

Case Scenario:

William "Billy" Batson is a 12-year-old male who was originally referred for services by his Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) worker, John Fawcett, due to behavioral and emotional problems related to abuse and neglect. He has a younger sister, who was also referred for counseling. Billy was removed from his home due to parental substance use (methamphetamine) and witnessing domestic violence between their biological mother, Marilyn Batson, and her boyfriend, Adam Sivana. Specifically, Mr. Sivana and Ms. Batson manufactured, distributed, and used methamphetamine while in the presence of Billy and Mary. Billy reported witnessing multiple incidents of drug use or manufacturing by Mr. Sivana and Ms. Batson. In addition, Mr. Sivana would often become violent towards Ms. Batson in the presence of Billy. Billy witnessed multiple incidents of domestic violence by Mr. Sivana towards Ms. Batson. At the time of removal, Billy reported to Mr. Fawcett that he remembered seeing Mr. Sivana choke his mother on the floor and that he tried to fight Mr. Sivana off. From Mr. Fawcett's report, Billy reported that "I know when Adam and mom are going to fight because mom always turns up the TV in their room really loud but I still hear things breaking."

Billy is currently in a kinship foster placement with his maternal uncle, Dudley Batson. Uncle Dudley reported that when Billy was placed with him he was "like a zombie" and had difficulty speaking to anyone. Billy has been aggressive and acting out at school. Billy often fights with other boys at school and does not listen to his teacher. He's already received in-school suspension once and out-of-school suspension once. At home, Billy talks back, is aggressive to his sister, and tells Uncle Dudley, "You're not my Dad" when being disciplined. Also, Billy will "zone out" for long periods of time. Uncle Dudley also reported Billy to become "violent" in which he will throw things, threaten to harm himself, and threaten to harm others. This culminated in such extreme behaviors that Uncle Dudley called the police for assistance. Billy was ultimately transferred to a local inpatient facility due to threat of harm to self and others. The length of his stay is unknown at this time. It was reported that Billy refuses to talk about his parents' fighting even when Uncle Dudley pushes him to, and spends much of his time focused on a fantasy world he has created where he is a superhero called Captain Marvel. Mr. Batson is worried that Billy may have emerging schizophrenia.

When Billy was asked why he was brought in to the facility he said "Because I get in fights." When asked by the therapist if there was anything that bothered Billy, he said "I'm afraid Adam will come back to hurt me and my sister."