


**The Role of Parenthood
in the Prevention of
Child Abuse & Neglect**

How it relates to Fatherhood, Parenting,
and Community Leadership

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ABUSE ISSUES

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TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE

- I SEXUAL
- II PHYSICAL
- III EMOTIONAL
- IV NEGLECT



SEXUAL ABUSE

WORKING DEFINITION:

- Any sexual act between adult and child.

INCLUDES:

- Fondling, touching or kissing private areas
- Penetration, intercourse, rape, incest
- Sexual exploitation
- Exposure to pornography

SEXUAL ABUSE

SEXUAL ABUSE vs. SEXUAL ASSAULT
(Relative / Caretaker) vs. (Stranger)

SEXUAL ABUSERS CAN BE:

- Parents, siblings, other relatives.
- Childcare professionals
- Neighbors and friends
- Strangers

SEXUAL ABUSE

SIGNS OF ABUSE:

- Nightmares & bed wetting
- Drastic changes in appetite
- Eating disorder
- Inappropriate knowledge/interest in sex
- Fear of a particular person/family member

FATHER FACTOR IN SEXUAL ABUSE

FATHERHOOD FACTOR:

- Compared to living with both parents, living in a single-parent home *doubles* the risk that a child will suffer physical, emotional, or educational neglect.

PHYSICAL ABUSE

WORKING DEFINITION:

- Intentional physical injury to a child.


INCLUDES:

- Burning, beating or breaking bones
- Pushing, shoving, shaking, kicking
- Pinching, biting, choking, hair pulling
- Sometimes confused with "punishment"

PHYSICAL ABUSE

SIGNS OF ABUSE:

- Unexplained burns, cuts or bruises
- Fear of adults
- Anti-social behavior
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Self-destructive / suicidal behavior
- Depression / poor self-image



FATHER FACTOR IN PHYSICAL ABUSE

FATHER FACTOR:

- The fact is that, the presence of a child's father in the home lowers the likelihood that a child will be abused.
- The more educated and informed a father is the sooner we can aid the child in healing services
- Promote/encourage healthy relationships and healthy marriage.


NEGLECT

WORKING DEFINITION:

- Failure to provide for child's basic needs.

INCLUDES:

- Physical
- Educational
- Emotional Neglect



NEGLECT

SIGNS OF NEGLECT:

- Unsuitable clothing for weather
- Extreme hunger
- Dirty or un-bathed
- Apparent lack of supervision
- Failure to gain weight (infants)
- Desperately affectionate behavior

FATHER FACTOR IN NEGLECT

Father Factor:

- Children in father-absent homes are five times more likely to be poor.
- 45% of unmarried mothers in large U.S. cities are poor and another 28% are "near poor".
- Of Children living in TANF households, more than 7 out of 10 lived with a single parent in 1998, and fewer than 1 in 10 lived with two parents.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

WORKING DEFINITION:

- Pattern of behavior that attacks a child's emotional development and sense of self-worth.



INCLUDES:

- Verbal
- Mental
- Psychological Abuse

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

EXAMPLES OF ABUSE:

- Ignoring, withdrawing, rejection
- Lack of physical affection
- Yelling and screaming
- Threatening or frightening
- Negative comparisons to others
- Belittling a child with mean words
- Shaming or humiliating
- Bizarre forms of punishment

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

OBSERVABLE SIGNS:

- Frequent headaches or stomachaches
- Child is inappropriately aggressive
- Suffers from sleep/speech disorders
- Restricts play activities or experiences
- Demonstrates compulsions, obsessions
- Phobias / hysterical outbursts
- Child rocks, sucks or bites self

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

BEHAVIORAL SIGNS:

- Apathy
- Depression
- Hostility
- Lack of concentration
- Change in self-confidence
- Shy & withdrawn / Highly aggressive
- Lags in physical, mental and emotional development

FATHER FACTOR IN EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Father Factor:

- Father involvement has a direct effect on a child's externalizing and internalizing behavior.
- Fathers' knowledge about breastfeeding increases the likelihood that a child will be breastfed
- Father have a unique effect on their daughter's tendency towards anti-social behavior. Fathers who give their daughter positive reinforcement reduce the likelihood of a daughters poor performance.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

BEHAVIORAL SIGNS:

- -An analysis of child abuse cases in a nationally representative sample of 42 countries found that children from single-parent families are more likely to be victims of physical and sexual abuse than children who live with both biological parents. Compared to their peers living with both parents, children in single parent homes had:
 - A 77% greater risk of being physically abused
 - An 87% greater risk of being harmed by physical neglect.
 - A 74% greater risk of suffering from emotional neglect
 - An 80% greater risk of suffering serious injury as a result of abuse
 - Overall , a 120% greater risk of being endangered by some type of child abuse.

CHILD ABUSE

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Fatherhood
- Parenting
- Community Leadership
- Religious Organizations

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