

Child Welfare Case Study.

Luisa is a 11 year old Mexican American girl living in West St. Paul. She has 6 siblings ranging from 5 months to 22 years. Her mother has been receiving Child Protection case management services for the past 8 years. She is currently a 5th grader and is having trouble at school. While she has never been the identified client before, the school has made a report of educational neglect because in the past 4 months she has been to school for 10 full days. She often complains of physical health problems like headaches and stomach aches. She also will walk to school with her older sister and then leave through the back door to come home and hang out in the yard. Her mother lacks transportation to take her back to school and finds it somewhat helpful that Luisa is around to help her with the 5 month old.

Mother has also found her daughter to be extraordinarily clingy towards her—she has had serious asthma attacks when she finds out her mother left home without her requiring her mother to come home and take her to the emergency room for 4 hours to get her asthma under control. They see an asthma specialist on a regular basis—but the intense attacks still occur—mostly when she doesn't know where her mother is. Her mother takes her to the doctor often to attend to the headaches and stomach aches, but the doctor can find nothing wrong.

She is behind at school and constantly avoids doing homework. She has trouble sleeping at night and is up for hours after her mother has put her to sleep, sneaking back into the living room to watch late night television. If she does sleep, it is when she is sharing a room with a sibling or her mother. She seems to not have a lot of motivation to do things away from the house and is often irritable when her mother enforces rules or tells her that she needs to do her home work and go to school. Due to excessive snacking she has gained 15 pounds in the last 4 months. She seems to act younger than her 11 years by playing with dolls most of the day and yet she is more than willing to take care of her younger siblings. She gets into fights with other children at school when they tease her and she cries a lot about how the other children are mean to her. She doesn't play with other children much and prefers to spend time with her family. Mother loves her a lot and is very worried about her and doesn't know what to do. She tries to get her to school but is overwhelmed by Luisa's resistance.

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 COMPLETED BY Carmen (mom)

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Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC)

Emotional and physical health go together in children. Because parents are often the first to notice a problem with their child's behavior, emotions or learning, you may help your child get the best care possible by answering these questions. Please indicate which statement best describes your child.

Please mark under the heading that best describes your child:

	NEVER (0)	SOMETIMES (1)	OFTEN (2)
1. Complains of aches and pains -----	1. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
2. Spend more time alone -----	2. <u>X</u>		
3. Tires easily, has little energy -----	3. <u>X</u>		
4. Frequently unable to sit still -----		<u>X</u>	
5. Has trouble with teacher -----	5. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
6. Less interested in school -----	6. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
7. Acts as if driven by a motor -----	7. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
8. Daydreams too much -----	8. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
9. Distracted easily -----	9. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
10. Is afraid of new situations -----	10. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
11. Feels sad, unhappy -----	11. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
12. Is irritable, angry -----	12. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
13. Feels hopeless -----	13. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
14. Has trouble concentrating -----	14. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
15. Less interested in friends -----	15. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
16. Fights with other children -----	16. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
17. Absent from school -----	17. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
18. School grades dropping -----	18. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
19. Is down on him or herself -----	19. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
20. Visits the doctor with doctor finding nothing wrong -----	20. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
21. Has trouble sleeping -----	21. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
22. Worries a lot -----	22. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
23. Wants to be with you more than before -----	23. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
24. Feels he or she is bad -----	24. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
25. Takes unnecessary risks -----	25. <u>X</u>		
26. Gets hurt frequently -----	26. <u>X</u>		
27. Seems to be having less fun -----	27. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
28. Acts younger than children his or her age -----	28. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
29. Does not listen to rules -----	29. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
30. Does not show feelings -----	30. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
31. Does not understand other people's feelings -----	31. <u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
32. Teases others -----	32. <u>X</u>		
33. Blames others for his or her troubles -----	33. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
34. Takes things that do not belong to him or her -----	34. <u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
35. Refuses to share -----	35. <u>X</u>		

Total score _____

Does your child have any emotional or behavioral problems for which she/he needs help? ----- No Yes

Are there any services that you would like your child to receive for these problems? ----- No Yes

If yes, what type of services? _____