

# ABUSE RESEARCH

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## Child Abuse

Kugler BB, Bloom M, Kaercher LB, Truax TV, Storch EA.

### **Somatic symptoms in traumatized children and adolescents.**

Child Psychiatry Hum Dev. 2012 Oct;43(5):661-73. PMID: [22395849](#)

For 161 abused/neglected children in a residential treatment home, 95% had at least one somatic symptom (dizziness, sick to stomach, heart racing, short of breath, etc.). Degree of symptoms were highly correlated with anxiety, depression, PTSD and anger. Children with a history of sexual abuse were more symptomatic than other types of abuse.

Proctor LJ, Aarons GA, Dubowitz H, et. al.

### **Trajectories of maltreatment re-reports from ages 4 to 12: evidence for persistent risk after early exposure.**

Child Maltreat. 2012 Aug;17(3):207-17. PMID: [22723495](#)

Of 501 children reported to CPS before age 4, 67% we re-reported during follow-up, and 10% had continuous re-reports. Risk for maltreatment may persist 8-12 years after first report.

DeLago C, Finkel MA, Clarke C, Deblinger E.

### **Urogenital symptoms after sexual abuse vs irritant contact in premenarchal girls.**

J Pediatr Adolesc Gynecol. 2012 Oct;25(5):334-9. PMID: [22980412](#)

For female children with urogenital symptoms, those with a history of sexual abuse (vs. irritant exposure) were more likely to use negative terms in describing symptoms, to say that the symptoms bothered their body and their feelings, and to have associated urinary discomfort.

McKenzie K, Scott DA.

### **Using routinely collected hospital data for child maltreatment surveillance: issues, methods and patterns.**

BMC Public Health. 2011 Jan 5;11:7. PMID: [21208410](#)

From one year of Australian child hospitalization data, the largest abuse category for males was physical abuse (62.6%) while for females it was sexual abuse (52.9%).

Hoofst A, Ronda J, Schaeffer P, Asnes AG, Leventhal JM.

### **Identification of physical abuse cases in hospitalized children: accuracy of International Classification of Diseases codes.**

J Pediatr. 2013 Jan;162(1):80-5. PMID: [22854329](#)

Comparing child abuse cases seen by a child abuse pediatrician during a 3 year period and subsequent chart coding, only 77% of coding reflected the known child abuse. Of the missing charts, half were due to errors in physician documentation, and half in coding errors. Authors suggest databases may be under-reporting child abuse.

## Adult Manifestations of Child Abuse

Chapman DP, Liu Y, Presley-Cantrell LR, et. al.

### **Adverse childhood experiences and frequent insufficient sleep in 5 U.S. States, 2009: a retrospective cohort study.**

BMC Public Health. 2013 Jan 3;13:3. PMID: [23286392](#)

In a random phone survey adverse childhood experiences (ACE) were significantly associated with insufficient sleep, with 2.5 times increased risk for those with an ACE score of 5 or more.

Norman RE, Byambaa M, De R, Butchart A, Scott J, Vos T.

### **The long-term health consequences of child physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect: a systematic review and meta-analysis.**

PLoS Med. 2012;9(11):e1001349. PMID: [23209385](#)

In a review of decades of research, child physical or emotional abuse or neglect were associated with adult depression, suicidality, drug use, sexually transmitted infections, and risky sexual behavior.

Lacelle C, Hébert M, Lavoie F, Vitaro F, Tremblay RE.

### **Child sexual abuse and women's sexual health.**

J Child Sex Abus. 2012 Sep;21(5):571-92. PMID: [22994694](#)

From a Canadian survey, 889 victims of child sexual abuse were at greater risk of more adverse sexual outcomes, including risky sexual behaviors, sexual problems, and negative sexual self-concept.

Afifi TO, Henriksen CA, Asmundson GJ, Sareen J.  
**Childhood maltreatment and substance use disorders among men and women in a nationally representative sample.**

Can J Psychiatry. 2012 Nov;57(11):677-86. PMID: [23149283](#)  
In this national Canadian study (34,653 adults) all types of childhood maltreatment were associated with increased risk of substance use disorders – the paper analyzes each abuse type by drug and by gender.

