

## Character Profile: Elementary School Nurse

### Demographics and Background

- You are the part-time school nurse in the elementary school where Katie and Emily Anderson attend kindergarten and fourth grade respectively.
- You enjoy a flexible part-time schedule but typically spend approximately four hours per day in this elementary school.
- You've known Emily Anderson since she started kindergarten. She attended a few of your health seminars, but she said she felt sick during the last two meetings (on the reproductive cycle) and asked to be excused.
- You met Katie, Emily's younger sister, at last year's Kindergarten Roundup. You helped her mother find a clinic where Katie could get her last MMR booster shot, so she could be enrolled.
- Your records indicate that the girls' parents, Melissa and Doug Anderson, are divorced and share joint legal custody. Carrie Taylor, a family friend, is listed as the girls' emergency contact. You met her a few times when one or the other of the girls became sick at school, and Ms. Taylor picked them up because their parents couldn't get away from work.

### Authority/Responsibilities

- Promote the safety and well-being of the children in your school.
- Tend to typical medical needs of an elementary school population (i.e. fevers, stomach aches, falls from playground equipment).
- Maintain the immunization records of the children.
- Administer any prescribed medications to students throughout the day.
- Run the health seminars for fourth grade girls that teach them the basics of their reproductive cycles.
- As a mandated reporter, you must follow state laws and policies regarding situations of potential child abuse and neglect.
- The school principal implemented a policy that requires all teachers or school staff to discuss concerns about suspected child abuse or neglect with the principal prior to making any hotline calls.