

Explaining Parent Behavior

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The dad barged into the office and told me off.

be very patient with parents and listen to them

Frustrations about situation and not being listened to

Stressors are creating upset and emotionality for dad. This is isn't personal so we need to help de-escalate and form a partnership to help him.

Parent had too much on their mind to have anything else added to it

Can feel disenfranchised elsewhere in their life and frustration comes out in school.

Dad could have been triggered by something that was said to him.

Dad is stressed out or misinformed

he probably already tried to make contact or fulfill a need and it escalated to an in person pop up

Frustrated trying to find a job

Frustration, not feeling heard, unsure what else to do or where to go

Frustrated about the systemic barriers that may be hindering the child's education.

Frustrated with their housing situation.

frustrated

It was hard to reach who dad wanted to speak to.

Explaining Behavior

The parent is scared about losing their child and is protective/ defensive

His need was urgent to him

I don't think the mom was even listening to me

Response

Felt like concern wasnt being noted

Mom can be overwhelmed with many stressors. She wants to be heard

Mom is stressed

too many other things on her mind that outweigh that current conversation

Mom is stressed out, can't focus.

Overwhelmed and trying to take in all the information.

Mom may have a lot of things on her mind, but she still showed up and wants to do what's best for her child

Has so many stresses in her life that she is preoccupied with other thoughts.

Mother could have a lot on her mind related to being displaced. Depression could be setting in.

the topic is very stressful and she has a lot on her mind, maybe unmet basic needs

Worried about her child's next meal

So much going on at once

too much on their mind and not being able to think clearly

Mom is overwhelmed, has a lot to focus on and having trouble figuring out what she needs to do

May not have slept the night before

Many things happening at the same time lots of people meeting

Too much on her mind

Worrying about where to sleep that night

Parent has more critical concerns to think about/prioritize.

Preoccupied with where they are going to sleep that night

distracted by surrounding

to much on their mind

The parent insisted that we enroll her child in a school that wasn't the local school or the school of origin.

Preference of a "better education"

REsponse

Safety Concern,
School Quality,
Wanting different experiences for child outside norm

She may have been misinformed about her options or she may have had a difficult experience in previous schools

trust her and support her

She wants her student to get out of the area due to the surroundings.

Transportation may be easier there, they may know people or it may have been suggested by someone assisting the family

they may feel this school is better want it compared to where they are currently residing

Not the same education available. Student not feeling challenged/

Wanted child to experience a new neighborhood/have an opportunity at a better education

Concern for safety

Family may be hiding from a dangerous situation.

behavior

Worried for their child

Too overwhelmed to understand

quality of education might not be the best and prefer to travel far for better education

Parent overwhelmed and exhausted

Want the best for their child

We arranged a bus pick up and the child wasn't there.

They over-slept...hard to sleep the night before.

Child may have been afraid to take the bus.

Transportation difficulty

Perhaps a communication issue

miscommunication with the process

Family may have overslept after not sleeping for days.

The child could have missed school due to their situation or was scared to take the bus and show people where they live

Uncertainty in sleeping arrangements can make it hard to manage a schedule.

too much on their mind

Miscommunication

Tired, taking care of younger siblings while parent/s work, etc

Pick up time was different

They had to change their location last minute.

lack of sleep

Could be mixed up at a different supportive program

Fear

something could have happened after transportation was arranged that led to the child unexpectedly having to leave that location-not within their control or an emergency

The pick-up time is too early for the Parent

Family had a difficult/traumatic night and was unable to reach the location.

child/parent doesn't have an alarm clock

parent unable to get to that location

The mom lied about where they are staying.

Response

Embarrassment

Desire for better school district

Wants to specific school so lied about location

Safety or need to build trust with school

Mom may be scared to reveal her actual location

Mom didnt know what her options were and got scared

she has low confidence in people who are supposed to help

worried they'll be kicked out of the district

Reserved. Mom wants to protect her life circumstances

Nervous that someone may find out

Ashamed of their circumstances

Has been judged in the past about situation.

mom had a bad experience in the past and is fearful of being labelled

Concern for safety

Family may be hiding from a dangerous situation.

Fear of getting in trouble

didn't have a stable residence and just gave a temporary address

Mom could have external factors that require confidentiality

Possible DV situation

shame

Mom is ashamed of their situation

Fear of the family being broken up

Fear of ACS case

Mom is afraid that if she tells the truth her kids can get taken away from her or something worse

embarrassment

Mom was ashamed to be completely honest about their living situation

