Child Sexual Abuse

URL of this page: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childsexualabuse.html

Sexual abuse is one form of child abuse. It includes a wide range of actions between a child and an adult or older child. Often these involve body contact, but not always. Exposing one's genitals to children or pressuring them for sex is sexual abuse. Using a child for pornography is also sexual abuse.

Most sexual abusers know the child they abuse. They may be family friends, neighbors or babysitters. About one-third of abusers are related to the child. Most abusers are men. If you think a child may have been abused, it's important to report it.

Start Here
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Spanish/EI_Abuso_Sexual_a_los_Ninos_09.aspx]

Overviews

Diagnosis/Symptoms
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/sp_signs.cfm]

Prevention/Screening

Coping

Specific Conditions

Related Issues
- Understanding Child Traumatic Stress [http://www.nctsn.org/resources/audiences/parents-

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)


Directories

- CyberTipline (Child Sexual Abuse) [http://www.cybertipline.com/] (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children)

Organizations

- Federal Bureau of Investigation [http://www.fbi.gov/]
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children [http://www.missingkids.com/]
- National Runaway Safeline [http://www.1800runaway.org/]

Law and Policy

- Definitions, Scope, and Effects of Child Sexual Abuse [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/sexabuse/sexabuseb.cfm] (Children's Bureau)

Statistics


Children

- Youth and Teens Page [http://blog.1800runaway.org/] (National Runaway Safeline)

Men

- Helping Yourself Heal: A Recovering Man's Guide to Coping with the Effects of Childhood Abuse [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMO12-4134/SMO12-4134.pdf] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF

Women

- Helping Yourself Heal: A Recovering Woman's Guide to Coping with Childhood Abuse Issues