



“CHILD ABUSE CASTS A SHADOW THE LENGTH OF A LIFETIME.”



- HERBERT WARD

WHAT IS IT?

- Child abuse is any act that endangers a child's physical or emotional health and development.
- A child is anyone under the age of 18



FACTS

- A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds in the US.
- 718 reports per day or **30 per hour in Texas** alone.
- 3.3 million reports of child abuse are made each year
- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are abused.

* childhelp.org



WHO ABUSES?

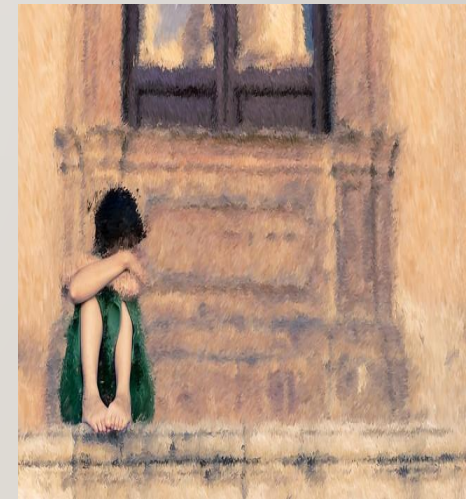
- Parents, caregivers, guardians
- Family members (siblings, cousins)
- Friends
- Boyfriends/Girlfriends
- Spouses (husbands & wives)
- Adults in the community
- Strangers



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4 TYPES OF ABUSE



PHYSICAL

- Slapping
- Shoving
- Squeezing/Grabbing (typically arms, chin)
- Hair-pulling
- Kicking
- Shaking



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- Choking
- Detaining
- Hitting
- Pinching
- Hitting with objects
- Punching



EMOTIONAL/VERBAL

Name calling, threats, screaming, yelling, ridiculing, emotional blackmailing, stalking, cyber bullying (ridicule, photographs, etc.) and insults/putdowns.

Constant belittling, shaming, and humiliating a child.

Calling names and making negative comparisons to others.

Telling a child he or she is "no good," "worthless," "bad," or "a mistake."

Frequent yelling, threatening, or bullying.

Ignoring or rejecting a child as punishment, giving him or her the silent treatment.

Limited physical contact with the child—no hugs, kisses, or other signs of affection.

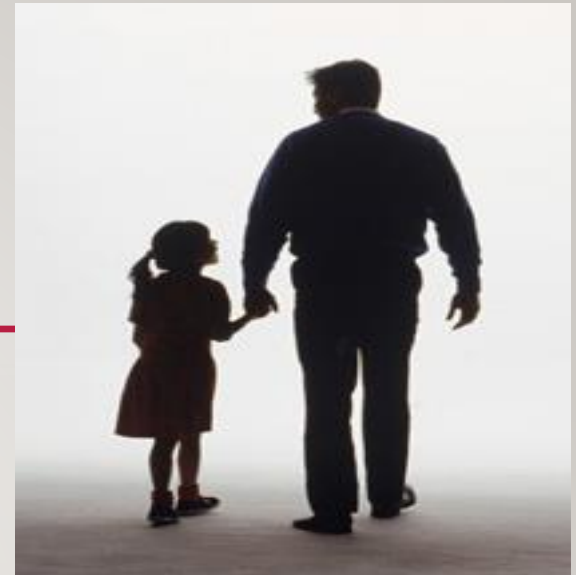
Exposing the child to violence or the abuse of others, whether it be the abuse of a parent, a sibling, or even a pet.

In relationships - can include: jealousy, possessiveness, controlling behaviors, isolation from friends and family, humiliation, and monitoring of other's communications



SEXUAL

- Unwanted contact (kissing or touching).
 - Romantic relationship with someone who is not age appropriate (more than 3 years difference).
 - Contact between an adult and a child involving private parts.
 - Verbal abuse: sexual slurs or attacks on a person's gender or sexual orientation.
 - Use of threats, force or coercion
 - Asleep, under the influence
- *only 10% by stranger



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NEGLECT

- Neglect –



medical care

dental care

clothing

shelter

food

abandonment

instability

education

emotional

wellbeing



WARNING SIGNS

Type

Symptoms

- Signs of malnutrition
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Neglect

- Poor hygiene
- Unattended physical or medical problems
- Chronic school truancy

Physical

- Unexplained bruises, burns, welts
- Child appears frightened of a parent or caregiver
- Extreme aggressive or withdrawn behavior

Sexual

- Pain, bleeding, redness, or swelling in private parts
- Age-inappropriate play
- Age-inappropriate knowledge

Emotional

- Extremes in behavior, ranging from overly aggressive or passive
- Delayed physical, emotional, or intellectual development
- Withdrawn, isolated, socially disconnected



WHAT TO DO...

