inebriation. She also admitted that her husband was arrested for domestic violence; however, through a plea-bargain he was not incarcerated and will attend a batterer’s intervention program. Maxine also states her husband has never hit the children, but has abused her in front of them. In fact, Maxine reported, Alicia and Bobby tried to stop their father from beating her up. Bobby was accidentally struck across the face when trying to intervene in one fight. Maxine has left her husband three times and says this is the last time.

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