

*Case #2, Part 1*

*Daryl, age 9, has always had allergies, primarily to plants and airborne irritants. Both parents know Daryl's pediatrician but his father, Frank, took primary charge of managing Daryl's allergies and diet prior to the separation. Frank has allergies himself and believes he understands these conditions better. Marsha, Daryl's mother, has been careful about Daryl's exposure to plants but believes that Frank has overreacted and gone beyond the doctor's recommendations when it comes to restricting Daryl's food.*

*When the parents separated she began offering Daryl a greater variety of food, first without telling Frank and then over Frank's objections. Frank states that Daryl twice complained of stomach aches after spending time with Marsha, which he attributes to the foods Marsha is feeding Daryl. . Currently Daryl expresses reluctance to be with his mother because "she will make me eat the wrong things and I'll get sick." Marsha states that Daryl initially enjoyed the expanded diet she offered him until Frank learned about it. Each parent has a different interpretation of what the pediatrician has told them.*

