

From: [Gina L. Turcotte <ginalyn@adelphia.net>](mailto:ginalyn@adelphia.net)

To: [Sarah Walton](mailto:sarah.walton@adelphia.net)

Date: 1/20/2004 7:49:11 AM

Subject: What do you think??

In response to the question you posted on Blackboard:

That's a tricky situation to be in. I'm really not sure what I'd do, especially if the parent/child were sitting right next to me. If there was an officer at the game, I suppose discussing the situation with him would be the best route especially since they have the authority to act, and a citizen doesn't.

I have been in that same type of situation myself, only the abuse occurred in my home. Specifically, the step-parent dragged the child by the hair across my floor because she wasn't moving fast enough for the parent. That night I called the Hotline and reported it but I was scared because that family was the type of vindictive, vengeful family that are dangerous to be involved with. Nothing ever came of my call, but there was nothing else I could have done.

I hurt so bad for the children of this world who are burdened with those type of parents. Getting involved can not only be dangerous for the child but for the good people who get involved. It's a decision that needs to be tempered with caution and self-preservation.

All for now,

Gina Turcotte