

DYNAMICS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CASE SCENARIOS

JARED, AGE 14

Jared was sexually abused in childhood by his father. His father would abuse him during summer camping trips when Jared was between the ages of eight and thirteen.

The abuse consisted of Jared's father masturbating him while showing him pictures from *Playboy* magazine. Jared hated these episodes and came to hate his father who beat him and made fun of him as gay because he did not get an erection while looking at *Playboy*. Jared was too ashamed to tell his mother or anyone else about what was happening.

Jared suffered at least two episodes of depression when he was a teenager and attempted suicide. It was during his hospitalization that he disclosed to a compassionate nurse.

One month ago Jared was removed from his parents and placed in therapeutic foster care.

You have just been appointed as the GAL for Jared. What are some of the first things you would want to do?

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MAGGIE, AGE 13

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Maggie was abused as a toddler by her stepfather a few times and by two other men one time each. Both men were acquaintances of her stepfather.

At the age of six she was fondled by a neighbor. He moved away, which she said made her feel relieved and glad.

Again at the age of twelve, a family friend fondled her. She was too ashamed and embarrassed to tell him to stop or to tell anyone what he had done. She simply avoided him.

As a teenager, Maggie started engaging in some harmful behavior that included cutting herself. Her mother arranged for counseling. Maggie disclosed to her therapist. Maggie was allowed to remain in the custody of her mother. Her stepfather was court ordered to have no contact with Maggie until he was assessed and followed all of the therapist's recommendations.

Imagine that you have been Maggie's GAL for the past 6 months.

What are some specific ways you have advocated for her best interests?