Sugaya L, Hasin DS, Olfson M, Lin KH, Grant BF, Blanco C.  
**Child physical abuse and adult mental health.**

J Trauma Stress. 2012 Aug;25(4):384-92. PMID: [22806701](#)  
Using data from a national cross-sectional survey, child physical abuse was associated with many adult mental health issues, especially attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, PTSD, and bipolar disorder in a dose-response relationship.

Chou KL.  
**Childhood sexual abuse and psychiatric disorders in middle-aged and older adults.**

J Clin Psychiatry. 2012 Nov;73(11):e1365-71. PMID: [23218165](#)  
Forrom 3493 British adults aged 50 and older, a history of childhood sexual abuse was associated with an increased risk of a wide variety of mental health disorders, eating disorders, PTSD, suicidality, and psychiatric hospitalization.

Easton SD.  
**Understanding adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and their relationship to adult stress among male survivors of childhood sexual abuse.**

J Prev Interv Community. 2012;40(4):291-303. PMID: [22970782](#)  
From an anonymous online survey, men who had experienced childhood sexual abuse were more likely to have had other adverse childhood experiences and adult stressors. This population “represents a highly stigmatized, marginalized, and under-researched population at risk for a variety of problems across the lifespan.”

Gouin JP, Glaser R, Malarkey WB, Kiecolt-Glaser JK.  
**Childhood abuse and inflammatory responses to daily stressors.**

Ann Behav Med. 2012 Oct;44(2):287-92. PMID: [22714139](#)  
In this Canadian study of 130 older adults, those who experienced multiple daily stressors and who had a history of child abuse had IL-6 levels (a blood marker of inflammation) 2.35 times greater than those with multiple daily stressors but no early abuse history.

Mair C, Cunradi CB, Todd M.  
**Adverse childhood experiences and intimate partner violence: testing psychosocial mediational pathways among couples.**

Ann Epidemiol. 2012 Dec;22(12):832-9. PMID: [23084843](#)  
Of 1861 couples from 50 California cities, male and female partners with adverse childhood experiences were more likely to express depression, anxiety, and impulsivity. These qualities were in turn variously correlated with increased risk of IPV perpetration or victimization.

## Adolescents

Rothman EF, Stuart GL, Winter M, et. al.  
**Youth alcohol use and dating abuse victimization and perpetration**

J Interpers Violence. 2012 Oct;27(15):2959-79. PMID: [22550149](#)  
In data collection from 397 young adult emergency department patients, dating perpetration and victimization were both 1.5 – 2 times more likely on heavy alcohol drinking days.

Shorey RC, Temple JR, Febres J, et. al.  
**The consequences of perpetrating psychological aggression in dating relationships.**

J Interpers Violence. 2012 Oct;27(15):2980-98. PMID: [22550148](#)  
115 female college students describe various positive feelings as a consequence of their emotional abuse against a dating partner, serving to reinforce this behavior.

## Domestic Violence – Effects on Children

Graham-Bermann SA, Castor LE, Miller LE, Howell KH.  
**The impact of intimate partner violence and additional traumatic events on trauma symptoms and PTSD in preschool-aged children.**

J Trauma Stress. 2012 Aug;25(4):393-400. PMID: [22833455](#)  
For 120 preschool children exposed to IPV, 38% experienced additional traumatic events, serious accidents and/or life-threatening illnesses. Those exposed to multiple traumas had higher rates of PTSD and behavior problems. “Results revealed the importance of conducting a complete assessment of traumatic events prior to treating children exposed to IPV.”

Barnes JC, Teneyck M, Boutwell BB, Beaver KM.

**Indicators of domestic/intimate partner violence are structured by genetic and nonshared environmental influences.**

J Psychiatr Res. 2013 Mar;47(3):371-6. PMID: [23168137](#)

Using twin data (462 identical twins and 721 non-identical twins) from an ongoing almost 20 year national adolescent health study, authors conclude that genetic factors account for 24% of hitting one's partner, 54% of injuring one's partner, and 51% of forcing sexual activity.

