

Case Presentation Form

Social Worker : Amber Bowes, BSW Intern **Date:** 2/13/2024 **Agency:** Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults

Client Data:

Client Initials: M. S. **Age:** 15 **Gender:** F **Race:** African American **Referral Source:** Erlanger Children's Nurse **Date of Intake:** 12/2/23

Referral Reason: Client went to Erlanger Children's Hospital seeking to have a forensic medical exam. Erlanger Children's Hospital does not do forensic medical exams, so they referred the client to Partnership.

Presenting Problem Indicators: Trauma from the assault/mental health struggles Hamilton County Choices program/relocating schools 3. Family stability

The client is in a single mother household with two siblings. Client came to Partnership's Rape Crisis Center seeking a forensic exam for a sexual assault perpetrated by her cousin. The client's cousin was previously convicted of murder and went to jail, and when he was released the sexual assault happened. The client had already reported the assault to the police before she came to Partnership. The client completed the forensic exam, and the evidence will be passed on to the police. A CPS report was made for the client as mandated reporters since she was under the age of 18. CPS had already been involved with the client due to a suicide attempt six months prior to the assault. The client has had a history of depression and suicidal thoughts. During the intake process, the client's mother disclosed that she had been sexually assaulted when she was a similar age to the client and that she was struggling emotionally with the current situation. The client and her mother have stated that they are both interested in counseling.

During a follow up, the client's mother disclosed that she felt unsafe in her current living arrangement and wanted to move because the perpetrator knew where they lived. The client's family already had section 8 assistance, but could not afford all of their rent payments, so they had back payments stacking up. The client's family also needed assistance with paying for utilities. The family cannot move into a new place until their bills are paid. The client is in the Hamilton county choices program, so she attends a school that is outside of her district. The client disclosed that she was being bullied in school by a group of peers and was also physically assaulted from the bullying. This was causing the client to feel unsafe and negatively affecting her mental health. The client's mother wanted to send her daughter to a different school within her district to fix this problem as well as allow for there to be accessible transportation for the client to get to school. The client's mother's car broke down, and since they are in the choices program, they were told they are not allowed to take the bus. The client's mother contacted the Hamilton county choices program and they refused to allow the client to move schools or to leave the choices program. Since the client is unable to switch schools, she is skipping school because she feels unsafe. This, as well as inaccessible transportation has led to truancy issues. Partnership helped to get legal aid involved, but there has been no change yet in the issue.

Background information:

Client Strengths / Protective Factors: Client was asked for her three greatest strengths in the intake process, but client refused to disclose any. The client's mother is very supportive and involved in her case. Client has a good support system, but client does not feel like she can rely on it.

ACE Score/ Trauma information:

The client has at least an ACE score of 2. Client has a history of depression and suicidal thoughts/attempts. The client is under the age of 18. Client has family issues. Her cousin was in jail for murder and is gang affiliated. He also was the perpetrator of the sexual assault.

Risk Factors: The client could spiral due to her mental health and could potentially attempt suicide again. The client may not be able to switch schools which could lead to her continuing to skip school and could cause the truancy issues to get worse. If the client can't move schools, the bullying may continue, causing the client to feel unsafe. The family's stability issues are making it very hard to cope and work through the trauma of the assault.

Treatment Goals:

1. The client will attend counseling every week to help work through her trauma from the assault as well as her mental health struggles.

Partnership will continue to work with legal aid to get the child out of the Hamilton county choices program and
2. into a school from her district.

Partnership will work with the client's family to provide financial support to cover back pay as well as utility
3. assistance.

Services Offered:

- Individual Counseling Group Individual counseling was offered.

 Family Counseling Other
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What is the desired outcome from the client, family, & referral source?

The desired outcome is for the client to work through her trauma from the assault as well as her mental health struggles in counseling to become resilient and gain mental stability. It is also desired that the client get out of the choices program and into a new school so that she can feel safe and not face bullying. This will also lead to her not skipping school and having accessible transportation, therefore alleviating the truancy issues. Lastly, it is desired that the family can find financial stability so that they can pay rent and utility costs.

What interventions have been already attempted? What were the outcomes?

Partnership contacted Legal Aid to get help with removing the client from the choices program and getting her into a new school in her district. There has been no progress with this intervention yet since it is still very recent. Partnership worked with neediest cases to cover the client's family's back pay so that they could move into a new place.

Reason for Staffing:

1. We need to research how to get kids out of the Hamilton County Choices program.

2. We need to look for resources to help families get reliable transportation when there are no bus routes available to them.

Staffing Recommendations (Evidenced-based practice suggestions):

Social Worker Signature / Credentials _____