Child Abuse

IT’S TIME WE STOPPED HIDING CHILD ABUSE.
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• 1 in every 58 children in the United States are abused every Year!!!!

• Three children die each day as a result of abuse or neglect in the United States. Children under five years of age account for 85% of these deaths.
Types of Child Abuse Include:

- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional
- Neglect
Recognizing Child Abuse:

**The Child:**

* Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance

* Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention

* Has learning problems (or difficulty concentrating) that cannot be attributed to specific physical or psychological causes

* Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen

* Lacks adult supervision

* Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn

* Comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home
**Signs of Neglect:**

* Is frequently absent from school

* Begs or steals food or money

* Lacks needed medical or dental care, immunizations, or glasses

* Is consistently dirty and has severe body odor

* Lacks sufficient clothing for the weather

* Abuses alcohol or other drugs

* States that there is no one at home to provide care
Signs Of Physical Abuse:

*Has unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones, or black eyes

*Has fading bruises or other marks noticeable after an absence from school

*Seems frightened of the parents and protests or cries when it is time to go home

*Shrinks at the approach of adults

*Reports injury by a parent or another adult caregiver
Signs Of Sexual Abuse:

* Has difficulty walking or sitting
* Suddenly refuses to change for gym or to participate in physical activities
* Reports nightmares or bedwetting
* Experiences a sudden change in appetite
* Demonstrates bizarre, sophisticated, or unusual sexual knowledge or behavior
* Becomes pregnant or contracts a venereal disease, particularly if under age 14
* Runs away
* Reports sexual abuse by a parent or another adult caregiver
*Shows extremes in behavior, such as overly compliant or demanding behavior, extreme passivity, or aggression

*Is either inappropriately adult (parenting other children, for example) or inappropriately infantile (frequently rocking or head-banging, for example)

*Is delayed in physical or emotional development

*Has attempted suicide

*Reports a lack of attachment to the parent
A Word Problem:

• According to the last census, there were 35,700 children living in Benton County under the age of 18. One out of four girls and one in every six boys will be sexually abused before 18. How many children have been sexually abused in Benton County according to these statistics?

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35,700 \times \frac{1}{4} = 8,925 \quad 35,700 \times 8,925 = 26,775 \quad 26,775 \times \frac{1}{6} = 4,462.5
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8,925 + 4,462.5 = 13,387.5 \text{ children have been sexually abused in Benton County}
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