

The effects of adverse experience on children

Thy's story

Thy is a six-year-old girl who lives with her foster family. In the first years of her life Thy lived with her birth parents who had many parties. Often there were many strangers, and drugs and alcohol in the house. Thy was regularly left in unsafe situations and the extent of her experiences is not fully known.

Thy's foster parents say that she is an affectionate child who is generous and funny, but that at times they worry that she is openly affectionate to strangers.

Thy can also become disengaged or aggressive towards her foster parents and siblings. At these times she tells her foster parents that she hates them and can't wait to be reunited with her birth family.

Thy's foster family worry about their capacity to keep her safe and they wonder if she would be better off in another placement.

Follow [this link](#) to watch a short one minute video of Thy's story.

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