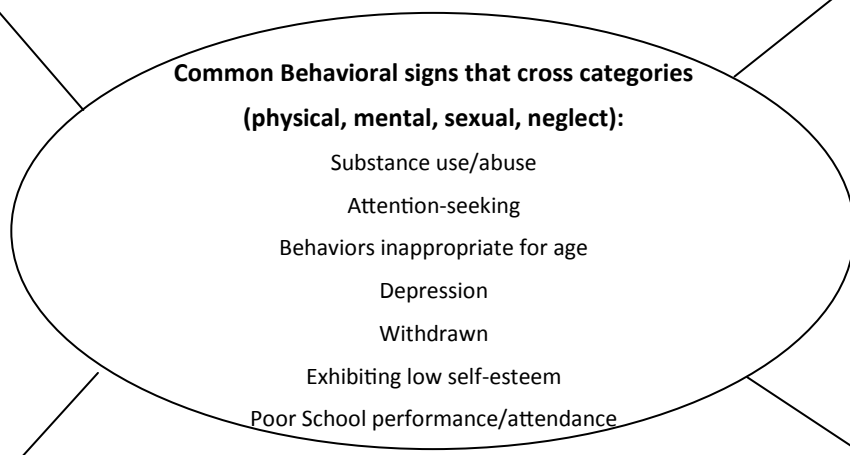


# INDICATORS OF ABUSE

| Physical Abuse   |  |
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| Physical Indicators  | Behavioral Indicators  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Unexplained Injuries</li> <li>•Unbelievable or inconsistent explanations of injuries</li> <li>•Multiple bruises in various stage of healing</li> <li>•Bruises located on face, ears, necks, buttocks, backs, chests, thighs, back of legs, and genitalia</li> <li>•Bruises that resemble objects such as a hand, fist, belt buckle, or rope</li> <li>•Injuries that are inconsistent with a child's age/developmental level</li> <li>•Burns</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Fear of going home</li> <li>•Extreme apprehensiveness/vigilance</li> <li>•Pronounced aggression or passivity</li> <li>•Flinches easily or avoids being touched</li> <li>•Play includes abusive behavior or talk</li> <li>•Unable to recall how injuries occurred or account of injuries is inconsistent with the nature of the injuries</li> <li>•Fear of parent or caregiver</li> </ul> |

| Mental Abuse  |  |
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| Physical Indicators   | Behavioral Indicators  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Frequent psychosomatic complaints (nausea, stomachache, headache, ect.)</li> <li>•Bed-wetting</li> <li>•Self-Harm</li> <li>•Speech disorders</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Expressing feelings of inadequacy</li> <li>•Overly compliant</li> <li>•Poor peer relationships</li> <li>•Excessive dependence on adults</li> <li>•Habit disorders (sucking, rocking, ect.)</li> <li>•Eating disorders</li> </ul> |



**\*Remember that these indicators are "red flags" and may be due to unrelated circumstances and conditions. Many of these indicators may occur in children who have not been abused and may not be seen in children who have been abused.**

**\*Certain indicators may appear as signs of a different kind of abuse from that listed. For example, cruelty to others or animals may be a sign of physical abuse rather than sexual abuse.**

| Sexual Abuse   |   |
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| Physical Indicators  | Behavioral Indicators   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Sleep disturbances</li> <li>•Bed-wetting</li> <li>•Pain or irritation in genital/anal area</li> <li>•Difficulty walking or sitting</li> <li>•Difficulty urinating</li> <li>•Pregnancy</li> <li>•Positive testing for sexually transmitted diseases or HIV</li> <li>•Excessive or injurious masturbation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Sexually promiscuous</li> <li>•Developmental age-inappropriate sexual play and/or drawings</li> <li>•Cruelty to others</li> <li>•Cruelty to animals</li> <li>•Fire setting</li> <li>•Anxious</li> <li>•Withdrawn</li> </ul> |

| Neglect  |  |
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| Physical Indicators  | Behavioral Indicators  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lack of adequate medical and dental care</li> <li>•Often hungry</li> <li>•Lack of shelter</li> <li>•Child's weight is significantly lower than what is normal for his/her age and gender</li> <li>•Developmental delays</li> <li>•Persistent (untreated) conditions (e.g. head lice, diaper rash)</li> <li>•Exposure to hazards (e.g. illegal drugs, rodent/insect infestation, mold)</li> <li>•Clothing that is dirty, inappropriate for the weather, too small or too large</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Not registered in school</li> <li>•Inadequate or inappropriate supervision</li> <li>•Poor impulse control</li> <li>•Frequently fatigued</li> <li>•Parentified behaviors</li> <li>•Delinquent behavior</li> <li>•Mistrusting</li> </ul> |