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# Case Study – Knowledge of Abuse and Neglect

*Refer to the Child Welfare Competency Domains and the Case Study for Aaron and Amber located in the resource section of the SR Hub, and respond to the scenario listed below.*

Aaron, after adjusting to his new foster home, becomes more comfortable in his new environment. He begins to tell his foster mom about his previous life, and talks to her about some of Mr. Jones' friends who came to their home. At one point, he told Mrs. Smith that one of Mr. Jones' friends cornered him in his bedroom and threatened to do "bad" things to him. He denied that anything had happened, but described "bad" things in a very sexually explicit language. Mrs. Smith, concerned over Aaron's graphic description, contacted the worker to report what she had been told.

Discuss how children may deny or admit, then recant information depending on their trust level, feelings of safety, and desire to protect parents. Discuss the sexualization of a child at Aaron's age. Discuss emotional abuse regarding threats as well. Research state and CAPTA laws/definitions of abuse and neglect to determine if this scenario would be considered abuse or neglect, if founded.

**I discussed the following with my supervisor regarding Knowledge of Abuse and Neglect:**