## Domestic Violence – Physical Health

Paranjape A, Kaslow N.

**Family violence exposure and health outcomes among older African American women: do spirituality and social support play protective roles?**

J Womens Health (Larchmt). 2010 Oct;19(10):1899-904.

PMID: [20831432](#)

For 212 older African American women, family violence was associated with poor health, however both spirituality and social support improved health status.

Caldas IM, Grams AC, Afonso A, Magalhães T.

**Oral injuries in victims involving intimate partner violence.**

Forensic Sci Int. 2012 Sep 10;221(1-3):102-5. PMID:

[22565112](#)

Of 332 female Portuguese victims of DV, 13.4% sustained oral injuries. The majority were soft tissue injuries; some women developed permanent pain or chewing difficulties.

## Domestic Violence – Mental Health

Janssen PA, Heaman MI, Urquia ML, et. al.

**Risk factors for postpartum depression among abused and nonabused women.**

Am J Obstet Gynecol. 2012 Dec;207(6):489.e1-8. PMID:

[23063016](#)

Using data from a Canadian telephone survey of 6421 women 5-10 months after giving birth, postpartum depression was 3.28-4.76 times more likely in women with a history of perinatal abuse.

Fleming KN, Newton TL, Fernandez-Botran R, et. al.

**Intimate partner stalking victimization and posttraumatic stress symptoms in post-abuse women.**

Violence Against Women. 2012 Dec;18(12):1368-89. PMID: [23419275](#)

For 192 past victims of IPV, a history of stalking accompanied by fear and threat was correlated with increased severity of PTSD symptoms.

## Cultural Issues

Andersen JP, Blosnich J.

**Disparities in Adverse Childhood Experiences among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Adults.**

PLoS One. 2013;8(1):e54691. PMID: [23372755](#)

Based on survey data from Maine, Washington, and Wisconsin from over 22,000 individuals, gay/lesbian adults were 1.66 times more likely and bisexual adults were 1.58 times more likely to have experienced adverse childhood events.

Du Mont J, Hyman I, O'Brien K, et. al.

**Factors associated with intimate partner violence by a former partner by immigration status and length of residence in Canada.**

Ann Epidemiol. 2012 Nov;22(11):772-7. PMID: [23041655](#)

From a Canadian national telephone survey, IPV rate by groups were: immigrant women in Canada for 0-19 years 41.6%; immigrant women for 20 or more years 60.6%; Canadian-born women 61.5%.

## Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

Khalifeh H, Howard LM, Osborn D, Moran P, Johnson S.

**Violence against People with Disability in England and Wales.**

PLoS One. 2013;8(2):e55952. PMID: [23437079](#)

From a British national cross-sectional survey of over 44,398 adults, 13.9% had a non-mental health disability, and were 1.8 times more likely to have been a victim of violence in the past year (equal domestic and non-domestic violence).

McGarry J, Simpson C.

**Improved safeguarding of older people through inter-agency learning.**

Nurs Older People. 2012 Dec;24(10):14-8. PMID: [23301409](#)  
UK authors suggest improved care of elders through clarification of concepts of elder abuse and education across professional and agency boundaries.

## Perpetrators

Parkinson PN, Oates RK, Jayakody AA.

**Child sexual abuse in the Anglican Church of Australia.**

J Child Sex Abus. 2012 Sep;21(5):553-70. PMID: [22994693](#)  
Group analysis of cases of childhood sexual abuse against the Anglican church of Australia.

Levesque DA, Ciavatta MM, Castle PH, et. al.

**Evaluation of a Stage-Based, Computer-Tailored Adjunct to Usual Care for Domestic Violence Offenders.**

Psychol Violence. 2012 Oct 1;2(4):368-684. PMID: [23412627](#)  
In a controlled study of 492 male DV perpetrators attending court-mandated batterer treatment, those who also received "Journey to Change", a 3 session computer-administered treatment program, were significantly more likely to be in the Action stage at the end of treatment, and less likely to engage in physical violence during 12 month follow-up.

