

CWS2020W Transfer of Learning – Day One

TASK ONE:

Review Handout F: Minimal Facts Interview, and be prepared to discuss any questions you have regarding this type of child interview in class tomorrow.

TASK TWO:

SHEPARD PART 1

Use the following Information to complete the Structured Decision Making (SDM) CPS Intake Tool. Use the Intake Tool to help you answer the following questions:

1. Is it valid (Will CPS respond?)
 2. What is the Maltreatment Type?
 3. What is the Response Time? (How quickly must CPS respond?)
 4. Should this be a Family Assessment or an Investigation?
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Law Enforcement Call – Shepard Family

- The officer calls you to report she and her partner responded on a domestic violence report and found that the couple's 6-year-old was injured when the father threw a glass across the room hitting the child.
- The father is being arrested; the mother and child are headed to the hospital for their injuries. The mother has bruises around her throat and face as well as a black eye. Aaron, the child has a cut on his forehead that may require stitches.
- The officer tells you there is a history of responding on DV calls to the couple's home and sometimes both parents have been intoxicated. This is the first time the child was home during an incident. It is believed that the child was with his maternal grandmother during previous incidents.
- The officer asks you to assist in placing the child somewhere safe.

In order to obtain history on the family you access OASIS and search their names. If you do not have access to OASIS you can call the state hotline. Be sure to have your matrix. You learn from OASIS the following information about the family:

- There is a previous screened out referral from the grandmother calling to make a complaint. 6 months ago the grandmother stated that her daughter and grandson came to the house when the father was drunk. The mother was scared because the father was drunk and angry. The mother and child were both safe and not injured. The grandmother said she is scared he is going to hurt her daughter and grandson because when he drinks he is out of control.

Family

- Father: Jack Shepard, 36-year-old white male
- Mother: Kate Shepard, 29-year-old, bi-racial female (African American-White)
- Child: Aaron Shepard, 6-year-old bi-racial male
- Maternal Grandmother: Rose Austen, 58-year-old black female

SHEPARD PART 2

Read the following update about the Shepard Family. Use this information to complete the Structured Decision Making (SDM) Safety Assessment Tool. Answer the following question:

- Is Aaron Shepard Safe, Unsafe, or Conditionally Safe?
 - What steps would you take to address Aaron's safety until a CPS worker can respond?
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Shepard Family Updates

Rose Austen – The MGM, Rose Austen, was at the hospital too. The worker spoke with Mrs. Austen who said her daughter and grandson can stay with her. The worker let her know that law enforcement took out a protective order against Mr. Shepard and if he were to come to the house or try to contact them in any way they should call 911 immediately. Mrs. Austen acknowledged her understanding. The worker asked to come see Mrs. Austen's home and speak with Mrs. Shepard there. Mrs. Austen agreed.

Hospital Nurse – Kate and her son, Aaron, are being released from the hospital with injuries. Kate has bruised ribs and a sprained wrist. The nurse lets you know that Kate had a BAL (Blood Alcohol Level) of .07 (the legal limit for establishing impaired driving is .08). The worker drives to Mrs. Austen's home to speak with Mrs. Shepard there.

Kate Shepard - Kate agreed that she is going to stay with her mother and that if Mr. Shepard tries to contact her in any way she will notify law enforcement. Mrs. Shepard admitted that she and her husband had been drinking that night and when they drink they usually fight. She knows it is a problem and she needs to stop. Mrs. Shepard denied using any other drugs. She said she usually makes good decisions and takes Aaron to stay at her mother's but lately she has just felt like she was taking advantage of her mother and needed to step up and be more responsible for her son. She never plans to have more than one drink but some nights one turns to two and two to three, sometimes more. She said she had 3 glasses of wine tonight but admits she uses a large wine glass. Mrs. Shepard said she loves her son and she will do whatever she needs to do to keep him safe.

Aaron Shepard - Aaron is a 6-year-old male who lives with his mother and father. His parents like to "party" and usually send him to his maternal grandmother's (MGM) home when they plan to party. Occasionally they will start drinking on a night he is home and sometimes they fight. Aaron stated that he does not like it when they fight. Often stuff in the house gets broken and he is always worried that his father would hurt his mother one of these days. He can remember a time when his father was yelling and his mother took him to his grandmother's house to stay but now his mom usually just stays and puts him in his room if his father starts yelling.

Last night he was watching TV when his parents began to fight. His father hit his mother before she could get to put Aaron in his room. She fell down and began to crawl towards Aaron when his father threw a glass at her but missed and it hit Aaron in the head. The next thing Aaron remembers, he was in the hospital getting stitches. His mother has a broken jaw and he is scared his father will show up and hurt her again.