

## Exercise

In groups of 4, listen to or read one of the children's stories from the family case studies.

Think about the type of issues you would need to consider when undertaking an assessment. Think about the implications for the child under the following headings:

- Are they able to access community resources and what is influencing this?
- Are they socially integrated within the community?
- Is family Income sufficient to ensure that their needs are met?
- How does the parent's employment status influence life for the child?
- Is the family appropriately housed, and how does this impact on the child?
- What is the role of the wider family, and what does this mean for the child?
- What do you already know about the family history and family functioning that will influence your assessment of the child's needs?
- How do you think that the combination of factors might impact upon the child's life now and in the future?

Discuss in groups and feedback.

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Analysing the interaction  
between parents  
and communities

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