Parental Protective Capacities Case Study Answers

Jill Inglehoff’s Protective Capacities

Behavioral Protective Capacities

Takes action – Moved Hannah to daycare center when neighbor was inadequate.

Demonstrates impulse control – Only parties on Saturday nights when Hannah is with Chad’s family.

Has and demonstrates adequate skill to fulfill caregiving responsibilities – Knows how to feed, supervise, etc.

Sets aside her/his needs in favor of a child – Slept in the hospital while Hannah was ill. Arrange schedule to provide care for Hannah. Takes two buses to get to adequate child care.

Is adaptive as a parent/caregiver – Changing work schedules to see Hannah receives care.

Uses resources necessary to meet the child’s basic needs – Calls the nursing staff with questions. Gets daycare, WIC and health insurance for Hannah.

Supports the child – Does the activities in the child development newsletter.

Cognitive Protective Capacities

Is aligned with the child – Says Hannah is the most important thing in her life. “Hannah needs to be able to depend on me.”

Has adequate knowledge to fulfill care giving responsibilities and tasks – Jill knows how to fulfill tasks of feeding, supervision, medical, etc. If they are not being met, it is due to lack of money.

Has accurate perception of the child – Follows Hannah’s development; understands limitations due to premature birth.

 Understands her protective role – Hannah is most important and needs to be able to depend on Jill.
**Emotional Protective Capacities**

Displays concern for the child and the child’s experience and is intent on emotionally protecting the child – Understands Hannah misses Chad and tries to comfort her.

Has a strong bond with the child and is clear that the number one priority is the well-being of the child – Named Hannah after her grandmother. Buys things for Hannah when she gets her check. States Hannah is the most important thing in her life.

Expresses love, empathy and sensitivity toward the child; experiences specific empathy with the child’s perspective and feelings – States she loves Hannah and puts her first. Comforts Hannah regarding the absence of Chad.