If you are being abused, are in an abusive relationship or you suspect someone else is being abused – tell an adult.

All teachers are mandated reporters

48 hour time limit

Telephone report

Online report



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CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

- State agency responsible for investigating all claims of child, elderly or disabled abuse.
- Process:
 - prioritize
 - assign investigator
 - interview all parties involved
 - determination
 - service plan

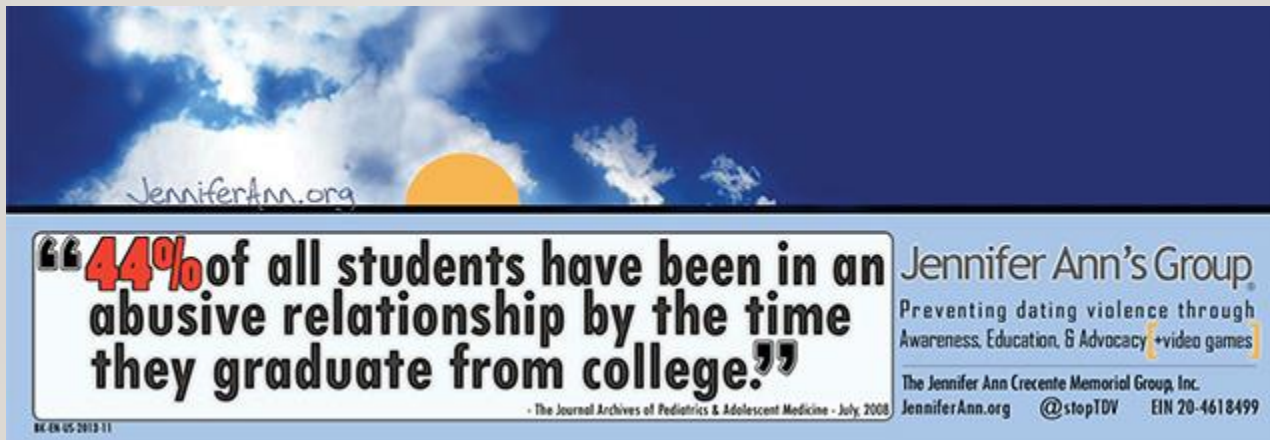


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RELATIONSHIP /DATING VIOLENCE

The intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a dating relationship.



JenniferAnn.org

“44% of all students have been in an abusive relationship by the time they graduate from college.”

The Journal Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine - July, 2008

Jennifer Ann's Group
Preventing dating violence through Awareness, Education, & Advocacy +video games

The Jennifer Ann Crecente Memorial Group, Inc.
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DID YOU KNOW?

- Current statistics indicate that 1 in 3 teenagers will experience physical violence in a dating relationship.
- 40% of teenage girls between the ages of 14 and 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by their boyfriend.
- Violent relationships begin at an average age of 15.

* Genesis Women's Shelter



SCHOOL RESPONSE TO RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

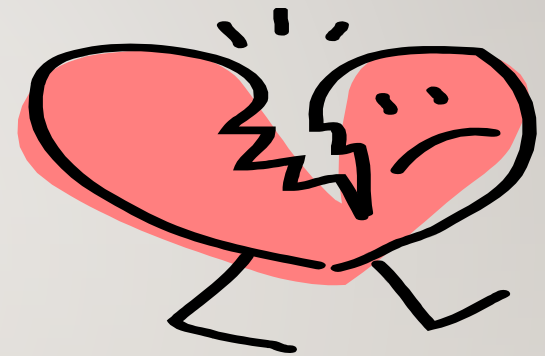
- If you are in an abusive relationship with a peer, please notify an adult on campus.
- Schools are required to take action to protect students.
- Parents of both parties will be notified and an investigation will be initiated by an AP.
- A Safety plan may be created and signed by both students and their parents.
- If substantiated, the perpetrator may be removed from campus & possible criminal charges may be filed.



STOP THE ABUSE

- You have the right to be safe.
- Love shouldn't hurt.
- Don't keep secrets.

- CPS: 1-800-252-5400
- Denton County Friends of the Family
(940) 382-7273
- Children's Advocacy Center of Denton
(972) 317-2818





NATIONAL RESOURCES

- www.nationalcac.org
- www.kempe.org
- www.childhelp.org
- www.nationalchildrensalliance.org
- www.childhood-usa.org
- www.preventchildabuse.org
- www.ndacan.cornell.edu

