This is Jill and her caseworker, Mary. Jill is very concerned about why so many people are meeting with her family today.
Mary explains to Jill that everyone is here for a Child and Family Team Meeting. Jill notices that her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and next door neighbor are all present.
Jill’s family needed a little help with keeping her family healthy and safe. Mary took Jill and her little brother to her grandparents’ home. Mary will work with Jill’s mother and father to try and get Jill and her little brother home.
Jill wants to know if she will be at the Child and Family Team Meeting. Jill is only seven years old. It is the responsibility of the adults to keep Jill safe. Mary tells Jill that she also has a part to play in the Child and Family Team Meeting.
Jill becomes very happy about her role in helping her family. Mary asked Jill what she thought might help to make her family happy and safe. This information will help Mary to understand Jill’s family better.
Jill stated that she wanted to go back home with her parents, and that her father lost his job and needed a new one. Also, Jill said that her mother had been sleeping a lot and she was very concerned about her. Jill thought her family would be safer if the heat could be turned back on.
Mary thanked Jill for this information. Mary will now work on a plan with Jill’s family to get Jill back home, heat for Jill’s home, a job for her father and possibly a doctor for her mother to see. This will all be worked out at the Child and Family Team Meeting.
This made Jill excited because she knows that all the people in the meeting love and care for her.
After the meeting, Mary told Jill everything that happened. Jill will stay with her grandparents for two more weeks. Dad has a plan for a new job. Mom will see a doctor next week and DCS will help the family to get the heat turned back on. Aunt Joan will be living in the home for a while to help mom.
Jill did not understand everything that was going on but was very happy that someone listened about her family’s needs.
I love my family. I am happy that my family had a child and family team meeting.

Jill's Caseworker
Jill explained to Mary what she thought her family needed to be healthy and safe. Can you tell your caseworker what your family needs to be healthy and safe?

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