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Child growth

Name: Jack Liam

Age: 2 years

Family makeup: Mother, father

Physical appearance: white, legs are slender, upper body is more narrow, normal height.

Jack is a 2 years old boy, raised by his parents. The father of the boy is 40 years old and is a technician. Mother is a housewife, having age of 36 years. Father is working overtime which leaves him with little time for home. His mother who has to manage everything alone looks after Jack. The physical appearance of the boy depicts that his legs are slender and body is narrow from the top. The parents complained that the growth is not normal. The family history is also studied for finding the cause of abnormal growth. The father is alcoholic and consumed at least two glasses of wine. The mother of the child had undergone extreme stress during pregnancy.

Growth and development in infants and toddlers having ages of (0-2 years) must be examined thoroughly for identifying signs of abnormality. Environment at home plays significant role on the development of the child. Jack belongs to a lower-middle class family where the only source of money comes from his dad’s meager salary. The family is living in two room apartment, that is quite untidy. The environment does not offer adequate development opportunities to the toddler. Mother is still experiencing stress and this undermines her role as a caregiver. She is also thinking about taking a job because managing expenses is difficult for the couple. She possess high-school degree so it will be difficult for her to get a reputable job. Father is graduate but he cant afford to spend adequate time with the child. Financial pressures have negatively impacted the parental roles.

Pregnancy is the most important stage of children and development of fetuses in the embryo depends on the mental and emotional state of a mother. The way a mother thinks and perceives things has impacted over her baby in the fetus. The health factors such as low weight and premature births. Concept of development plasticity that states that the development of an infant is influenced by the thought process of parents that indicates the stress condition of parents causes negative implications on infant’s development. The mother had undergone stress and tension that caused complications for the child growth. Common risk factors related to the parental stress includes the slow rate of growth of the fetus, abnormal physical development, chances of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. The examination highlights the relation of mothers’ stress with the health of children and reflects that the mothers that takes stress increase the risks of Coronary heart diseases for their children (CFCC, 2019). The mother's stress also increases the health issues related to the uterus.

The assessment of the cognitive skills depicts that the child is good in responding to the situations. When he hears a loud noise he moves his head from right to left. He tries to touch small objects on the floor or bed and moves them with his hand or foot (NAEYC, 2018). The analysis of cognitive skills indicates that the child is normal and he has developed sense of responding and reacting to the situations. The child also tries to repeat the word as mama, ball and monosyllables.

I have selected the child because he needs help and human care services. The parents are facing difficulties due to financial constraints. This depicts that providing aid and childcare services could help the family in taking care of the child.

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