

CHILD ABUSE

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Summary

Today's men are the children of the old days also today's children are the men of the future.

Child abuse is an old phenomenon since Caffey has noticed it in 1962.

The exact incidence of child abuse is unknown owing to under-reporting. However, there are more than three million reports of suspected child abuse and 3,000 fatalities attributed to child abuse annually in the U.S.A., it has been estimated that each year 1.5% of children suffer from neglect and 1% of children are physically abused, two thirds of cases involve children under 3 years of age, with one third involving children under one year of age.

It is nowadays widely spread, also it grows up day by day and child are not the perpetrator of it but they are the victims of it.

Child abuse takes several forms, physical abuse targeting the body of the child, as hitting,, psychological abuse, neglecting essential needs of child and the disastrous sexual abuse.

WHO consider child abuse one of the common causes of children deaths, specially in the 1st 5 years of their life, as a result of misuse of children by parents physically abusing children, sexually abusing them, neglection or family deprivation.

The above mentioned causes lead to,depression,manic disturbance sleep problem,lowself esteem,fear,violence behaviour , aggression, nocturnal enuresis , other behavioural diseases as , destructive behaviour , rubbery , nervousness,.....

Also studies has shown that abuse lead to abuse and violence lead to violence and the child who has been abused in his former life seek to destruct when he grows up . Parents abusing their children are a result of what they had seen in their childhood.

So we must take care of children and provide them with all their needs either psychological ,social,specially family emotions, self confidence .sociality,to have well healthy child.