

"The health, productivity, and creativity of any society are the direct result of how the children of that society were treated."

-Dr. Bruce Perry, M.D., Ph. D



STRONG FAMILIES BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?

The Nurturing Center's goal is to ensure that each child has the right to be treated with respect and live in safety with secure, healthy, nurturing relationships.

Physical abuse is the non-accidental injury of a child by a care giver, even if the care giver did not intend to hurt the child. It includes shaking, punching, kicking, biting, burning, scalding and beating children.

Emotional abuse is a concerted attack by an adult on a child's psychological development of self and social competence. It is a pattern of psychologically destructive behavior involving rejecting, terrorizing, isolating or corrupting a child. It includes a care giver telling a child, "You're stupid", "What a slob", "You're disgusting", "I wish you'd never been born", "You're worthless."

Sexual abuse is any sexual contact between an adult or older teen and a child.

Sexual exploitation is using children for profit or sexual pleasure.

Physical neglect is failing to provide for a child's basic physical needs. It includes inattention to feeding, clothing, shelter, medical care, education and supervision of a child.

Abuse tends to be episodic (occasional) while neglect tends to be chronic (ongoing).