**Vignette #5 - Colby**

**ID**: 9-year-old indigenous child, assigned female at birth and identifies as a transgender boy.

Uses he/him pronouns.

He is not registered for Indian Status.

**HPI**: He does not use any drugs, but his mom’s addicted to crystal meth and

Fentanyl. The counsellor at the local Opioid Agonist Therapy clinic finds out

about Colby while doing a routine intake assessment of his mother. His mother

is scared she will lose custody of Colby, but also wants support for her.

**Housing** Unstable housing. They couch surf and occasionally live in shelters. Although

some relatives have offered to take care of Colby, his mom refuses to leave

him alone with them.

**Education**: Grade 4. His mom is very good about getting him to school. He is often

isolated and teased because of how he dresses and his poor hygiene.

**Finances:** Mom has no income but is interested in applying for social assistance and other

financial support.

**Employment:** Mom is unemployed. Mom’s last paid work was as a bookkeeper 4 years ago.

**Relationship:** Colby is attached, close, and protective of his mother.

His dad also suffers from addiction. Colby doesn’t know where he is. He last made contact 7 months ago and was living in the downtown east side of Vancouver. He often

cries when he thinks about his dad and is worried he will die of an overdose.

**Legal**: No current legal problems.

**Transportation**: The family has no vehicle. Colby has a bus pass to get to school.

**Health:** Denies any HIV, Hep C, cirrhosis, skin infections, or overdoses.