

Group 4

Late Childhood

Moderately Severe

Basic Information:

Your client is a 12 year old male in the 7th grade. He and his family are originally from Laos.

He lives with his father in an apartment above the dry cleaner shop where his father works.

His siblings live with his mother, but it is unclear where they live and why they are separated.

Presenting Problem:

Although the father is quite reticent to bring his son in for counseling, he has been encouraged to do so by the local boys and girls club director following a fight between your client and another child. As a result of this incident, the other child required stitches and suffered a mild concussion.

Apparently there has been an escalation in physically aggressive altercations between your client and neighborhood children over the past few years. There is a history of lying, shoplifting, and cruelty to animals and smaller children as well.

Additional Information:

Your client is a below average student at best. He has little interest in schoolwork and few friends his own age.

There have been reports that your client has been seen hanging out with older kids in the neighborhood who are known gang members.

There is also a documented increase in the frequency of skipped classes and truancy on the part of your client.

The father seems limited in his ability to address the current behaviors or deal with his son in general.