

INDICATORS of CHILD ABUSE and NEGLECT

Type of Abuse	Physical Indicators	Behavioral Indicators
Physical Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unexplained bruises and welts ▪ Human bite marks ▪ Bald spots ▪ Unexplained burns: ▪ Rope burns on arms, legs, neck or torso ▪ Unexplained fractures ▪ Unexplained lacerations or abrasions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wary of adult contact ▪ Apprehensive when other children cry ▪ Behavioral extremes: Aggressiveness or Withdrawal ▪ Overly compliant ▪ Afraid to go home ▪ Reports injury by parents ▪ Exhibits anxiety about normal behavior ▪ Complains of soreness and moves awkwardly ▪ Destructive to self and others ▪ Early to school or stays late as if afraid to go home ▪ Accident prone ▪ Wears clothing that covers body when not appropriate ▪ Chronic runaway ▪ Cannot tolerate physical contact or touch.
Physical Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consistent hunger, poor hygiene, inappropriate dress ▪ Consistent lack of supervision, especially in dangerous activities or long periods ▪ Unattended physical problems or medical needs ▪ Abandonment ▪ Chronic Lice ▪ Distended stomach, emaciated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Begging or stealing food ▪ Constant fatigue, listlessness or falling asleep in class ▪ States there is no caretaker at home ▪ Frequent school absences or tardiness ▪ Destructive ▪ School dropout ▪ Early emancipation from family
Sexual Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Difficulty in walking or sitting ▪ Torn, stained or bloody underclothing ▪ Pain or itching in the genital area ▪ Bruises or bleeding in external genitals, vaginal or anal areas ▪ Frequent urinary or yeast infections ▪ Frequent unexplained sore throat ▪ Encopresis (involuntary soiling) ▪ Enuresis (inability to control urination) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unwilling to participate in certain physical activities ▪ Sudden drop in school performance ▪ Crying with no provocation ▪ Bizarre, sophisticated or unusual sexual behavior or knowledge ▪ Anorexia ▪ Sexually provocative ▪ Poor peer relationships ▪ Reports sexual abuse by caretaker ▪ Fear of or seductiveness toward males ▪ Suicide attempts ▪ Chronic runaway ▪ Early pregnancies
Emotional Maltreatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speech disorders ▪ Lags in physical development ▪ Failure to thrive ▪ Asthma, severe allergies or ulcers ▪ Substance abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Habit disorders (sucking, biting, rocking, etc.) ▪ Conduct disorders ▪ Neurotic traits ▪ Behavior extremes: ▪ Compliant, passive ▪ Aggressive, demanding ▪ Overly adaptive behavior ▪ Inappropriately adult ▪ Inappropriately infantile ▪ Delinquent behaviors

Reporting suspicions of child abuse and neglect is mandatory in Kentucky and Ohio!

911 Immediate Danger

To report suspected child abuse or neglect:

KY: **859-292-6550** (Centralized Intake – weekdays)
877-KYSAFE1 (statewide Hotline – nights/weekends)

OH: **513-241-KIDS**



For information on child abuse prevention, education or treatment services contact Family Nurturing Center at **859-525-3200** or visit **www.familynuture.org**.