

Teen Stealing

Client Question

Diabetic teen girl 15yrs stealing money and bankcards Counseling Question from Parent of a 15-Year-Old

Background Information:

Diabetic for 11yrs me and natural father divorced 8yrs ago. we live in France now for the last 3 yrs, before that we lived in England. She has abused her diabetes for two years and was in hospital every month for a long time. she is now on an insuling pump, she does not seem to have much time for us and is always snapping at us. She has everything and wants for nothing and life for teenagers in France is easy without danger. She spent 150 euros from my bank card for credit for her mobile phone. She gets an allowance but still takes money from my purse or any way she can scam me.

What do you suggest please. Thank you.

Reply from ScottCounseling:

Thanks for contacting ScottCounseling.com.

I have a few more question for you before I can confidently answer your counseling concerns:

You said your daughter has been in the hospital with diabetic abuse. Is this medical condition under control or is she still in an abusive stage?

Some individuals (adults and children) going through medical or hospital procedures become depressed. Some forms of depressions come out as anger. Is your daughter angry?

What is your daughter's relationship with her father? Is he in her life. If so, is he aware of your daughters diabetic and theft concerns? Many divorced parents have success teaming (if appropriate and permitted) when a child needs help.

Things you need to do?

1. Inform your medical doctor of your daughters theft issues to rule out depression. Ongoing or habitual theft is usually a symptom of a bigger problem.
2. Go to ScottCounseling.com and read: "Childhood Theft"
<http://www.scottcounseling.com/wordpress/childhood-theft/2008/01/19/>
3. Set boundaries with your daughter and share with her that taking money (or credit cards) from you without permission is not acceptable.

4. Make it difficult for her to take your money or credit cards.