

## Child Abuse & Neglect Quiz

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Eleven-year-old Marcus said that his aunt, with whom he lives, got mad at him last night because he was picking on his younger cousin. She spanked him on the butt, with a hairbrush, and when he laughed at her, she hit him in the side of the head and on the mouth with it. Marcus has a dark purple bruising to his entire left ear. He has a cut on the inside of his lower lip which resembles the imprint of his two bottom front teeth. Which type of abuse or neglect best describes this?
  - a. Physical abuse
  - b. Neglectful supervision
  - c. Sexual abuse
  - d. Medical neglect
  
2. Six-year old Roger has a small burn on his thumb. He said he got it while trying to cook macaroni and cheese in the microwave for supper. He said his mother went to the park to visit her friend and told him to keep the door locked and take care of his little brother. I need to report this concern about neglect to Statewide Intake, but I've never made a report before. What information do I need to have when I call?
  - a. Just the child's name and school; a Child Protective Services caseworker can find the child at school
  - b. The name of the park the child's mother visits so a caseworker can look for her.
  - c. Names of the child, mother, and any other known family members; home address; names and contact information of any relatives or emergency contacts; and as much detail about the situation as possible (including dates and times of incidents as well as any effects on the child and a description of the current injury)
  - d. Because of privacy issues, no identifying information on the child should be released.
  
3. Five-year-old Alexandra told a teacher's aide that she used to visit her Uncle Bobo in jail, but now he lives with her and her mother. She said uncle Bobo has some magic lotion he puts on her at night to keep monsters away. Uncle Bobo says it will only work if he rubs it on her choo-choo (pointing to her genital area). She said he poked her there with his finger and it hurt. He told her not to tell her mother or the monsters would get her while she was sleeping. I reported this to my principal because that is our school's policy. What else do I need to do?
  - a. Nothing. The principal is now responsible for reporting it.
  - b. Call Statewide intake to make a report. I have a legal obligation to report and I may not delegate this reporting responsibility to anyone else.
  - c. Question the child in detail and ask the principal to take notes for his report

- d. Speak to the rest of the class and see if Alexandra told them any other information
4. Thirteen-year-old Amelia has eczema and severe asthma. Amelia's mother has informed her teacher that without medication, Amelia's asthma can cause restricted breathing and require hospitalization. The eczema has caused skin on her upper arms to turn scaly, purple, and scabby. A dime-sized spot near her right elbow oozing green pus. For the past week, she has been wheezing and gasping for air. She has told several teachers that there are times throughout the day when she "cannot breathe". Amelia said that she has been out of her medications (Inhaler, pills, and ointment) for two weeks. Her mother has been contacted twice, and both times said that she "keeps forgetting" and "she'll try to get to it". When advised that Amelia should see a doctor for the possible infected sore and the wheezing, the mother responded that Amelia "is just trying to get attention". I'm very worried, but I've already called the mother twice, is there something else I should do?
- a. Nothing further is needed. Amelia's mother knows Amelia best and it's up to her to decide when Amelia needs to see a doctor
  - b. See if Amelia can borrow an inhaler from a friend.
  - c. Call Statewide intake immediately to make a report. The child appears to have breathing difficulties and an infected sore, and the mother has been contacted but is not following up with medical care. If the child appears to need immediate medical attention at any point, call 911
  - d. Wait a few days and see if Amelia develops a fever. Right now, she is displaying "warning signs" of possible future problems, but nothing indicating abuse or neglect
5. Eight-year-old Chandra lives with her mother, step-father, and three step-brothers. Chandra's step father openly refers to her as "spawn of the devil". He won't allow her to interact with his sons in any way, refusing even to allow Chandra to eat at the table with the rest of the family. Chandra's mother was asked about this but insists she must "keep the peace" by complying with her husband's wishes. Chandra's grandmother recently bought her a new shirt, but the second time she wore it, it smelled of cat urine and Chandra reported her step-father had buried it in the cat's litter box "so it would be filthy like your deadbeat dad's family". Chandra was talkative at the beginning of the school year, but over the past two months (since the step father and his sons moved in), she has become extremely withdrawn, and has not spoken to her classmates or teacher for ten days, even when asked a direct question. Chandra has never mentioned any physical abuse and doesn't have any injuries. So I'm wondering if I should go ahead and report this or watch and see if things get better. How should I proceed?
- a. Make a report to Statewide intake by telephone or e-Report because the child appears to have suffered significant effects to her psychological functioning as a result of the step-father's actions and the mother's lack of intervention
  - b. Refer the child to the school counselor and see if she will talk to him
  - c. Call the grandmother and tell her she needs to contact Statewide Intake

- d. Ask the school nurse to examine the child and tell her to make a report to Statewide Intake if the child has any bruises.
- 6. Seven-year-old Justin and five year old Justine live with their parents and nine-month-old brother. Justin and Justina are covered in flea bites and often have dog feces on their shoes and clothing and under their fingernails. Justina was crying today because their dog recently had eight puppies, and one of the puppies died next to her bed, and it left a “stinky slimy place” on her carpet after her father removed it. Justin said that the puppies are too little to go to the bathroom outside, and his baby brother keeps crawling around the house eating dog mess. He said his parents think it’s funny, but he is worried because he has seen worms on his brother’s mouth after he eats dog mess. I know the condition of the home presents health and safety hazards to the children, but I don’t want to call Statewide Intake because I’m worried the parents will find out I made the report. How can I keep this from happening?
  - a. Give a fictitious name when I call
  - b. Ask a friend to call for me
  - c. Make the report using my name and complete information. When interacting with the parents, there is no need to mention anything about the report. A reporter’s information is protected by state law, and while DFPS may release it to law enforcement or the courts when required, DFPS may not release it to the parents.
  - d. Tell Justin to invite his neighbors in to see the puppies. If neighbors see the condition of the home, one of them is sure to call Statewide Intake.