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Case Study – Knowledge of Human Development

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.

Shortly after Aaron and Amber's placement in the Smith foster home, the couple's son-in-law is seriously injured in a car accident, and their two grandchildren come to live with them while their daughter cares for her husband. Their grandson, age 10, and granddaughter, age 8, are familiar with the home and fascinated with baby Amber. Aaron, who had previously adjusted well in the home, begins to yell frequently at Amber and refuses to do his chores.

Discuss the role that birth order plays in this situation. Identify the role that Aaron has assumed in his birth family, i.e. older and parentified child, and his response to the abrupt change in his family position. Explore ways in which the foster parents could respond to this behavior, based upon knowledge of his underlying needs.

I discussed the following with my supervisor regarding Knowledge of Human Development: