

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HANDOUT FOUR: Scenarios for the Shared Responsibility Plan</b></p>
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Choose one or more of the vignettes below and discuss the questions.

**Scenario 1:**

Mary, age 16, is living in a foster home with her daughter Lisa, age 7 months. Mary has been in placement for one month. The foster mother reports that Mary generally takes care of Lisa in the evening, and the foster mother takes care of Lisa during the day. Recently there has been some conflict about the responsibility of caring for Lisa on the weekends. Mary would like to have one day of the weekend for herself, to run errands and see friends. The foster mother thinks that Mary needs to care for Lisa on the weekends and Mary should take Lisa with her to do errands and see friends. Mary has told the social worker that she isn't sure she can stay at the foster home. This is the second placement for Mary and Lisa.

1. What part of the shared responsibility plan addresses the care of Lisa?
2. What are the values the foster mother may hold about Mary caring for Lisa?
3. What are the developmental needs of Mary? How can they be met?
4. What are some options that can be written into the shared responsibility plan?
5. Where will the shared responsibility plan be located in the case record?

**Scenario 2:**

Frank, age 17, is living with a NREFM (nonrelated extended family member), John. Frank has been in this placement for 1 year. Frank has a son, Rick, age 18 months. Frank has Rick every other weekend and plans to have Rick for two weeks in the next two months. John feels like Frank relies too much on John for Rick's care. John wishes that Frank would be somewhere else when Rick comes to stay. John likes Rick, but isn't that interested in developing a shared responsibility plan. Rick is an active toddler that requires constant attention and Frank feels at times overwhelmed. Frank wants to be a good parent.

1. What part of the shared responsibility plan addresses the care of Rick?
2. What are the values that John may hold about Frank caring for Rick?
3. What are the developmental needs of Frank? How can they be met?
4. What are some of the options to explore to develop a successful shared responsibility plan?
5. Where will the shared responsibility plan be located in the case record?

**Scenario 3:**

Denise, age 15, is living in an FFA foster home with her son David, age 3 months. Denise has been in the foster home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith for six months. Denise insists that she knows what is best for David and feels that Mr. Smith is trying to take over. Because of this, Denise doesn't want any help in raising David. Denise wants to quit school and move out on her own. She is not very interested in developing a shared responsibility plan. Denise has behavioral problems including an explosive temper. The Smiths think Denise takes good care of David, but are afraid to leave Denise alone with David for more than an hour because of her behavioral problems.

1. What can you do to engage Denise around a shared responsibility plan?
2. What are advantages for Denise in having a shared responsibility plan?  
For the Smiths?
3. Who might also be called into developing the plan?
4. What could also be done to ensure the goal of David having a safe, stable, and permanent home?
5. Where will the shared responsibility plan be located in the case record?