**CASE 2**

**YOUR ROLE: Anton’s Mother**

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| **Settings:** | **You are the mother of Anton X. A social worker from Central Child Protection Services came to your house following an order from the District Attorney because of (as she informed you) some concerns raised about the care provided to Anton.** |
| **History:** | **Your son Anton X is 6 years old and lives with you (you are a 24 year old single mother). One day** Anton’s teacher, Ms Mary X informed the District Attorney that Anton walked to school in below-freezing weather wearing only a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and tennis shoes. His feet were wet from the snow, and he was obviously cold. Ms Mary X called the District Attorney because of repeated similar events; the same teacher had previously called Local social services to report possible neglect but it seems that the situation is the same”. The District Attorney called the Central Child Protection Services and asked them to proceed an assessment of Anton’s living conditions.  **What really happens is that you are a single mother and do the best you can for Anton. It is obvious, however, that this is not enough given that usually Anton does not follow the rules you set and you do not know how to persuade him. Moreover, you have a lot of problems to solve on an everyday basis (related to household administration, money and your job) that it is difficult for you to devote more time to Anton’s care.**  **Today you received a visit from a Social Worker following the order of the District Attorney.** |
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| **Instruction:** | Please provide information in **BLUE FONT** **ONLY** if you are asked from the Social Worker |

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| **RECORD** | |
| **Agency's ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Operator’s ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Date** | 🡪 April 9 2014 |
| **Source of referral** | 🡪 “I am Anton’s mother” |
| **INCIDENT** | |
| **ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Date** | 🡪 “I don’t understand which day you are referring to” |
| **Location** | 🡪 - |
| **Form(s) of maltreatment** | 🡪 “Anton is a hyper-active child, argumentative and loud, and often I am not able to convince him to wear his clothes or to eat his food or even to bathe. Other times he does not return home immediately after school and I don’t know where he is.”  If you are asked again for more details 🡪 “Anton does makes whatever he wants and totally ignores me. This makes me angry. Sometimes I try yelling at him and call him names (that afterwards I regret). Other times I try to be friendly by letting him decide what he wants to eat and when he totally opposes me, I tell him that I’m going to get sick and he would be responsible for it”. |
| **CHILD** | |
| **ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Gender** | 🡪 |
| **Age**  If you asked again for the birth date | 🡪 “6 years old”.  🡪“Anton was born on February 15, 2008”. |
| **School attendance** | 🡪 “Yes, in first grade of elementary school”.  If you are asked for further details 🡪 “He is very sensitive, often sick and therefore he is often absent from school-almost half of the time; this is why his teacher raised some concerns some months ago” |
| **History of CAN** | 🡪”None” |
| **FAMILY** | |
| **Composition** | 🡪 “Anton lives with me; I am a single mother; no other person lives in our home” |
| **Primary Caregiver(s) relationship to child** | 🡪 “Myself” |
| **Primary Caregiver(s) gender** | 🡪 |
| **Primary Caregiver(s) age**  -If you asked specifically for birth year | 🡪 “24 years old; I delivered Anton when I was 18”  🡪 “1990”. |
| **Other type(s) of violence** | 🡪 “Nowadays no; previously there was a very difficult situation between me and my ex-boyfriend. He lived with us for almost two years. Anton was almost always present during our arguments. He left the house 1,5 years ago and since then everything has been okay” |
| **SERVICES** | |
| **Institutional response** | 🡪 “Over the past few months, I have met with a social worker from local social services 4-5 times, when the teacher –as I told you- informed social services regarding some concerns about Anton. That was all” |
| **Referral(s) to Services** | 🡪 “Following the suggestion of the other social worker, I participated in a parent support program for 3 months; she considered that it would be of help for me because I am a single mother and I have some difficulties in raising Anton”. |
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