

Exercise

Read the Henderson/Miller/Taylor family case study.

From the evidence in the case study and your understanding of addiction and dependence, consider the following:

1. Can either of the adults in this household be described as addicted or dependent upon alcohol and drugs?

What reasons/evidence do you have for your answers?

2. If either adult is addicted/dependent - what risks of harm or neglect might the children experience?
3. On the basis of the case study what evidence or types of neglect are possible/ is likely for each child, including Michelle?
4. Are these neglect factors related to the misuse of substances or would they have been present within the family's functioning?
5. What makes the use/misuse of substances relevant in this case?
6. What interventions are possible to assist the adults in the case study and reduce the likelihood of the children being neglected?

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