## Police and Court System

Durfee A, Messing JT.

**Characteristics related to protection order use among victims of intimate partner violence.**

Violence Against Women. 2012 Jun;18(6):701-10. PMID: [22831846](#)  
In this study the strongest predictor of having a PO was contact with police or a medical professional.

## Providers

Pietrantonio AM, Wright E, Gibson KN, et. al.

**Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect: Crafting a positive process for health professionals and caregivers.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2013 Feb;37(2-3):102-9. PMID: [23337443](#)  
Practical advice on how to structure a discussion with parents/caregivers about mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse.

Haeseler LA.

**Themes of coping in the spectrum of domestic violence abuse: a review of the literature.**

J Evid Based Soc Work. 2013 Jan;10(1):25-32. PMID: [23368992](#)  
Discussion of the spectrum of women's coping with IPV including psychological, economic, education, family and childcare factors. Suggestions are provided to improve service utilization.

Haeseler LA.

**Improving service practices: collaborative care for women of abuse.**

J Evid Based Soc Work. 2013 Jan;10(1):10-8. PMID: [23368990](#)  
Because victims of DV require multifaceted complex care, authors discuss an inter-disciplinary systems-based approach with improved cooperation and coordination of care providers.

Pinzon JL, Jones VF; COMMITTEE ON ADOLESCENCE; COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD.

**Care of adolescent parents and their children.**

Pediatrics. 2012 Dec;130(6):e1743-56. PMID: [23184113](#)  
Discussion of the medical and psychosocial issues of teenage pregnancy, including IPV and child abuse, with promising interventions and recommendations for pediatricians and other providers.

Mayer LM, Thursby E.

**Adolescent parents and their children: a multifaceted approach to prevention of adverse childhood experiences (ACE).**

J Prev Interv Community. 2012;40(4):304-12. PMID: [22970783](#)  
Another article looking at promising practices to reduce adverse childhood experiences in teen parents and their children.

Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

**Committee Opinion No. 547: Health care for women in the military and women veterans.**

Obstet Gynecol. 2012 Dec;120(6):1538-42. PMID: [23168794](#)  
This report discusses the unique risks to women's reproductive health from military service, including PTSD, IPV, and military sexual trauma.

Chanmugam A, Hall K.

**Safety planning with children and adolescents in domestic violence shelters.**

Violence Vict. 2012;27(6):831-48. PMID: [23393948](#)  
Summary of suggestions for developmentally appropriate safety planning directly with children in DV shelters, who may interact with their abusive parent on leaving the shelter.

Douglas EM, Hines DA, McCarthy SC.

**Men who sustain female-to-male partner violence: factors associated with where they seek help and how they rate those resources.**

Violence Vict. 2012;27(6):871-94. PMID: [23393951](#)

302 men who sustained IPV from female partners rate their experiences of help from DV agencies, hotlines, internet, mental health professionals, medical providers and police. Men who sought help were more likely to have children at home and to have a higher education level; commonly they were told “we only help women”, or were referred to batterer intervention, or were arrested.

Narula A, Agarwal G, McCarthy L.

**Intimate partner violence: patients' experiences and perceptions in family practice.**

Fam Pract. 2012 Oct;29(5):593-600. PMID: [22327416](#)

From interviews with 10 family practice female patients who had experienced IPV, the women were not aware of family doctors' interest in issues aside from physical health, and had not disclosed abuse due to fear of being judged, not believed, and consequences from their abuser.

Yeung H, Chowdhury N, Malpass A, Feder GS.

**Responding to domestic violence in general practice: a qualitative study on perceptions and experiences.**

Int J Family Med. 2012;2012:960523. PMID: [23259062](#)

A group of British GPs and nurses reported the usual barriers to IPV inquiry, but also noted that a longstanding patient relationship was both a barrier and a facilitator to disclosure.

## Researchers

Scheeringa MS, Myers L, Putnam FW, Zeanah CH.

