NAEHCY Scenarios

Scenario 1 – Meet Will

Will is a 17-year-old who is currently enrolled in your school. He says he left home because he doesn’t like his stepfather and is staying with a friend. His mom says Will has a perfectly good home to come to and wants him to come home immediately. Will does not want to go home.

Answer - Will is MCV eligible. He is an unaccompanied youth. He can come home, but chooses not to. His mother’s choice for him is irrelevant.

Scenario 2 – Meet Jessica

Jessica is in the 4th grade and is living with her mom, siblings and grandparents. Last year her family was evicted from their apartment and moved in with her grandparents in a two bedroom house. This year, Jessica’s mother informed the school she was still homeless, “doubled up” at her parents’ home. Jessica informed her teacher that over the summer they went on a family vacation to Disney World and to a wedding in Georgia. Jessica also stated that the entire family including her grandparents moved to a bigger home and her and her siblings have their own room.

Answer – Jessica is not MCV eligible. The trip to Disney World and the wedding in Georgia does not determine her eligibility. The move to a bigger house, shows they now have fixed, regular and adequate housing.

Scenario 3- Meet Sarah

Sarah’s mom went to court on Monday and was told to report to prison on Friday for a 2 year sentence. She had violated her probation. Mom and grandma agree for Sarah to go stay with her grandmother. On Friday, Sarah goes to stay with her grandmother until her mother gets released.

Answer – Sarah is not MCV eligible. She is an unaccompanied minor. Her mother and grandmother made a plan for her to stay with grandmother.

Part 2

Grandma went to ER due to a heart attack and gets hospitalized and Sarah now has to stay with her aunt in definitely.

Answer – Sarah is now MCV eligible and unaccompanied.

Scenario 4 – Meet Raymond

A mother, who is divorced from her husband and has physical custody of their 10-year-old son Raymond, got evicted and sent Raymond to live with his father until she gets housing. The mother is staying at the local shelter, until she finds permanent housing. Raymond’s father owns a nice home and tells Raymond that he can stay there while his mother is at the shelter. Both parents want Raymond to stay with his father and not at the shelter.

Answer – Raymond is MCV eligible even though he is staying with his father. He is there until his mother finds housing, then he will go back and stay with his mother. A rule that normally applies, if parent is displaced then child is displaced.

Scenario 5 – Meet Alice

Alice is 18 years old and was found sleeping in the locker room bathroom. She told her counselor that sometimes she sleeps there and at her friends’ house on certain days. When asked where her parents are, Alice stated that her mother works at the airport and every 3-4 days she is out of town. When she leaves to go out of town, Alice cannot stay at home. Her mother states she does not trust her at the house alone, due to previous incidents. So when she is not home, Alice has to find her own place to stay.

Answer – Alice is MCV eligible and unaccompanied. Her housing is not fixed, regular or adequate.