

Exercise

Read the Henderson/Miller/Taylor family case study and Michelle's story.

In pairs, build on the chronology for Michelle experiences to date using the headings:

Event	Child's experience	Immediate impact	Longer term impact

Consider the following:

- The range of episodes of loss and separation that the young person has experienced. How many of her relationships have been continuous? Of these relationships, how many have provided the young person with a positive experience?
- Reflect on what the young person might now expect of relationships?
- What further difficulties might be created for Michelle working with several different practitioners on a short-term basis?
- Given this information, what support does Michelle need in order to meet her baby's developmental needs?

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