



CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION and INTERVENTION TRAINING



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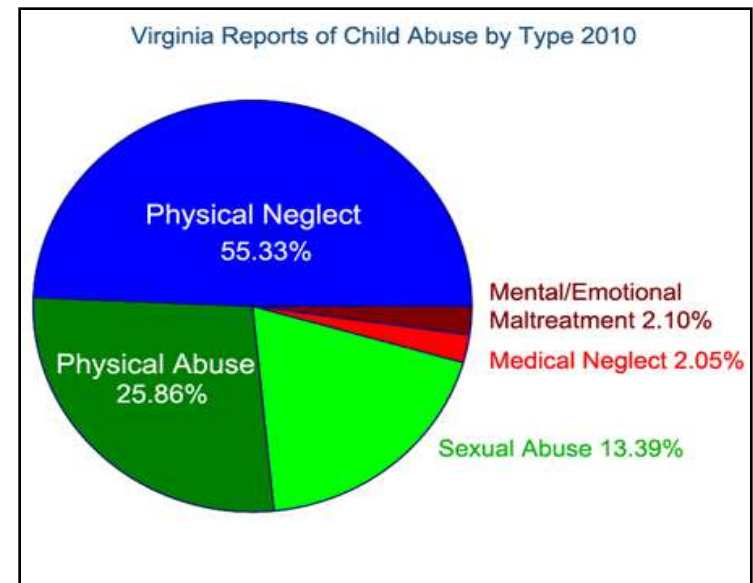
- A Virginia teacher/staff member is mandated, by law, to report child abuse and neglect, and who is required by Section 22.1-298.8 of the Code of Virginia to complete child abuse and neglect training as part of your coaching requirements.

Statistics

- From Va.gov
 - In VA, a child is abused and neglected every 75 minutes.
 - In 2010, 49,915 children were reported as possible victims of abuse or neglect.
 - In 2010, 6,234 were founded reports.

Types

- Physical Abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Maltreatment
 - Mental Abuse



Physical Abuse



- **Physical Abuse** is any act, regardless of intent, results in a non-accidental physical injury to a child.
- **Physical Indicators**
 - Questionable bruises and welts, or other injuries
 - Questionable burns
 - Questionable fractures
 - Questionable lacerations or abrasions

Neglect

- **Neglect** is defined as failing to provide food, shelter, or health care that is necessary for a child's health.
- **Examples**
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Shelter
 - Medical needs
 - Supervision



Emotional Maltreatment

- **Emotional Maltreatment** is called “**Mental Abuse**” in VA Code. The child will not show bruises or welts. Emotional maltreatment includes patterns of the following behaviors:
 - Ridicule
 - Rejection
 - Intimidation
 - Ignoring a child
 - Bizarre discipline



Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse is defined as any illegal sexual act upon a child.

Includes:

Incest

Rape

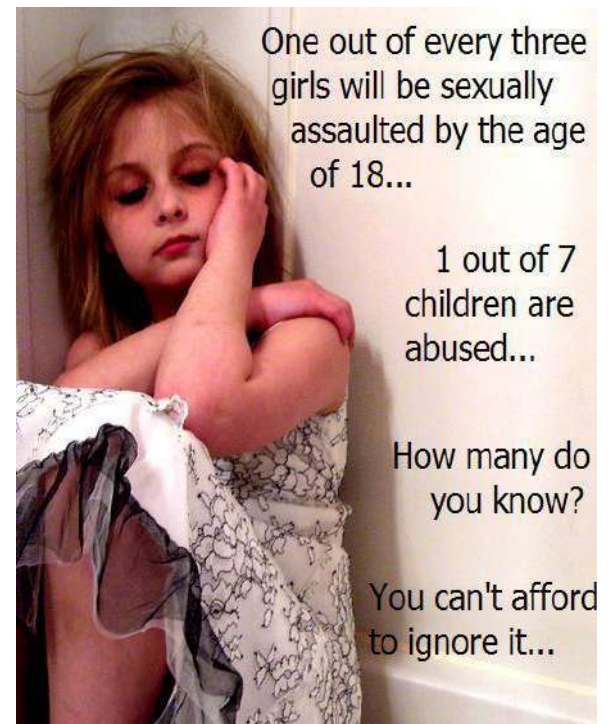
Indecent exposure

Fondling

Child Prostitution

Child Pornography

Sexting



Maltreatment of Children with Disabilities

- The maltreatment of children with disabilities involve any of the forms of abuse.
- The dynamics and indicators are the same.
- Factors to increase risk are:
 - Lack of knowledge of how to care for the child
 - Denial that abuse effects children with disabilities

Reporting



- As a teacher or staff member, you **are responsible** for reporting suspected abuse or neglect.
- Staff should not press the child for details beyond what the child is willing to share.
- The Accomack County School employees will report all suspicions to the **principal** or the **designee**.

Reporting



- You are not responsible for proving that abuse or neglect has occurred.
- Schools do not conduct their own investigations.
- The principal will immediately contact the Office of Social Services.
- The report must be made within **24 hours** to Child Protective Services.
- The principal must put in writing to you that he/she submitted the information to Social Services.

Child Protective Services



- The mission of Child Protective Services is:
 - To respond to reports of child maltreatment
 - To strengthen families
 - To provide services
- Respond to the complaint immediately.
- Investigation can take 45-60 days.

Child Protective Services



- The Child Protective Services will interview the child.
- Parental permission is not needed.
- The school system must release information that relates to or any documents that apply to the case.

Follow-Up



- As a reporter, you have a right to know what happened within the bounds of confidentiality requirements.
- The Department of Social Services is required to send written feedback to the reporter.
- If you wish to learn the outcome, call the principal or the social worker assigned to the case.

Thought

“Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.”

Charles R. Swindoll
The Strong Family



Submission Of Certificate

- **Administration**
 - Place in file
- **Teachers and Support Staff**
 - Place in file in Principal's Office
- **Retirees and Returning Substitutes**
 - Submit to Judie Thomas
 - Accomack County School Board Office
 - P.O. Box 330
 - Accomac, VA 23301
- **Volunteers**
 - Submit to the Administration at your home school
- **Coaches and Athletic Volunteers**
 - Submit to the Administration at your home school



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Online Presentation
Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognizing, Reporting
and Responding for Staff

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