**Diagnosing PTSD in early childhood: an empirical assessment of four approaches.**

J Trauma Stress. 2012 Aug;25(4):359-67. PMID: [22806831](#)

Four diagnostic criteria sets for PTSD were examined in 284 3-6 year old trauma-exposed children, including DSM-IV and proposed DSM-V, analyzing misclassifications. [DSM V to be released May 2013]

Ansara DL, Hindin MJ.

**Exploring gender differences in the patterns of intimate partner violence in Canada.**

J Epidemiol Community Health. 2010 Oct;64(10):849-54. PMID: [19833606](#)

Detailed analysis of a Canadian database revealed multiple patterns of violence and control experienced by men and women, however “only

women experienced a severe and chronic pattern of violence and control involving high levels of fear and injury.”

Hall J, Porter L, Longhi D, Becker-Green J, Dreyfus S.

**Reducing adverse childhood experiences (ACE) by building community capacity: a summary of Washington Family Policy Council research findings.**

J Prev Interv Community. 2012;40(4):325-34. PMID: [22970785](#)

This study demonstrates the strong impact of the ability of community public health and safety networks to reduce health and safety problems for the entire community by seeking to reduce adverse childhood experiences.

Paranal R, Washington Thomas K, Derrick C.

**Utilizing online training for child sexual abuse prevention: benefits and limitations.**

J Child Sex Abus. 2012 Sep;21(5):507-20. PMID: [22994690](#)

Analysis of the impact of an online child abuse prevention training from a participant perspective, “providing recommendations and lessons learned for practitioners and researchers who want to utilize and assess online prevention trainings.”

## Other of Interest

Hom KA, Woods SJ.

**Trauma and its aftermath for commercially sexually exploited women as told by front-line service providers.**

Issues Ment Health Nurs. 2013 Feb;34(2):75-81. PMID: [23369118](#)

This qualitative research study on experiences of survivors of sex trafficking, with average age of recruitment 11-14, explores themes of pimp-enculturation with recruitment, entrapment, and the trauma bond; the aftermath of PTSD, shame and depression; and healing via understanding, autonomy, and reintegration into society.

Arluke A.

**Interpersonal barriers to stopping animal abuse: exploring the role of adolescent friendship norms and breeches.**

J Interpers Violence. 2012 Oct;27(15):2939-58. PMID: [22550151](#)

From interviews with 25 adolescents who were silent bystanders to animal abuse, friendship norms were significant barriers to intervention or reporting to adults. Authors discuss education of adolescent bystanders to animal abuse.

Sweetnam S.

**Where do you think domestic abuse hurts most?**

Violence Against Women. 2013 Jan;19(1):133-8. PMID: [23420834](#)

First person account of lack of insight while involved with IPV.

Beck VS, Boys S, Rose C, Beck E.

**Violence against women in video games: a prequel or sequel to rape myth acceptance?**

J Interpers Violence. 2012 Oct;27(15):3016-31. PMID: [22550147](#)

In this exploratory study of 141 college students, a video game depicting sexual objectification of and violence against women resulted in statistically significant increased rape-supportive attitudes for males but not females.

Reilly JM, Gravdal JA.

**An ecological model for family violence prevention across the life cycle.**

Fam Med. 2012 May;44(5):332-5. PMID: 23027115  
<http://www.stfm.org/fmhub/fm2012/May/Jo%20Marie332.pdf>

Kagi R, Regala D.

**Translating the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study into public policy: progress and possibility in Washington State.**

J Prev Interv Community. 2012;40(4):271-7. PMID: [22970780](#)

In 2011 Washington became the first state in the United States to “enact legislation aimed at preventing adverse childhood experiences (ACE), reducing their prevalence, and mitigating their effects.” Article discusses policies aimed at integrating ACE-related research with community capacity and public policy.

Gillespie LK, Richards TN, Givens EM, Smith MD.

**Framing Deadly Domestic Violence: Why the Media's Spin Matters in Newspaper Coverage of Femicide.**

Violence Against Women. 2013 Feb;19(2):222-45. PMID: [23420837](#)

Exploration of how media spins femicide by mentioning DV or not.

