

### 3. Hindsight Is 2020

A camp had been in contact throughout the year with a former camper and their therapist, and as a group they decided that the camper could have success at camp this year. While at camp, the camper reported that they were being abused at home. The camper also appears to possibly be participating in self harm, not eating, throwing up, and taking clothing that belong to other campers. The camp contacted the camper’s therapist and tried to manage behaviors to keep the camper safe at camp but ultimately made the hard decision to send the camper home.

#### What can we learn from this case?

Policies and Risk Management	Staff Training	Key Takeaway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did you consult your insurance carrier for instructions on how to report the situation?</li> <li>• Did you involve legal counsel when dismissing the camper from camp?</li> <li>• As a mandatory reporting agency, do you know when to report an incident?</li> <li>• Is there anyone on your staff who can address camper mental health issues?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is your staff trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of a mental health issue or crisis?</li> <li>• Is your staff trained to recognize and report the signs and symptoms of child abuse in all its forms?</li> </ul>	<p>Don't be afraid to reach out to Child Protective Services if you are uncertain if you need to report a situation.</p>

#### Resources

ACA [Child Abuse Prevention Resources](https://www.acacamps.org/resources/child-abuse-prevention-resources): [ACAcamps.org/resources/child-abuse-prevention-resources](https://www.acacamps.org/resources/child-abuse-prevention-resources)

