

Amber Vignette Rating Practice Activity

Amber, a 16-year-old girl, was residing in a foster home that recently disrupted. She is currently placed in a QRTP. Amber came into care two years ago, after her father's incarceration. Since infancy, her father was her primary caregiver. Her mother passed away when she was three years old. Three months ago, Amber found out that her father was killed while in prison.

Since that time, Amber's behaviors have changed dramatically. She has become angry and impulsive. Her foster parents indicated that Amber is quick to argue, frequently disregards house rules and often disappears for several days without notice. She will "go out with friends" after school and when she does return home it is usually after midnight. Her former foster parents report that she has been spending time with a group of men in their late twenties and she reports being paid for sex by this group of men and their friends.

She has had several arrests in the past few months (assaulting a person at the mall, theft from the mall, attempting to buy beer with a fake ID). In each case there no charges filed. The school reports that she has engaged in verbal and physical altercations with peers at school on several occasions in the past few months. She has had one suspension during this time.

Her former foster parents report that Amber often locks herself in her room and that they hear her sobbing for hours. They do not feel equipped to manage her behaviors and they feel like they have been unable to help her deal with her grief. They have refused supports and are unwilling to consider Amber returning to their home. About a month ago Amber's social media posts began including content about suicide. Amber did not admit to specific thoughts of suicide in the posts, rather re-posting material from elsewhere on the internet, but a friend became concerned and alerted her foster parents, who then alerted the school. In your interview with Amber she states that is not suicidal.

Reports from those who know her indicate that Amber is bright, quick to solve problems and a hard worker. School staff report that Amber is known to be empathetic and a good friend. She previously participated in the band and was in several dramatic productions put on by the school.

1. Collaboratively rate domains A-F and the BH Module in your breakout groups:
 - Caregiver Strengths & Needs
 - Child Strengths
 - Child Needs & Functioning
 - School/Academic Function
 - Risk Behaviors
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences
 - Behavioral Health Module
2. One member of each group reports the group's final ratings.
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3. Return to full large group for discussion