



FACTS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE

What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

Physical abuse – an injury to a child that is not an accident: may include beating, burning, biting, kicking, cutting, shaking, or punching a child.

Emotional abuse – maltreatment of a child that may involve criticizing, insulting, yelling, swearing, manipulating, rejecting or withholding love.

Sexual abuse – any sexual contact with a child, including exhibitionism, photographs or films, pornography, prostitution, rape, or fondling.

Neglect – failure to provide for a child's basic physical, emotional, medical or educational needs.

Who Abuses Children?

Most often the abuser is someone the child knows, such as a parent, relative, neighbor or friend of the family.

Where Does Child Abuse Happen?

Wherever children are, where they live, sleep, learn or play.

How Often Does Child Abuse Occur?

Each year, close to 3 million reports of suspected abuse are filed in the United States. Many more cases never get reported. One victim of child abuse is one too many!

Where Are Illinois Statistics Available?

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

<http://www.state.il.us/defs/docs/canstat.pdf>



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