

Case Study 1 Mrs. Casey

The social worker, Lynn Newcomer, arrives at the home of Mrs. Laura Casey for an initial visit. Mrs. Casey is a frail, 82-year-old woman whose son has referred her for possible in-home aide assistance. The social worker knocks on the screen door and then walks into the foyer calling for Mrs. Casey. Mrs. Casey meets the social worker in the hallway and hesitantly asks what she wants. The social worker begins to relate the son's concerns and then she suggests that she and Mrs. Casey go sit in the living room so that they can be more comfortable. Fifteen minutes later, a neighbor knocks on the door and then walks in to visit with Mrs. Casey. As the neighbor sits down with an apparent intention to stay, the social worker introduces herself and begins to chat with the neighbor about a mutual church friend. The social worker relates that she has become increasingly disenchanted with this friend's handling of a recent fund-raiser and the neighbor totally agrees with the social worker that a move to a new church may be the best thing for this "church friend." The social worker then turns her attention back to Mrs. Casey and says that she is looking forward to working with Mrs. Casey and that her favorite clients are "sweet little old ladies," such as herself. The social worker asks some basic information for her forms and then makes another appointment to talk with the son and Mrs. Casey.

Case Study 2 Cleveland Brown

Cleveland Brown is a 66 year old man living at home by himself. He receives Medicare, and has a **Medicaid** card that is current. His wife has been deceased for over a year, and his son (Charlie Brown)



had been coming by every day to look in on him.

However, his son's job recently transferred him out of state. At that point, the son asked a neighbor (Mr. Rogers) to check on his dad every once in a while.



Mr. Cleveland Brown came to DSS seeking some assistance. He says that he is sometimes forgetful, and not sure if some days he has taken all of his medicine. He gets a monthly check, but always seems to run out of money and doesn't have enough money to pay all his bills. Mr. Brown says that he has a hard time going to the grocery store and picking out the right kind of foods to prepare a meal, and sometimes he buys items that he can't use or may be too complicated for him to cook. Mr. Brown says that he doesn't always eat as regular as he should. During his initial presentation at DSS, Mr. Brown's clothes appeared to be unclean and ill-fitting. He says that he sometimes doesn't feel like taking regular baths and "dressing up".



Mr. Brown says that he has a nephew that comes by from time to time, to try and help



him with his finances. The nephew takes some of Mr. Brown's money (to manage) to help Mr. Brown pay his bills or buy food, but Mr. Brown says that doesn't seem to help.

Mr. Brown states that he has talked to his son about the problems that he is having, but his son thinks he just needs to put himself on a schedule to do all these tasks. His son thinks his father knows how to do all the things necessary to take care of himself, but has lost interest in caring for himself. Mr. Brown's son says he can't do any more than he is doing, and the only other option he knows would be for his father to move into a nursing home.

