





Child Abuse Prevention: An Overview




What is Prevention?

- The goal of prevention is to stop child abuse and neglect from ever happening.
 - Prevention is to support families and parents with the skills and resources they need.
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Why does Child Abuse occur?

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- Lack of knowledge of parenting skills
 - Financial or environmental stressors
 - Difficulty in relationships
 - Depression or other health problems
 - Substance abuse




Why does Child Abuse occur?

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- Unreasonable expectations of parents of developmental stages of child
 - Unaware of alternatives to corporal punishment
 - Lack of knowledge of health, hygiene and nutritional needs of children
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How is Child Abuse Prevented?

- Education for parents in:
 - Parenting skills
 - Discipline techniques
 - Developmental stages of children
 - Health and nutritional needs of children
 - Home visitation
 - Parent support groups
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