

**Mrs. Harjo and Tony:** Mrs. Harjo is 65 year old female who identifies as Latina. She lives in Globe, Arizona, and subsists on Supplemental Security Income, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as food stamps), and her garden. Mrs. Harjo has been living alone since the death of her husband five years ago. She is the daughter of Mexican immigrants, and visits her hometown in Mexico for Semana Santa every other year. Mrs. Harjo identifies as Catholic but has not participated in organized religion since the age of 14, when she relocated to Globe, AZ.

A paternal grandson, Tony (age 13), recently moved in with Mrs. Harjo following his mother's death from cirrhosis of the liver due to alcoholism. Tony's biological father is serving five years in prison on a second conviction for possession of drug paraphernalia, a class six felony in Arizona (<https://www.azleg.gov/ars/13/03415.htm>). Tony's biological parents were never married, and his mother did not obtain a legal divorce from her first husband. When Tony was born, the hospital registrar accidentally listed the first husband as the legal father on his birth certificate.

Mrs. Harjo went to Tony's school to give notice of a change of address and to put her name on file as guardian and emergency contact. School officials pointed out that Tony was not legally related to Mrs. Harjo, and that therefore she had no authority to authorize medical care, or to enroll Tony in school.

The principal referred Mrs. Harjo to an attorney, where she appealed for help in getting Tony's paternity corrected. The attorney advised that the biological father adopt Tony in order to change the legal parent, but refused to take the case because Tony's father was incarcerated, and the likelihood of an adoption by an incarcerated parent was too low (Garcia, Bain, Avera, Armenta, 2005).

Tony's grades have dipped to a C average (he typically earns A's and B's) since the death of his mother. He is on the freshman baseball team, and cites this as one of his favorite activities, but will be barred from playing should his grades continue to decline. Tony has no specific academic interests but wants to remain eligible to play baseball. Teachers report that Tony has always been quiet, but has had difficulty concentrating in school since his mother's death two months ago.

Three months ago, he suffered a knee injury playing baseball and is slowly returning to practice, and was prescribed Percocet (an opioid) for the severed pain. Tony complains that he still has lingering pain and continues to take the prescribed Purcocet. He also shared a few of his pain killers with a friend.

Mrs. Harjo followed up with the principal for a recommendation to get Tony in to see a counselor, but has not received a reply. She is unsure where to go to find something she might be

able to afford. Tony has no known medical issues, and has seen a doctor regularly. Tony reports he does not remember the last time he has seen a dentist, and is worried that he may need braces.