



## BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS OF CHILD ABUSE ACROSS LIFE STAGES

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• Passive and withdrawn, or clingy and fussy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