

Warning Signs of Child Abuse

Physical Signs

- Bruises, welts or broken bones
- Cuts, scrapes, or burns
- Missing hair
- Injuries or redness around the genitals
- Injuries at different stages of healing
- Injury or medical condition that hasn't been properly treated.

Child's Behavior

- Aggressive or withdrawn behavior
- Unusual fears (of certain people, of going home, etc.)
- Craving for attention
- Lack of concentration, fatigue
- Hunger, begging for food, stealing
- Frequent tardiness or absence from school
- Unusual knowledge of sex

Adult's Behavior

- Harsh punishment of the child in public
- Refer to child as "difficult," "different," or "bad"
- Seem unconcerned about the child
- Give conflicting stories about child's injuries
- Become defensive when asked about the child's health

"Every person has the right to live in a peaceful family environment."

Turning Abuse Around

Locations

Weiser Office

27 W. Commercial Street
Weiser, ID 83672
(208) 414-1231

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Payette Office

1520 1st Avenue South
Payette, ID 83661
(208) 642-1025

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Council Office

204 Council Avenue
Council, ID 83612
(208) 253-4949

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Emmett Office

126 N. Washington
Emmett, ID 83617
(208) 365-1615



Child ABUSE

Millions of cases of
Child Abuse are reported
each year... yet
Many Still Go Unreported

24 CRISIS LINE
HOUR (208) 414-0740

ROSE Advocates Family Resource Center for
Southwest Idaho: Adams, Boise, Gem,
Payette, and Washington Counties.

Statistics of Child Abuse

In 2013, an estimated 1530 children died from abuse and neglect in the United States.

An estimated 679,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect.

In 2014 Children's Advocacy Centers around the country served over 315,000 child victims of abuse, providing victim advocacy and support to these children and their families.

Children in the first year of their life had the highest rate of victimization of 23.1 per 1,000 children in the national population of the same age.

Of the children who experienced maltreatment or abuse, nearly 80% suffered neglect; 18% suffered physical abuse; and 9% suffered sexual abuse.

Just under 80% of reported child fatalities as a result of abuse and neglect were caused by one or more of the child victims parents.

The Emotional effects of Abuse can Last a Lifetime

Low Self-Esteem

Children naturally think that adults are always correct. So, abused children may grow up believing they were bad and deserved abuse.

PROBLEMS WITH FEELINGS—PROBLEMS WITH FEELINGS

Emotional damage from abuse can stun a child's emotional growth. Later in life, the child may be unable to show his/her feelings or to understand others' feelings.

Problems with Relationships

Poor emotional development and lack of trust can make meaningful relationship difficult as an adult.

Many adult abusers were abused as children.

Victims of child abuse should seek help— no matter how long ago the abuse occurred.

What Should I Learn About Child Abuse?

- **Children Suffer.** The physical and emotional harm can last a lifetime.
- **Society Suffers.** The cost of ruined lives and broken families can't be measured.
- **But, There's A Lot You Can Do.** You can help prevent child abuse and limit the damage suffered by children and their families.

Reporting Child Abuse

Many people fear that reporting or admitting abuse will destroy a family.

THE TRUTH IS, GETTING HELP CAN:

- *Protect children* from further harm.
- *Help the Family* face and overcome its problems.

IN SEVERE CASES: Children may be removed from a home for their immediate safety.

TAKE ACTION: Child abuse must be reported and addressed! If you are abusing a child or know someone who is, its your responsibility to act.