

Screening Appropriate Clients for PCIT  
 "Rank the Client"



**SCENARIO #1**

Name	Bart Simpson
Child's age	9
ECBI Intensity Score	189
Child's cognitive functioning	Average to high average
Involved Caretakers	Mother: Marge Simpson Father: Homer Simpson  Foster Father: Ned Flanders Foster Mother: Maude Flanders
Parent's Cognitive Functioning	Mother: Average to high average Father: Low average to average  Foster parents: Average to high average
Barriers to Treatment	Father is a shift worker at a local energy plant and will have difficulty attending sessions during the day. Mother is a stay-at-home-mother. The family only has one car. Father tends to be unreliable. Mother is dedicated but highly stressed.
DCS Involvement/Visitation Issues	Children have been placed in foster care due to alleged neglect, physical abuse (choking by father), and hygiene concerns (Bart was found with head lice). Biological family lives in close proximity to foster family and has visitation twice weekly.
Brief Description of Problem	Oppositionality, disrespect, frequent temper tantrums, some bullying at school, frequent detentions at school, talking back to adults.
Other Factors	The biological father has a strained relationship with the foster family.



## SCENARIO #2

Name	Dennis Mitchell
Child's age	5
ECBI Intensity Score	172
Child's cognitive functioning	High Average
Involved Caretakers	Mother: Alice Mitchell, Stay at home Father: Henry Mitchell, Engineer
Parent's Cognitive Functioning	Superior to very superior
Barriers to Treatment	Mother has reliable car and has been consistent in attending the ADHD clinic. Father is an engineer with some flexibility in scheduling.
DCS Involvement/Visitation Issues	None.
Brief Description of Problem	ADHD, oppositional behavior, destruction of neighbor's property, temper tantrums, talking back to adults; weapon use (slingshot).
Other Factors	



**SCENARIO #3**

Name	Lucy Dawson
Child's age	6
ECBI Intensity Score	115
Child's cognitive functioning	Superior to Very Superior
Involved Caretakers	Father: Sam Dawson Mother: Whereabouts Unknown  Foster Mother: Randi Carpenter
Parent's Cognitive Functioning	Foster Mother: High Average to Superior  Father: IQ = 65 (Intellectual Disability)
Barriers to Treatment	Foster mother has reliable transportation but a very busy schedule with other biological and foster children; she will be able to bring Lucy to the sessions but will not be participating in therapy. Father depends on public transportation which is sometimes not reliable in your area.
DCS Involvement/Visitation Issues	Child was removed from home due to father's developmental delays and DCS concerns that he would not be able to provide a suitable environment for the child. Educational neglect was a concern.
Brief Description of Problem	Oppositional behavior at home of foster parent but not biological father, running away from the foster home.
Other Factors	The juvenile judge has ordered that the father participate in PCIT therapy in order to help assess the father's parenting skills.



**SCENARIO #4**

Name	Lilo
Child's age	6
ECBI Intensity Score	157
Child's cognitive functioning	Average to High Average
Involved Caretakers	Sister: Nani age 19  Nani and Lilo's parents are deceased.
Caretaker's Cognitive Functioning	Average
Barriers to Treatment	Both Lilo and her sister are currently grieving the loss of their parents. Nani is very committed to Lilo but has missed the first therapy intake appointment due to an unexpected job interview. She did make the second intake appointment. She does not own her own car and depends on others for transportation.
DCS Involvement/Visitation Issues	Nani is currently unemployed and she has missed several prior appointments due to job interviews. The family's social worker, Cobra Bubbles, doubts Nani's ability to care for Lilo and has encouraged her to place Lilo in foster care. PCIT has been recommended to help Nani better manage Lilo's behavior.
Brief Description of Problem	Lilo often goes into destructive rages. Lilo denies these tantrums and blames the destruction on her dog, Stitch. She frequently disobeys commands and sasses her sister. She is having behavior problems at school and has few friends.
Other Factors	



**SCENARIO #5**

Name	Junior aka "Problem Child"
Child's age	6
ECBI Intensity Score	235
Child's cognitive functioning	High Average to Superior
Involved Caretakers	Possible Adoptive father: Ben Healy Possible Adoptive mother: Flo Healy
Parent's Cognitive Functioning	Average to High Average
Barriers to Treatment	Adoptive mother and father have significant marital difficulties. The adoptive father leans toward keeping the child while the mother wants to relinquish parental rights to DCS.
DCS Involvement/Visitation Issues	Child has been returned from 30 foster-adopt placements due to his significant behavior problems. The agency has referred Junior to PCIT in hopes of saving the placement.
Brief Description of Problem	Extreme oppositional behavior and conduct problems. During a birthday party at a neighbor's house, he snuck a lawn sprinkler into the birthday girl's room, cut off a girl's ponytails with scissors, put a frog in the punch bowl, threw the birthday girl's presents in the pool, and placed explosive candles on her birthday cake. He exhibits aggressive behavior to parents and peers.
Other Factors	



**Scenario #6**

Name	Calvin
Child's age	6
ECBI Intensity Score	193
Child's cognitive functioning	High Average
Involved Caretakers	Mom Dad
Parent's Cognitive Functioning	High Average to Superior
Barriers to Treatment	Both Mom and Dad have flexible job schedules and have good transportation. Though initially outraged at DCS allegations, the couple is excited about a treatment that may give them some tools to help manage Calvin's problematic behavior.
DCS Involvement/Visitation Issues	Dad and Mom have been referred to PCIT following allegations of psychological abuse from an anonymous source inside Calvin's household. The allegations were found to be unfounded but the DCS caseworker believed that the parents could benefit from PCIT to help control Calvin's behavior.
Brief Description of Problem	Calvin frequently disobeys his parents. He exhibits reckless and destructive behavior. He frequently gets into trouble at school. He talks back to his parents.
Other Factors	



**SCENARIO #7**

Name	Rapunzel
Child's age	4
ECBI Intensity Score	97
Child's cognitive functioning	High Average
Involved Caretakers	Mother = Mrs. Grandel Father = Whereabouts unknown
Parent's Cognitive Functioning	Superior
Barriers to Treatment	Mrs. Grandel and Rapunzel live in a remote area and have difficulty accessing transportation. Mrs. Grandel does not have health insurance and has not registered Rapunzel with TennCare.
DCS Involvement/Visitation Issues	None.
Brief Description of Problem	Mrs. Grandel reports that Rapunzel is an overly curious child and that she had difficulty in keeping her indoors. She reports that they live in a remote and dangerous neighborhood and that she wants PCIT in order to insure that her daughter is obedient and stays inside.
Other Factors	

Please rank the scenarios in terms of appropriateness for PCIT services. Please use the following ranking system.

**1 = Strong Yes (Appropriate for PCIT services, minimal barriers to treatment)**

**2 = Yes but significant barriers exist (Appropriate for PCIT services, significant barriers to treatment)**

**3 = No (Likely inappropriate for PCIT)**

Case name		Appropriate for PCIT?		
		1	2	3
1	Bart Simpson			
2	Dennis Mitchell			
3	Lucy Dawson			
4	Lilo			
5	Junior			
6	Calvin			
7	Rapunzel			