Reflecting on Abuse and Neglect

Timothy’s Story: Part 4
You have learned a lot in the past few lessons about Timothy and his family. Take some time to reflect on Timothy’s experiences and the experiences of his family.

1. As a CDC staff member, it is important for you to know that the child development center staff members in Timothy’s program did everything they could to protect him. They did everything right.
   a. What should we learn from this?
   b. What can you do to make sure you do your part to keep children safe?

2. Imagine Timothy were a child in your classroom:
   a. Describe your emotions when you start to wonder whether Timothy’s recent behavior changes (crying more, reacting negatively to touch, not moving around much) are signs of a bigger problem.
   b. Describe your emotions when you see the burns on Timothy’s shoulders.
   c. Describe your emotions when you know that FAP and law enforcement are involved in Timothy’s story.
3. Now imagine that your best friend was Timothy’s teacher. What would you tell him? How would you support him? What do you think he would need?