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(By appointment)

Child Protection Team is sponsored by the
Collier County Child Advocacy Council, Inc.,
State of Florida Department of Health,
State of Florida Office of the Attorney General
and the United Way of Collier County.



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CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

COLLIER COUNTY
CHILD ADVOCACY COUNCIL, INC.



CHILD NEGLECT

P HYSICAL CHILD NEGLECT is generally dangerous childrearing practices which usually occur over a period of time. It can be the simple neglect of the child's basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, or supervision, or it can be more serious and life-threatening, such as in Failure to Thrive, Cocaine-Addicted Infants, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, or in Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy which will be discussed in other pamphlets.

Neglectful families are often large families who may experience poverty due to unemployment, leading to marital disruption. Other psycho-social factors of neglectful families may be:

- Long-term parental illness, including mental illness
- Indifferent parental attitudes
- Lack of support systems/isolation
- Chaotic lifestyle of family members who may abuse drugs and/or alcohol

If you know a child who is being abused or neglected, call Florida Abuse Hotline

1-800-96-ABUSE

NEGLECTFUL PARENTS:

- Are apathetic.
- Crave excitement and change.
- Desire to be rid of child's demands.
- Lack interest in child's activities and needs.
- Lack organizational abilities to plan for the child for regular mealtimes and bedtime.
- Are frequently unkempt.
- Delay or fail to take child to medical appointments, including regular checkups.
- Use different doctors or hospitals for the child's medical care and often refuse diagnostic testing.
- Keep child confined to crib, playpen, or room for long periods of time.
- Lack understanding of the child's physical or emotional needs.
- Are overly critical of the child and have unrealistic expectations of the child.
- Ignore the child's crying and seldom look at or touch the child.

PHYSICAL INDICATORS

- Consistent hunger, poor hygiene, inappropriate dress
- Consistent lack of supervision, especially in dangerous activities or for long periods of time
- Unattended physical problems or medical needs
- Abandonment

BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS

- Begging, stealing food
- Constant fatigue, listlessness or falling asleep in class
- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Delinquency
- Child states there is no caretaker.

WHERE YOU CAN GET HELP OR MORE INFORMATION

- Call your pediatrician, local mental health agency or Department of Health for help.
- Report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Children & Families in the phone book under emergency numbers.
- Call the Child Protection Team for more information on child abuse and neglect.

