

BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS OF CHILD ABUSE ACROSS LIFE STAGES

	Infancy	Latency	Adolescence	Adulthood
Physical Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Withdrawal/apathy -- Fear/anxiety, subdued crying -- Extreme or inappropriate reactions to pain -- Aggressive behavior, head-banging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Speech or learning difficulties -- Bed-wetting -- Negative attempts to get attention -- Self-destruction or accident-prone behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Eating disorders -- Drug/alcohol abuse -- Inability to relate to peers -- Running away -- Prostitution -- Aggressive behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Inability to form meaningful relationships -- Prone to end up in violent situations -- Extremely angry or fearful -- Low self-esteem -- Drug/alcohol abuse
Sexual Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Excessive masturbation -- Difficulty sleeping, relaxing, and/or eating -- Passive and withdrawn, or clingy and fussy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Bed-wetting -- Eating disorders -- Avoidance of sports or games -- Seeking out or avoiding adults -- Mentioning a "secret" in the family -- Sexual behavior with other children -- Overly knowledgeable about specific sexual acts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Obsessive behavior -- Self-destructive behavior -- Isolation, fearfulness, or excessive anxiety -- Promiscuity or prostitution -- Running away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Sexual difficulties -- Insecurity, impassivity, low self-esteem -- Eating disorders -- Drug/alcohol abuse
Emotional Maltreatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Withdrawal/apathy -- Crying jags -- Failure to thrive -- Speech and language delay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Fearfulness -- Unprovoked yelling/screaming -- Hyperactive or bizarre behavior -- Overanxious to please -- Seeking out adult contact -- Depression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Eating disorders -- Drug/alcohol abuse -- Impatience -- Un-willingness to discuss problems -- Rational-ization of abuse -- Suicide attempts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Difficulty maintaining relationships -- Depression or excessive anxiety -- Self-deprecation -- Isolation -- Aggression
Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Withdrawal/apathy -- Fearfulness -- Lethargy -- Rocking -- Failure to thrive -- Delayed speech and language development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Learned helplessness -- Fearfulness -- Hoarding food or stealing -- Clinging/needy -- Pseudo-independent -- Regressive behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Eating disorders -- Drug/alcohol abuse -- Aggression -- Prostitution -- Stealing -- Absence from school -- Caretaker for other children -- Suicide attempts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Difficulty maintaining relationships -- Depression or excessive anxiety -- Lack of interest in self or others -- Isolation