

Child development case study 1: Chantelle's family

Transcript of genogram

Thomas is Chantelle's father who has always been around in the children's lives and helps out when asked.

Chantelle says she is in debt and worries she will have to find a cheaper house to rent and says she's worried this will uproot the children. She volunteers that she knows people judge her for being a single parent with kids that have different Dads. It's important for her to be in control; the kids have always had routines for eating and sleeping and helping with household chores. It is very important to her that the house is spotlessly clean and well organised. She provides the children with up to date electronic equipment as she doesn't want them to be socially excluded. Chantelle presents as intelligent but left school without qualifications when she got pregnant with Rianna. Rianna asks but Chantelle finds it difficult to help her with some exam subjects. She works flexible hours selling a range of makeup and her Dad watches the children when she is at work.

Rianna did very well academically at primary school and now she seems to be losing interest. Chantelle feels that Rianna isn't making an effort because she's lazy although Rianna says it's really hard to do as well as the others. Rianna has begun to experience male attention and has spoken to mum about bringing home a boy.

Danny: Chantelle starts telling you that Danny's teachers have found Danny can't settle on a task and is easily distracted. At home, he has difficulty going to sleep and then wakes early. Last week he said he wanted to live with his Dad.

Zidane is very mobile; able to say 'milk' and 'mum-mum', but nothing else is clear. He usually has a cold and a barking cough at night. He only likes mushy food and is still fed with a spoon by Chantelle or Rianna. There is no eye contact with you on your visits, but usually will sit on Mum's knee and mouth a book. During the visit, he repeatedly gets up and down from Chantelle's knee and refuses to be held by her. He doesn't settle with any of the toys available. He appears to be miserable and whines throughout the visit.