

AMERICA'S YOUNGEST OUTCASTS



CASE STUDY: Education

Taylor is a 12-year old boy living in shelter with his mother, Maryann. Taylor is having a hard time at school. He is impulsive and angry, often gets into fights, and has a hard time keeping up with the other students. He can't seem to stay focused and rarely sits still. His teachers have told him that unless he improves his grades, he will be kept back. Maryann knows her son is capable of better work; he just needs help with his behavior and his school work. Taylor purposely takes a long time to get ready for school because he knows that the other kids will tease him about his poor school performance and slow work. When they found out that Taylor is living in a shelter, they teased him even more. Taylor is isolated, and has no friends. His teachers are frustrated with him. If someone recognized his learning disability and put a plan in place, Taylor would be a much happier and more confident kid.