

Reflecting on Abuse and Neglect

Kate's Story: Part 5

Based on what you learned in this lesson and throughout this course, write a different story for Kate. At each critical point in Kate's story, think about what could have happened to change the family's trajectory. Describe the resources, supports, or conversations that might have made a difference for Kate and her family at earlier points in time.

Date	Critical Event	What actions or community resources might have changed the story? What could have been done differently to support the family?
1 March	Kate is sent to live with her father and stepmother	
15 March	Alan moves out of the home after an altercation with Gigi. The next day, Gigi physically assaults him while Kate watches. Gigi is arrested.	
28 April	Kate's half-sister is born.	
8 May	Diane, Kate's family child care provider, notices scars on Kate's arms and makes a report of suspected child abuse.	

8 May	Diane and her training and curriculum specialist report their concerns to the Family Advocacy Program and say they believe Kate is in danger. They overhear Gigi talking about whipping a child.	
9 May	Neighbors hear Kate screaming for an hour and call the police. The police find Kate naked, near feces, with scratches on her face and body.	
11 May	Family Advocacy Program conducts interviews with both parents and make a home visit. The Incident Determination Committee meets and determines the incident meets criteria for child abuse. Plans are developed with the local child protection agency to support the family while providing close monitoring of Kate's safety.	