

- VIGNETTE # 1 - The Challenge....

The Jones family is brought to the Medical Mobile Unit (MMU) by their case worker.

- She explains that the shelter where they live is about to be inspected by the state, and she needs their screen forms done ASAP.
 - She also needs daycare/school forms on all three children so the mom can enter the “Back to Work” program that is mandatory for all residents at this facility.
- You quickly assess the situation:
 - a young pregnant woman, about 25 years of age with a hand-shaped bruise on her cheek, holding a crying toddler on her hip.
 - 2 siblings trailing behind, struggling with their belongings which are in 2 large black plastic garbage bags.
- While the RN triages the family
 - to expedite the process, you and the PCT ask about immunization records, and any medications the children may be on.
 - The mother begins to cry as she explains she is from “down south” and they are here secondary to domestic violence; she fled with the children without any documents.
- As you hand the young mother tissues, the toddler in her lap begins to wheeze audibly and mother tells you:
 - The last place they received medical care was a “free clinic” back home
 - she is not sure when the last visit actually occurred.