

Case Vignettes

1. Derrick is a five year old child seeking services in your center. He has had some behavior problems recently that involve aggression toward other kids and his teacher reports that he is very disruptive in class. She also reports that he touches his private area constantly. One time, the teacher overheard him ask another boy in his class if he could kiss him. How would you proceed with this case?

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| Talk to the child to get more information | Y or N |
| Inform the child's parent(s) | Y or N |
| Talk to (consult with?) a colleague | Y or N |
| Make a report to law enforcement | Y or N |
| Make a report to Child Protective Services | Y or N |
| Refer the child for abuse treatment | Y or N |
| Encourage Derrick to talk to his parents | Y or N |

2. Jimmy is a 14 year old being evaluated at the juvenile detention center (he was recently arrested for striking a teacher at school). During the evaluation he describes having a fight with his mother. He says that she "choked him" and "beat him" three days ago. You do not observe any bruises on the child. What would you do, if anything?

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| Talk to the child to get more information | Y or N |
| Inform the child's parent(s) | Y or N |
| Talk to (consult with?) a colleague | Y or N |
| Make a report to law enforcement | Y or N |
| Make a report to Child Protective Services | Y or N |
| Refer the child for abuse-focused treatment | Y or N |
| Encourage Jimmy to talk to his parents | Y or N |

3. Robin is a 14 year old in counseling for depression. Her mother recently read a message she had posted on Face book talking about her new "cool" 25 year old boyfriend. What would you do, if anything?

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| Talk to the child to get more information | Y or N |
| Inform the child's parent(s) | Y or N |
| Talk to (consult with?) a colleague | Y or N |
| Make a report to law enforcement | Y or N |
| Make a report to Child Protective Services | Y or N |
| Refer the child for abuse-focused treatment | Y or N |
| Encourage Robin to talk to her parents | Y or N |
| Nothing – she seems happier | Y or N |

4. Sara is a 15 year old student at your school. She comes to your office and asks if she can talk to you privately. She proceeds to tell you that she thinks her boyfriend is being physically abused by his father. Sara tells you that her boyfriend has told her that his dad can get 'really angry,' and that sometimes he takes his anger out on him. Sara admits that she's kind of scared of her boyfriend's father and that they spend most of their time at her house. Sara swore to her boyfriend she would not tell anyone. What would you do, if anything?

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| Talk to Sara's boyfriend to get more information | Y or N |
| Inform the boyfriend's child's parent(s) | Y or N |
| Talk to (consult with?) a colleague | Y or N |
| Make a report to law enforcement | Y or N |
| Make a report to Child Protective Services | Y or N |
| Refer the boyfriend for abuse-focused treatment | Y or N |
| Encourage Sara's boyfriend to talk to his parents | Y or N |
| Nothing – you have to keep Sara's promise | Y or N |