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 - Abusive home
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- Lack of parental supervision and support
 - Goes to areas known for crime
- Hungry, malnourished, inappropriately dressed
 - Truancy, chronic unexplained absences
- Behavioral issues, inappropriate or unusual
 - Not on grade level
- Makes reference to sexual situations beyond age-appropriateness
- Makes reference to travel to other cities
 - Sleeping in class
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 - Low self-esteem
 - Need for power and control
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- Very manipulative; defensive when confronted
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