

Juarez Family: New Information

Before visiting the Juarez family, you perform a review of the case records. You discover that the Juarez family has been involved with the agency in the past. Records reflect that the local police had referred the Juarez family to CYS last spring when Juanita Juarez had left her five children home alone all night. At the time, the children's ages ranged from 5 months to 11 years old. Juanita explained that she was at a party and had too much to drink and had fallen asleep. When she awoke at 7:00 a.m., she went home to find that CYS had been called by the police and had placed the children with their grandmother, Freda Juarez.

After the requisite juvenile court hearing, the children were returned to Juanita with CYS providing in-home protective services. Throughout the next several months, Juanita Juarez and her caseworker, Laurie Goodall, developed a good working relationship. Juanita shared with Laurie that she had grown up very poor and her mother was an alcoholic (now in recovery for five years) who had brought a parade of men in and out of the family's home. Juanita recalled that she had been sexually abused by several of the men. When she was 17, a classmate had raped Juanita at a party and, in fact, her oldest child was a product of that rape. The case was closed after several more months, with no further incidents. One month has elapsed since case closure.