



The Owens Family

Mom: April, 34

April has her GED and works the night shift at diner. She leaves for work at 10:30 pm and works from 11:00pm to 6:00am. She chose this job and these hours to limit the amount of time the children are alone with their father/stepfather. The hours allow her to get up in the morning with the children and get them ready for school, I make their lunches, make sure they have their homework, etc. It allows for her to be there when the children get home from school to get them to their activities, help with homework make dinner and get them to bed on time. The hours make it possible for her to get to church every Sunday which is very important to April. Her faith and support from her pastor helped her to stop drinking after Daryl was born. April naps when the baby naps and spends the rest of her day taking care of the baby and keeping the house to Zach's standards. April recognizes that she is experiencing domestic violence and is hiding her tips to save money so she can attempt to leave Zach. She confided in her family, neighbor, and Pastor that Zach is abusive and she wants to leave the relationship. She sends the children to her mom's on the weekends when Zach is not working and has asked the neighbor to invite the kids to her house if April is not at the bus stop when the kids get home. When she knows Zach is working on the weekends, she plans fun activities for the children and allows them to invite their friends over. After initially being reluctant to accept services out of fear, she has since confided in the home visitor that she wants and needs support and resources.

Dad: Zach, 37

Zach has a two-year Associates Degree from the local community college. He works at the grocery store. His hours are unstable. He often gets called in at the last minute and his hours change day to day. He drinks a lot on the weekends when he is not working despite being on probation for a DWI. He attends court mandated anger management classes due to a prior incident where he was verbally abusive to April and threatened to attack one of her customers at her job. He often shows up at April's job in the middle of the night accusing her of having affairs with customers and coworkers. He takes and deposits April's paycheck into their joint account and then transfers it to his savings account so that April does not have access to her money. He often wakes April up in the morning after the kids have left to interrogate and berate her about cheating on him. During these interrogations he often sexually assaults her and occasionally rapes her.

Zach enjoys going to Portia's basketball games and plays basketball with her on the weekends when she is home. Since Portia started dating, he criticizes her clothes and tells her she is a slut just like her mom. Zach occasionally asks Daryl to play the violin for him and dances with April. Zach wants Daryl to play sports and gets frustrated with Daryl at times and calls him a mama's boy and a sissy. He yells at April in front of Daryl for ruining his son. He encourages the children to do well in school and takes them out for dinner to celebrate when they do well. If they fail a test or don't hand in homework, he tells them they are stupid and will never amount to anything and will end up working at the Diner like their stupid mother. He threatens to take away all their privileges and ground them for months

Daughter: Portia, 14

Portia is April's daughter and Zach's stepdaughter. Portia's biological father is William. Portia has a positive relationship with her biological father and spends every other weekend with him. Portia's mom and Dad have a cordial relationship but do not speak often because Zach gets jealous. Portia has always been an honor student. She plays basketball and dances. Recently, however, she stopped handing in all her assignments and is often late to her classes. Her best friend Stephanie lives close by, and she has been spending a lot of time with her. She is experimenting with marijuana and alcohol. Her mom arranged for her to meet regularly with the school social worker which she likes. She skips basketball practice to spend time with her boyfriend but still goes to all her dance classes. She is angry at her mom for putting up with her stepfather's drinking and controlling behavior.

Son: Daryl, 8

Darryl loves to play violin and draw. He goes to swimming lessons and art lessons several times a week after school. He has always liked school and is a good student. He loves the family dog Mr. Jingles and likes to help walk and feed him. Recently he has been going to the nurse a lot complaining of stomachaches and headaches. In the mornings before the bus comes, he tells his mom he is not feeling well and asks to stay home. He also seems to have a hard time concentrating at school and has been sent to the principal's office for not completing his class work.

Baby: Connor, 4 months old

Connor was born preterm and is delayed in meeting developmental milestones. He has eating and sleeping difficulties.