

Exercise 3. Work on reports of abuse of child labor



- 1) What indicates the child labor in the case?
- 2) What should the supervisor discuss with the case manager?
- 3) How to direct the case manager to plan and implement an assessment and differentiate between different circumstances that endanger children, while identifying the child labor?

Smiljka (16)

The Center for Social Work received a report from the labor inspectorate for Smiljka; she was found on a construction site that the labor inspectorate controlled without an appropriate legal basis (without an employment contract). The girl was obviously engaged on the construction site for auxiliary work without any equipment prescribed by normative documents in the field of health and safety at work.

After planning the assessment, the center tried to reach the girl and her family. It turned out that the child does not live with her parents, but with distant relatives, where she left on her own initiative and has no contact with her family.

When the case manager managed to make contact with the child, he saw a physically strong, venturesome young girl with a neglected appearance. Her arms were strong and very cracked, dry and dark skinned.

Smiljka said that she works a lot in the household because she has to earn accommodation and food. He hasn't been going to school for a long time. She completed 6 grades of elementary school. Her problem is not work, because it was much more difficult for her at the construction site where she worked all day, and all the earnings were taken and shared by her father and mother, who do not live together. They were divorced a long time ago and Smiljka lived with her mother and did not see her father. Her biggest problem is that the relative she lives with looks at her with "different eyes" says all kinds of "dirty" words to her and tries to touch her all over her body. She is happy that someone came to help her because she doesn't know where to go or where to go.

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Vid (12)

The center received an anonymous report that a boy, around 12 years old, walks down the street every evening with an advertisement for a nearby hair salon hanging on his tiny body. The boy is alone on the street until late in the evening and seems very tired.

The case manager find ut that it is a boy whose mother is the owner of the salon that the boy advertises. The two of them live alone, their father has passed away, and they have no support from their extended family. The mother takes care of the boy, but the work is much reduced and she has a hard time meeting the living expenses, and the expenses are huge. The boy himself came up with the idea to help his mother, he printed flyers, made a big advertisement and advertises the salon. He goes to school regularly; his academic achievement is lower than in the earlier period. At school, it was said that he was constantly brooding, sleepy and seemed exhausted. His concentration is very poor. Lately he has also been seeing some boys who could bring him more trouble.

Mahmoud (7), Neim (5) and Senad (2.5)

Mahmoud (age 7) and his brothers Neim (5) and Senad (2.5) go with their grandmother and beg on the street every day. One day, at the insistence of passing citizens, the police took the grandmother into custody and reported the case to the CSW. Mother and father are in Austria and do not call often, nor do they come or send money. Since Senad is small, he often cries, and his grandmother gives him pills to calm down. Senad sleeps a lot, and Neim is cuddly and people stop and give them money, so his grandmother gave him his grandfather's big accordion to play in the market, where he also occasionally begs. Mahmoud learns songs to sing while Senad plays. A neighbor took Mahmoud with him several times because he is small, so he can fit through small windows and take things out. Since he is with his grandmother during the day and with the neighbor at night, Mahmoud sleeps little and is constantly tired.