Child abuse, also called cruelty to children, is the willful infliction of pain and suffering on children through physical, sexual, or emotional mistreatment. Prior to the 1970s the term child abuse normally referred to only physical mistreatment, but since then its application has expanded to include, in addition to inordinate physical violence, unjustifiable verbal abuse; the failure to furnish proper shelter, nourishment, medical treatment, or emotional support; incest and other cases of sexual molestation or rape; and the use of children in prostitution or pornography.


Introductory Resources

- **Subject Introduction**

"The Dimensions of Maltreatment: Introduction"
Diana J. Englisha, Shrikant I. Bangdiwalab, and Desmond K. Runyanc
*Child Abuse & Neglect*, 29(5), May 2005, 441-460

Abstract:
This special issue includes an introduction and seven papers exploring dimensions of maltreatment including type, severity, chronicity, and substantiation status of referrals to CPS, utilizing a subsample of the LONGSCAN studies. Each paper examines one of the dimensions of maltreatment from various perspectives to determine if different conceptualizations of a dimension, examined in isolation, account for different amounts of variation in child outcomes. A final paper assesses the relationship of the combined maltreatment dimensions, including interactions, on a single sample of maltreated children from the LONGSCAN study. This final paper explores the individual contribution of the “best” conceptualizations of the maltreatment dimensions in relation to each other, and to the 10 child outcomes of interest. Implications of the findings from these papers for future research on dimensions of child maltreatment are discussed in two independent commentaries.

- **Reference Books**

*The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Child Development*
Brian Hopkins, ed.
Cambridge, UK; N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 2005
HQ767.9 .C352 2005
Resources in the APU University Libraries can be found by using the APOLIS2 online catalog.

- **Subject Headings & Call Number Ranges**
  - Abused Children: HV741
  - Adult Child Abuse Victims: RC569.5
  - Child Abuse: HV713, HV6626.5
  - Child Molesting: HQ72
  - Incest: RC560

- **Books**
  - *Healing the Child Within: Discovery and Recovery for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families*
    Charles L. Whitfield
    Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, 1987
    [RC569.5.C63 W47 1987](#)
  
  - *Child Abuse and Neglect: The School’s Response*
    Connie Burrows Horton
    New York, NY: Guilford, 2001
    [HV6626.5 .H67 2001](#)
  
  - *Child Abuse: Opposing Viewpoints*
    Jennifer Hurley, ed.
    San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 1999
    [HV6626.52 .C545 1999](#)
  
  - *Sexual Abuse: Pastoral Responses*
    Len Hedges-Goetti
    Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2004
    [BV4464.3 .H42 2004](#)
• **Media by Subject**

  Abused Children  
  Adult Child Abuse Victims  
  Child Abuse  
  Child Molesting  
  Incest

• **Subject Bibliographies**

  *Child Abuse and Neglect: An Annotated Bibliography*  
  Beatrice J. Kalisch  
  West Port, CT: Greenwood Press, 1978  
  Z7164.C5 K34

  *Child Abuse: An Annotated Bibliography*  
  Dorothy Pearl Wells  
  Z7164.C5 W37 1980

  *Resources for Early Childhood: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide for Educators, Librarians, Health Care Professionals, and Parents*  
  Hannah Nuba Scheffler  
  HQ767.9.S3 1983

• **Resources in Non-APU Libraries**

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  LINK+ is a single catalog for 40+ California libraries that have a cooperative borrowing and lending arrangement for books only. This service is for APU faculty, staff and students, and is free. Items usually come within 2-3 work days.

  **WorldCat**  
  WorldCat is a single catalog for hundreds of North American and international libraries. Books and other library resources may be requested from this catalog through the [Interlibrary Loan](#) service. This service is for APU faculty, staff and students, and costs $2.00 per item requested. Items usually come within 7-10 work days.

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• **Print Indexes**

*Education Index*
New York, NY: H.W. Wilson Company  
*Z5813 .E23*

*Social Sciences & Humanities Index*
New York, NY: H.W. Wilson  
*AI3 .R49*

*Social Sciences Index*
New York, NY: H.W. Wilson Company  
*AI3 .S62*

• **Databases**

  *Academic Search Premier*
  *Contemporary Women's Issues*
  *HAPI (Health and Psychosocial Instruments)*
  *ProQuest Research Library*
  *PsycARTICLES*
  *PsycCritiques*
  *PsycINFO*
  *SIRS Researcher*

• **Getting Journal Articles**

  *Periodical Finder*
  Sometimes while using a database, article records are found without any corresponding full-text article. Use Periodical Finder to see whether or not the article can be found in full-text in a different database. It can also be used to look up the full-text availability of items found in bibliographies.

  *Articles not at APU*
  If a journal article is unavailable in either the print journal collection or one of the online databases, it can be requested through the *interlibrary loan* service.
Find Internet Resources

- **Professional Organizations and/or Government Agency Websites**

  **Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Statistics and Interventions**
  Published by the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information of the Administration for Children & Families, this manual includes information on child abuse and fatalities due to illness and accidents and deaths due to physical assault or neglect. Intervention strategies and preventive services are included.

  **Child Abuse Prevention Association**
  This site includes brief coverage of this voluntary organization working towards the complete prevention of child abuse in Missouri, U.S. It also includes a history, services offered, and professional advice for parents.

  **Prevent Child Abuse America**
  PCAA is an Illinois, U.S.-based organization working towards prevention of child abuse and neglect. The site includes information on its programs, publications, and events. It also contains press releases.

- **Other Websites**

  **American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry: Child Sexual Abuse**
  This site provides extensive information on child protection. Discusses domestic violence, parental abduction, sex offenders, and Internet crimes. Also provides details of survivors and advocacy.

  **Ritual Abuse, Ritual Crime, and Healing**
  This site contains detailed information on this form of human rights abuse. It includes a collection of articles, a list of help centers, and a bibliography on related publications. The site also contains remedial tips for psychological problems and a photo gallery.

- **Free Online Journals**

  **Child Welfare Review**
  **Envision: The Manitoba Journal of Child Welfare**
  **The Future of Children**
  **PARENTtalk**

- **Blogs/RSS Feeds**

  Don’t have a feed reader? Try Google Reader (https://www.google.com/reader/) or Bloglines (http://www.bloglines.com/).

  **Child Abuse Survivor**
  Page: http://www.childabusesurvivor.net/
  Feed: http://www.childabusesurvivor.net/index.xml