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In our modern society, child maltreatment stands out to be a socially devastating problem. Worst of all, the frontline people involved in the abuse of children are their immediate relatives such as parents, guardians as well as siblings. Social problems can be attributed to the highly prevalent cases of child abuse. These social problems include substance abuse, youthful delinquency as well as violence. We are going to consider a movie that features the case of a teenager who undergoes sufferings at home which results from her parents and negatively affects her health status as well as her education life (Humphreys et al., 2020).

Movie Watched and the Issues Faced by the Character

In the movie "Precious," a teenage girl by the name Precious goes through very tough situations. She resides in Harlem with her mother who poses sufferings in her life through abusing her physically and verbally. She was raped by an absentee father and this led her to bear a child who suffers from Downs Syndrome. Also, she is expecting another child still resulting from a rape case. Precious is obese and is not doing well in school, she is likely to drop (Maju, 2009).

As a result of her second pregnancy, her school sends her to another school so that her lifestyle can change and take a positive direction. In the new school, Precious meets Blu Rain who for the first time guides her on how to read and write. Additionally, she meets some other people whose aim is to positively shape her life such as a social worker by the name Mrs. Wess who is naturally sympathetic as well as John, a nurse who helps in preparing her for delivery (Maju, 2009).

By giving birth, life seems to have gone well for her but upon returning home, she is mercilessly beaten by her mother who also drops onto the ground the newborn baby

intentionally. Precious escapes the tragedy and goes to Blu's place for some time. She is tested for HIV/AIDs and it turns out that she is positive. This is realized after the death of her father who also dies of the virus. Ms. Wess and Blu decide to help her to come up with new ways by which to lead her life. The foremost action they take is ensuring that she never goes home to live with her mother again ever in her life (Maju, 2009).

Relationship of the Movie with the Class

From the definition of child abuse as learned in class, it is clear that Precious goes through many tribulations that result in being sexually abused, her emotions being harmed, sexually abused as well as her life being exposed to health risks. She is physically abused by her mother who beats her mercilessly for no apparent reason. She is sexually abused by her father who rapes her and ends up impregnating her which leads to the birth of her firstborn. She is raped again and gives birth to another child. Consequently, she undergoes many challenges as a child to the extent that her health and education are adversely affected.

The leading cause for her father raping her may be attributed to the socio-cultural notion that Precious is not worthy to be respected and believes that he is at free will to violate her sexually. We may also attribute these parent's behavior of mistreating her to the belief that Precious is their daughter and that they have the freedom to do whatever they wish with her. Precious has low self-esteem which has been inculcated to her by her parents.

She is not in a position to cope with her problems because she depends on her parents for the provision of her necessities. She can neither sue them nor report her challenges she is undergoing to anybody because of the fear instilled in him. Also, her father abusing her sexually

may be a result of watching some movies that depict children performing such acts as sex. From this curiosity, he ends up raping his daughter.

Human service delivery is also depicted in the movie after Precious meets different people who work to ensure that she is in a good state. The new teacher, Blu, and Miss. Wess assists her guides her through her entire period of delivery and also ensure that she does not return home where she is facing the problems.

In conclusion, child abuse is a concealed issue in families where the children undergo issues that they are not in a position to relieve themselves. This is especially the case with teenage girls as seen in this movie. Necessary agencies should devise mechanisms by which they can detect these challenges. If serious intervention is not put in place, children will remain suffering silently.

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