

Ethnical paper

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My paper is about a woman who has multiple children and for some reason is unable to take care of them. The father is unable to care for them as well, so they end up in the foster system or with a family member. I do not believe in abortion, but this too is wrong. No children deserve to be bounced around or have nowhere to go but foster care. At what point can the court say to the mother that she can no longer have children and be ordered to have some type of birth control device inserted to be sure this will not continue to happen? That's the ethical part of this story.

This tugs at my heartstrings, another family story. About a year or so ago my son Anthony and his fiancée Breanna gets a phone call from children's services and ask them to take Breanna's sister's son. She was on drugs, and they agreed to keep him so she can do whatever it takes to get clean. This was a temporary situation. At first, it seemed that Brittany wanted the drug life and did not participate in any court-ordered classes, meetings, or counseling to get Michael back. Slowly she started to make progress it took almost a year before the court and children's services came to an agreement for Michael to go back home. This all sounds great, end of the story, right? A year or so passes this puts us this year in mid-February. I get a call from my son he was telling me that children's services have been to Brittany's house twice this year. The court did not see any reason to take the kids out of the house. I told my son that was great to hear everything is working out. He said mom we just got a call today from children's services again asking us if we can have Michael back. Brittany's boyfriend is on drugs and the male friend that is living with them is also on drugs. Michael has not gained any weight since he left our house in fact, he lost weight.

Anthony and Breanna agree to take Michael if the court feels that it is necessary. Anthony then tells me the baby will go to the boyfriend's mom. Michael and the baby are ½ brother Michael's dad is in prison. I was shocked and confused when I heard the baby. I said, "Why would she have another baby when she can not take care of the first one." Anthony tells me Brittany not only has another baby but is also pregnant. "You got to be kidding me!"

I asked Breanna why her sister keeps having babies when she knows she can not take care of them. Breanna has been worried for weeks about these children and not sleeping well at night. Breanna is scared she is going to get a phone call and the worse might happen to one of the children. She tells me Brittany gets almost free housing, food stamps, and other benefits from the government that she uses and does not work for. When Brittany was younger, she used to pretend that she was pregnant she went as far as taking ultrasound pictures from the internet and using her friend's ultrasound pictures as if they were hers to make people think she was pregnant. Breanna said she love the attention she got from people.

These children will go to other family homes and be separated. Anthony and Breanna have two other children a boy and a girl they live in a two-bedroom house living from paycheck to paycheck. Sometimes they are short on money and I and my husband help them out. My son and Breanna try their best to raise their children and they are happy with one another. Anthony knows they really cannot afford to

have Michael, but they don't want to see him in a foster system or with a family that they don't know. No one in Breanna's family can pass a drug test to take Michael so Breanna's family is looking at them to take him.

The more children Brittany has the worse this is getting. First, how can the court keep continuing to let this go on yes Brittany might be able to pass a drug test but no one else living with her can. These children are not being fed right or being taken care of properly. How can we stop this from getting any worse than it is right now? I feel like she needs some form of birth control first and get her life back together. If there is drug use in that house sooner or later, she will be back to using. She might not be now because she is pregnant, I don't know how far along she is. This situation is a mess and I pray that this has a happy ending.

I know if I was the nurse taking care of this situation. I would need to stay neutral it is the mother's choice in what she does. I would need to practice with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth and unique attributes of every person. When ethical issues rise like this it can be very stressful for the nurses to deal with daily.

A self-administered survey was done on 1000 nurses in four states in four different census regions of the United States. The paper is a report of a study of the type, frequency, and level of stress of ethical issues encountered by nurses in their everyday practice. The response rate was 52% a total of 422 questionnaires were used in the analysis (Ulrich et al., 2010). In conclusion, nurses do face daily ethical challenges in the provision of quality care. To retain nurses, targeted ethics-related interventions that address caring for an increasingly complex patient population are needed (Ulrich et al., 2010).

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