

Character Profile: Kindergarten Teacher—Mx. Wilson

Demographics and Background

- You are Katie Anderson’s kindergarten teacher and feel that Katie is academically on track and well behaved in your classroom.
- Four years ago, you taught Katie’s older sister, Emily. You have a good working relationship with Katie’s mother, Melissa.
- Katie’s records indicate that Mr. and Ms. Anderson are divorced with joint legal custody. Ms. Anderson has primary physical custody of Katie and Emily with Mr. Anderson (Doug) having visitation on Wednesday and weekend visitation.
- Mr. Anderson drops Katie off at school every other Monday morning following weekend visitation.
- Katie and Emily are frequently picked up after school by Carrie Taylor, whom Katie describes as “Aunt Carrie,” due to Ms. Anderson’s work schedule.

Authority/Responsibilities

As a classroom teacher you are expected to :

- Maintain appropriate classroom behavior.
- Avoid leaving the classroom unattended.
- Promote the safety and well-being of the children in the school.
- As a mandated reporter, you must follow state laws and policies regarding situations of suspected abuse or neglect.
- Follow school policy if child abuse or neglect is suspected, which includes informing the school principal if concerns arise.

Disclosure Incident

- During morning “free play” time, you notice Katie playing with dolls in the corner of the house area.
- You observe what appears to be Katie spreading the legs of one doll and placing the head of another doll in the genital area of the first doll.
- You think you hear Katie saying “Lick that lollipop” and “Good girl.”
- As you move closer, you notice a lollipop has been drawn on the vaginal area of the first doll.

Character Development Tips

- You are surprised by Katie’s behavior and statements. As a mandated reporter you recognize the weight of your responsibilities to Katie, your classroom and the school.
- You may “activate” any characters you choose (e.g. other school personnel, family) to inform them of your observation or seek advice.