

Unit 4: The Juvenile Justice System

Throughout the weekly discussion board, we will be examining the life of Sarah Johnson. Each week, you will be given new developments in her life and asked to consider various scenarios and develop an analysis of each. As you read each of these stories, pay special attention to the various circumstances in Sarah's life that have an impact on her emotional responses and her subsequent behaviors.

Age 16

Outside of the home, Sarah and her boyfriend have a tumultuous relationship, caused in part by their increasing drug use. CC demands that Sarah help him burglarize a local house and both are quickly caught and arrested by police.

After being arrested, Sarah is taken to a youth detention facility. Her case worker recommended that she stay in the facility until her case is processed through the juvenile court.

While in the facility, Sarah is expected to attend classes, has limited and supervised computer use, and no access to her cellphone. She becomes increasingly hostile screaming that she wants to be with CC.

CC was processed through the criminal justice system and sentenced to jail time, probation, and community service. He met a new girl and ceased all contact with Sarah.

