

CHILD CUSTODY EXAMPLE

Children - 10 yr. old boy, 8 yr. old girl, 1 1/2 yr. old boy - all close with each other

MOTHER

Age

35

Profession

College Professor (English)
teaches 9 credit hours per semester

Primary caretaker

mother from birth until 1^{1/2} years ago

Physical Health

Healthy

Mental Health

2 yrs ago when father hurt, couldn't take pressure, asked maternal grandmother for help and saw psych- still in therapy but ok

Stability of environment

Mother denied tenure because of financial problems at college - leaving state to find work

Disciplinary Theory

Strict disciplinarian - quick temper

Children's Wishes

10 y/o wants mother - "she needs me"- also wants to be with sibs

Miscellaneous

Angry about father's affair and let it slip in front of children

Family

Both sets of grandparents close with children and both live locally

FATHER

Age

35

Profession

Research Chemist
works half time at lab & half at home

Primary caretaker

father primary caretaker for last 1^{1/2} yrs

Physical Health

Wheelchair last 2 yrs-fairly mobile

Mental Health

Mentally stable

Stability of environment

Father staying in job and same locale - no current plans to leave

Disciplinary Theory

Open, easy -going

Children's Wishes

8 y/o wants father -"he needs me" - wants to be with sibs

Miscellaneous

Father had affair- C's didn't know till M told in front of children

Family

Both sets of grandparents close with children and both live locally