

2018 Child Abuse and Neglect Training Factsheet

Must be completed by ALL 4-H Volunteers by April 16, 2018

(Read this factsheet and complete the attached questions)

Child Abuse & Neglect Defined

When a child has suffered or faces a substantial threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability or condition that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect. This also includes any conduct of a sexual nature that may be harmful to a minor's mental, emotional, or physical welfare.

Child Sexual Abuse Facts:

- 1 in 3 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 1 in 5 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 30% of sexual abuse is never reported.
- Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults (including assaults on adults) occur to children age 17 and under.
- 90% of child sexual abuse victims know the perpetrator in some way.
- 38% of the sexual abusers of boys are female.

(Statistics found on LaurensKids.org)



4 Types of Maltreatment

- **Neglect** - The failure of an adult to provide for a child's basic, educational, or medical needs: food, shelter, clothing, supervision, personal hygiene, education, lack of medical/dental care, abandonment
- **Emotional Abuse** - A pattern of harmful interactions between an adult and child
 - Criticizing
 - Belittling
 - Rejecting
 - Chronic acts that interfere with psychological and/or social development
- **Sexual Abuse** - When a person uses power and directly involves the child in any sexual act, involves the child in pornography, or forces the child to witness sexual acts. Any sexual activity with or inflicted on a child. The act may be for the sexual gratification of the perpetrator or a third party.
 - Age of consent in Ohio = 16
 - EXCEPT – Teachers, administrators, coaches, or anyone in a position of authority over the minor (defined as under age 18 in Ohio). The person in authority may be found guilty of sexual battery.
 - **Possible Signs of a Predator**
 - Offers to play games, give rides, buy treats or gifts, etc.
 - Always offers a sympathetic ear (“Your parents and friends don’t understand you? Well, I do.”)
 - Tries to fill a void in the child’s life
 - Is unusually protective of the child or severely limits the child’s contact with other children
 - Exhibits jealousy when youth would rather spend time with others
- **Physical Abuse** - Any physical injury inflicted other than by accidental means



- Considering Abuse vs Accident
 - Severity / Nature of Injury
 - Where is the injury?
 - What is the size and shape of the injury?
 - Does the story match the injury?
 - Is the injury consistent with child's abilities?
 - How many injuries does the child have?
 - How often is the child injured?
- A Parent May:
 - Appear disinterested
 - Fail to return calls/make appointments
 - Become angry and threatening/defensive
 - Refuse to discuss child's problem
 - Refer to child as different, bad, rotten, etc.
 - Be overly protective
- Indicators of Abuse or Neglect
 - Bruises, welts, suspicious marks
 - Suspicious burns / burn marks
 - Excessive sunburn, illness, bites, etc.
 - Child's behavior
 - Reluctance to change/participate
 - In pain
 - Hungry
 - Clothing / long sleeve shirts
 - Tired
 - Late to school



Required Reporting

- Must immediately report all incidents with 2 Calls:
 - **First Call:** 911 if child in life threatening or imminent danger OR non-life threatening call Washington Co Children Services: 740-373-3485
 - **Second Call:** OSU Police: 614-292-2121. Indicate you are an OSU Volunteer calling to report child abuse per Policy 1.50
 - **Then Contact:** OSU Extension at 740-376-7431
- Within 1 business day, file a report
 - complete the Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse, or Neglect Incident Report form
 - <http://go.osu.edu/150form>
 - volunteers should contact a county professional to complete & submit the form

Information Needed to Make a Report

- Name, age, address of the child(ren)
- Name and address of the parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Name of the person(s) you suspect is abusing or neglecting the child and their address if available
- The reason(s) you suspect abuse/neglect
- Note: all of the above information is not needed to make a report. If you are not sure you have enough information to report, always err on the safety of the child

Protecting Yourself – Volunteer and Staff should always abide by the following:

- Actively avoid being alone with a child.
- Always stay within view of other people.
- Never pat, brush against or touch a child anywhere near a private area.
- Never physically punish a child, even by ordering strenuous activity (such as push-ups).
- Never allow a child in a private staff area, including personal vehicles.
- Never discuss romantic life with a child (yours or theirs).
- Report ANY suspicious, inappropriate or uncomfortable activity immediately.



Annual OSU Extension Requirements

- 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Form with Signed Standards of Behavior
- Annual Policy 1.50 Training (Child Abuse/Neglect Recognition & Reporting)

Additional Resources

- Keep the enclosed reporting card in your purse or wallet for further reference
- Our 2017 training video is posted at <https://washington.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/washington-county-4-h-forms>

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4-H Volunteer Name: _____

1. At today's 4-H meeting, Billy showed up wearing a sweatshirt even though it was hot. He said his mom wasn't home when he left for school. Billy's clothes are often dirty and don't fit him well. After the meeting, you caught him stuffing extra snacks in his backpack. He said he needed to take them home for his brothers and sisters.

a) What type of abuse/neglect might this be? _____

b) List the indicators that you see:

c) What would you do?

2. You walk into the barn after a show at the county fair and overhear a conversation between Sarah and her mother. Sarah's mom says to her, "I don't know why we wasted all this money on your project. You never do anything right." Sarah's mother never seems happy with anything she does and often criticizes her, even in front of her friends.

a) What type of abuse/neglect might this be? _____

b) List the indicators that you see:

c) What would you do?

3. List four ways that you can protect yourself from false accusations of child maltreatment.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

(Continued on reverse side)



4. List the three steps that must be taken to report suspected abuse/neglect.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

5. The list below contains several statements that may or may not assist an adult in building a sense of trust with a child who has made a disclosure. Please circle all that will help the child who is telling you about maltreatment.

- a. Let the child tell you without interrogating or trying to get all the details.
- b. Tell the child the person who hurt them is bad and disgusting.
- c. Promise the child you won't tell anyone.
- d. Let your emotions show.
- e. Tell the child that you will have to tell someone who can help kids with these kinds of problems.
- f. Assume that the child is making up a story and take no action.
- g. Reassure the child that they did the right thing by telling you.

I have completed the 2018 Child Abuse and Neglect Training Factsheet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form to:

OSU Extension, Washington County
202 Davis Ave.
Marietta Ohio 45750

Deadline: April 16, 2018