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The most difficult situation I ever had to address as a coach was the alcohol abuse of a parent that was becoming problematic ... at games where this parent was obviously intoxicated and out of control and embarrassing themselves and their kids as well, severely affecting their children's academic performance, social life and athletic performance. That was the one time where the father involved who was the abuser was very, very upset that anyone would intervene but the spouse; the mother was very grateful that some else had intervened. The nice point is now it is 15 years later and the dad's been sober for 15 years and actually one of the sons, shortly after he got out of high school, got sober, as well, so it was a very difficult intervention at the time, but it had some real long-term benefits.