

Question 1

As a child welfare officer elaborate on steps you would take in the below situations.

Scenario A

You are on an initial visit and you knock on the door of the address provided. You have knocked a number of times and although you can see movement in the house, no one is coming to the door. You persist and eventually the door is opened by a young woman you believe to be mum and she has her 2 young children aged approximately 18 months and 3 years of age. Mum appears tearful, the house is untidy, the 18-month-old appears to be a wet nappy, the curtains are drawn and mum says "I do not feel like I am coping". You know from the history of this family that there has been previous domestic violence and that mum has suffered from depression in the past.

Scenario B

TK is a 14-year-old, Apostolic Sect girl. She lives at home with her mother, father and 4 brothers. Her family has not been known to us and she has historically done well at school. Today we have had a call from her teacher saying that she is very distressed and refusing to go home after her classes. TK says that her father has beaten her with a stick and called her a whore after finding a text message from a boy on her mobile phone. She has added that she is expected to do lots of housework home while her brothers do nothing. TK is refusing to return home today and has said that she will kill herself.

Question 2

Using practical examples, discuss the importance of using direct tools when working with children in Zimbabwe.

Question 3

Examine the components of a good assessment in child welfare practice.

Question 4

Analyse any 5 socially innovative ways for strengthening the foster care system in Zimbabwe.

Question 5

Examine the four domains of child development that have implications on caregiving practices.

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