

The Adams Case

Angel Face Adams (DOB 03/12/90) is a black 12th grade student recently enrolled at your Center. She resides with her mother, Ann Woe and three siblings at 1234 SW Looking Street, Kings Point, FL 00000. Her student identification number is 0610000000. Angel is presently diagnosed with Tourettes syndrome; she is profoundly mentally and physically handicapped, autistic, and non-verbal. According to her teacher, Angel has been acting sexually since she was reunited, seven months ago, with her mother. Angel often fondles her breast and her vaginal area, and sometimes tries to take off her clothes.

Upon the review of her Cumulative Record and conversations with the guidance counselor from her old school, her teacher found that Angel had been sexually abused in the past. As a result of this abuse, the child and her three siblings (Hope, 10, Faith 3 months, and Christian, 5) were removed from the mother. It was also learned that Mom has a history of drug use and prostitution. It had been reported by the previous school that Hope has the responsibility of caring for her siblings, and that Faith has a terminal illness. The former counselor advised that it had been some time since they witnessed the behaviors that Angel is displaying at her present school. The guidance counselor gave the teacher the contact information of the worker involved with the family. The caseworker informs you that Angel was abused three years ago, and that she is probably just playing around and doesn't know what she is doing.

Angel often comes to school with soiled diapers and dirty clothes. Communication with the school nurse suggests that Angel may not be getting the proper doses of medication. Angel has been observed to be non-responsive and drowsy. In an attempt to assist the mother with challenges that relate to properly caring for her children, the school social worker has made attempts to visit the home and has left telephone messages.

Mom comes to the school a week later to see what's going on with her child that would prompt the social worker to come to her home. Mom says that she is not back on drugs nor is she prostituting again, and she doesn't know why her daughter is doing these things. Mom reports that Hope does in fact care for the other children after school and on the weekends. None of the children are in daycare or any after school programs, and the infant child is left with a neighbor. Mom refused assistance from the school social worker for help with after school care for the children on the premise that people just want to make it look like she can't care for her children.