



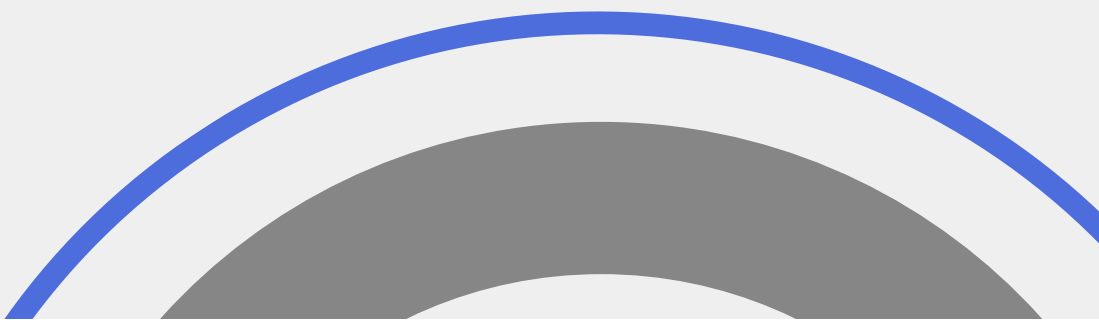
Child Abuse Prevention
& Community
Resources
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This brief guide is an effort to raise awareness on the matter of child abuse. Here the reader will find information on ways in which abuse may show up in a child's life, preventative measures/protective factors, and resources to contact for additional support.

HOPE Collaborative

Welcome Message

Mission



The mission of HOPE Collaborative is to promote the safety of children and prevent abuse and neglect in Riverside County. This is done by:

- Facilitating interagency collaborations
- Educating and training parents, professionals, and the community
- Outreach and services to child abuse victims and families

What is Child Abuse Prevention Month?

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The child abuse prevention and treatment act (CAPTA) was passed to ensure the welfare and safety of children.



Present Day Efforts

The month of April is nationally recognized throughout the United States. It's goal continues to be on raising awareness and creating prevention efforts. This is done through public awareness, community activities, and an annual flag raising ceremony.



What is Child Abuse?

Abuse is any form of emotional, psychological, and physical harm that can alter a child's life.

Four Types of Abuse:

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Neglect is when a child's basic needs are lacking or not provided. These elements can vary from food, shelter, and/or medical care.

Emotional abuse is willful cruelty or unjustified punishment. This includes inflicting or permitting physical pain, mental suffering, and/or endangerment of the child.

Physical abuse is the injury or harm of a child not inflicted by accident. This includes bruising, patterned marks, and/or multiple injuries at different stages of healing.

Sexual abuse is any sexual activity where an adult or older adolescent engages with a minor. This includes sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and sexual exposure.

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for more information**

Recognizing the Signs:

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***Disclaimer: This is not a list of all of the signs of child abuse. A single sign does not mean that abuse is happening, but it is important to pay attention to behaviors that can be unusual or concerning.**

Neglect can be exhibited in the form of frequent school absences, consistently dirty appearance and severe body odor, or when a child regularly states no one is home.

Emotional abuse can be shown as depression or suicidal thoughts, a child showing extremes in behavior, or when they struggle to form emotional bonds with peers/family members.

Physical abuse can be identified as changes in eating and sleeping, children exhibiting withdrawn or aggressive behavior, and shrinking at the approach of adults.

Sexual abuse can be displayed as bizarre, sophisticated, or unusual sexual knowledge/behavior, when a child attaches very quickly to strangers or new adults, or experiences bleeding, bruising, or swelling in their private parts.

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How to Report Child Abuse

National Child Abuse Hotline

**If you suspect a child is being
abused, please call or text 1-800-
4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)**

Riverside County
Hotline

(800) 442-4918



What Information is Needed to Report?

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It is helpful to have as much of the listed information as possible. Even if you do not have all the information on this list, please still report.

- Names and ages/dates of birth for the child and/or family
- Address for the child and/or family
- The issue that prompted the call and how the information was obtained
- Date(s) and description(s) of the injuries or dangers to the child
- Identities of perpetrator(s) and their relationship(s) to the victim
- Witnesses to the incident(s) and how they may be reached
- Details of any physical evidence available
- Alleged perpetrator's current access to the child
- Present condition of the child (alone, in need of medical attention, etc.)
- Any statements from the child

Please visit:
<https://rivcodpss.org/report-abuse/child-abuse>
for more information

Preventative Measures

Strategy	Approach
Create supportive programs to encourage positive parenting and caregiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent and caregiver participation in educational campaigns
Provide quality care and education early in life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check in with children and spending quality time
Strengthen parenting skills to better the child's development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication• Regulating feelings & understanding parenting style
Mediate to reduce potential harms and risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend parenting/child classes to learn more

Protective Factors

Factors	Purpose
Nurturing and attachment	Establishes a love and trusting relationship between child and caregiver
Knowledge of parent and child development	Caregivers learn to understand and adapt as their relationship with their child evolves as they grow up
Social and emotional competence of children	Caregivers model positive skills and provide a safe and secure environment for children
Parental Resilience	Building this skill promotes effective problem solving and stress management for the entire family unit
Concrete support for parents	Empowers caregivers to know they have a reliable support system
Social connections	Connectedness improves self esteem/confidence

Important Resources



Organization	Description	Contact
Family Service Association	<u>Child Abuse Treatment Program</u> <u>CHAT</u> : Provides individual therapy, family therapy, and case management.	CHAT Call Center: (951) 369-8036 For more info on services: www.fsaca.org/service-highlights
RUHS- Behavioral Health	<u>Children's Treatment Services</u> : For children with severe emotional and behavioral problems. Services include psychiatric evaluations, medication services, individual and family therapy, and case management services.	Parent Non-Crisis Support Line: (888) 358-3622 Parent Partners Program: (951) 358-5862 https://www.rcdmh.org/

Organization	Description	Contact
<p>Lutheran Social Services</p>	<p><u>Food Pantry:</u> Fresh and non-perishable food in cans/cartons, refrigerated meats, vegetables & dairy products. Agency also offers rental assistance, ID vouchers, transportation vouchers, and case management.</p>	<p>Call Center: (951) 689-7847</p> <p>rcinfo@LSSSC.org</p> <p>https://www.lsssc.org/location/riverside-county/</p>
<p>Operation SafeHouse</p>	<p><u>Housing:</u> Provides emergency shelter, intervention, and outreach services to runaway, homeless or other youth in crisis.</p>	<p>Call Center: (951) 351-4418</p> <p>24-hour Crisis Line 800-561-6944</p> <p>https://operationsafehouse.org/</p>
<p>SAFE Families Justice Center</p>	<p><u>Legal:</u> Provides advocacy and support services to individuals who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child/elder abuse, and services for at risk youth.</p>	<p>Call Center: (951) 955-6100</p> <p>https://safefjc.org/</p>

Resources Cont.

Organization	Description	Contact
Molina Healthcare	<p><u>Health Plan Coverage:</u> Health plan that provides caring, quality medical insurance to families.</p>	<p>Toll Free Line: (562) 499-6191 https://www.molinahealthcare.com</p>
Planned Parenthood	<p><u>Health Centers:</u> Provide preventative care, reproductive health</p>	<p>Call Center: 1-(888) 743-7562 https://www.plannedparenthood.org/</p>

Visit Connect IE for more information on free or reduced cost services at <https://www.connectie.org/>

For additional resources visit:





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