

Case Scenario Rosa

This scenario provides some talking points around a real life situation. Your mission is to strategize what programs, institutions, and other agencies that you think Rosa will need and why.

Rosa is a tribal member of the Hellarewe tribe of Montana. She and her partner, Joe have been together for eight years, Joe is a member of the Grandnite Tribe of Northern California. They have three children together; Roxanne 8 years old, Laverne, 6 years old and Joe Jr. who is 3 years old. Rosa works as a manager for a local floral shop in town which is about 21 miles away from home (the Grandnite Tribe) where she has worked for four years.

Joe is unemployed and takes care of the kids while Rosa is working. Joe drinks periodically and smokes marijuana on a regular basis.

Rosa gets a call from a neighbor that Joe Jr. has been outside all morning, in and out of the house, by himself with just a diaper on. Rosa calls home but cannot contact Joe. Rosa leaves work at 1:00 in the afternoon to go home.

Rosa arrives home and goes into the house where Joe is talking with some of his friends, Joe Jr. is in a high chair eating some dry cereal and the girls are in their bedroom, crying because Joe wouldn't let them go out to play.

Rose grabs the girls, takes Joe Jr. out of the highchair, dresses Joe and as she is changing his diaper and dressing him, Joe Sr. begins to argue with her about why she is home from work. The argument is escalating and Rosa heads for the truck with all three children in tow.

Rosa begins to put the children in the truck and Joe grabs them and tells the children to go in the house. The children begin to go into the house when Joe jumps in the truck and begins to stab Rosa with a knife he had in his pocket. The police arrive; Rosa is taken to the hospital to be treated for 17 stab wounds. Rosa spends eight days in the hospital and released.

Disposition: Joe was arrested, charged with a felony and after a year going through the court, Joe agreed to a lesser charge plea in which he received a sentence of seven years.

Round Table Discussion

1) Who and what institutions, programs, and agencies will be involved in the case scenario and why?

2) As a TANF program what needs do you anticipate Rosa will have to access and why?

3) Identify barriers that Rosa may encounter as a result of the assault.