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## Child Abuse

Campeau A, Qadri S, Barakat F, et. al.

### **At-a-glance - The Child Maltreatment Surveillance Indicator Framework.**

Health Promot Chronic Dis Prev Can. 2020 Feb;40(2):58-61. PMID: [32049467](#)

“The Public Health Agency of Canada presents available data on child maltreatment outcomes and risk and protective factors at the individual, family, community and societal level. [Full text and Table of Indicators.](#)”

Brown ECB, Garrison MM, Bao H, et. al.

### **Assessment of Rates of Child Maltreatment in States With Medicaid Expansion vs States Without Medicaid Expansion.**

JAMA Netw Open. 2019 Jun 5;2(6):e195529. PMID: [31199444](#)

“The 2014 Medicaid expansion, in which several states opted to expand their Medicaid programs, is associated with parental financial stability and access to mental health care.” In this study of documented child physical abuse or neglect from 2010 to 2016, those states that expanded the Medicaid program showed reduced rates of child physical neglect but not child physical abuse.

Vanderminden J, Hamby S, David-Ferdon C, et. al.

### **Rates of neglect in a national sample: Child and family characteristics and psychological impact.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:256-265. PMID: [30544033](#)

From national telephone surveys, “More than 1 in 17 U.S. children (6.07%) experienced some form of neglect in the past year, and more than 1 in 7 (15.14%) experienced neglect at some point in their lives. Supervisory neglect, due to parental incapacitation or parental absence, was most common. All types of neglect were associated with increased trauma symptoms and suicidal ideation (for 10-17 year olds), and several were associated with increased risk of underage alcohol and illicit drug use.

Eastman AL, Putnam-Hornstein E.

### **An examination of child protective service involvement among children born to mothers in foster care.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:317-325. PMID: [30554123](#)

Using California linked databases of teens who gave birth while in foster care and follow up of their children to age 3, overall 53% of children born to mothers in care were reported to CPS for maltreatment.

Rebbe R, Mienko JA, Brown E, Rowhani-Rahbar A.

### **Child protection reports and removals of infants diagnosed with prenatal substance exposure.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:28-36. PMID: [30445334](#)

Of 760,863 children born in Washington State between 2006 and 2013, prevalence of prenatal substance exposure (PSE) was 8.1% of Native American, 2.8% of black, 1.9% of white, and 0.8% of Hispanic births. Opioids were the most common type at 48.2%. The majority of PSE infants (86.7%) were not removed by CPS.

Petska HW, Porada K, Nugent M, Simpson P, Sheets LK.

### **Occult drug exposure in young children evaluated for physical abuse: An opportunity for intervention.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:412-419. PMID: [30605795](#)

In a study of children age 2 weeks to 6 years evaluated for suspected physical abuse by a tertiary referral center Child Protection Team, 7.9% tested positive for drug exposure, mostly cocaine and non-prescribed pharmaceuticals.

Sivasundaram L, Trivedi NN, Gatta J, et. al.

### **Demographics and Risk Factors for Non-Accidental Orthopedic Trauma.**

Clin Pediatr (Phila). 2019 Jun;58(6):618-626. PMID: [30773927](#)

In a review of 174,442 children hospitalized for fractures, 2.07% were due to non-accidental trauma (NAT). “Lower extremity (femur, tibia/fibula, foot), hand/carpus, clavicle, pelvis, and spine fractures were more likely to result from NAT; tibia/fibula fractures were most predictive of NAT. Children with anxiety, attention-deficit, conduct, developmental, and mood disorders were more likely to experience NAT. Those with cerebral palsy and autism were not at an increased risk for NAT.”

Goodman EA, Goodpasture M.

### Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination After Pediatric Sexual Abuse Evaluations in the Outpatient Child Sexual Abuse Subspecialty Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project.

J Forensic Nurs. 2020 Jan/Mar;16(1):16-21. PMID: [31567656](#)  
Barriers to a quality improvement project focused on increasing HPV vaccination relating to a child sexual abuse evaluation included “high appointment no-show rates, high social and medical visit complexity, and absence of an appropriate consenting caretaker.”

Newton AW, Caruso PA, Ebb DH, Linder G.

### Case 5-2020: A 32-Day-Old Male Infant with a Fall.

N Engl J Med. 2020 Feb 13;382(7):656-664. PMID: [32053303](#)

Extensive case report and evaluation of a potential child abuse patient, including pros and cons of a comprehensive differential diagnosis with pathology input; basically an example of a full child abuse consultation.

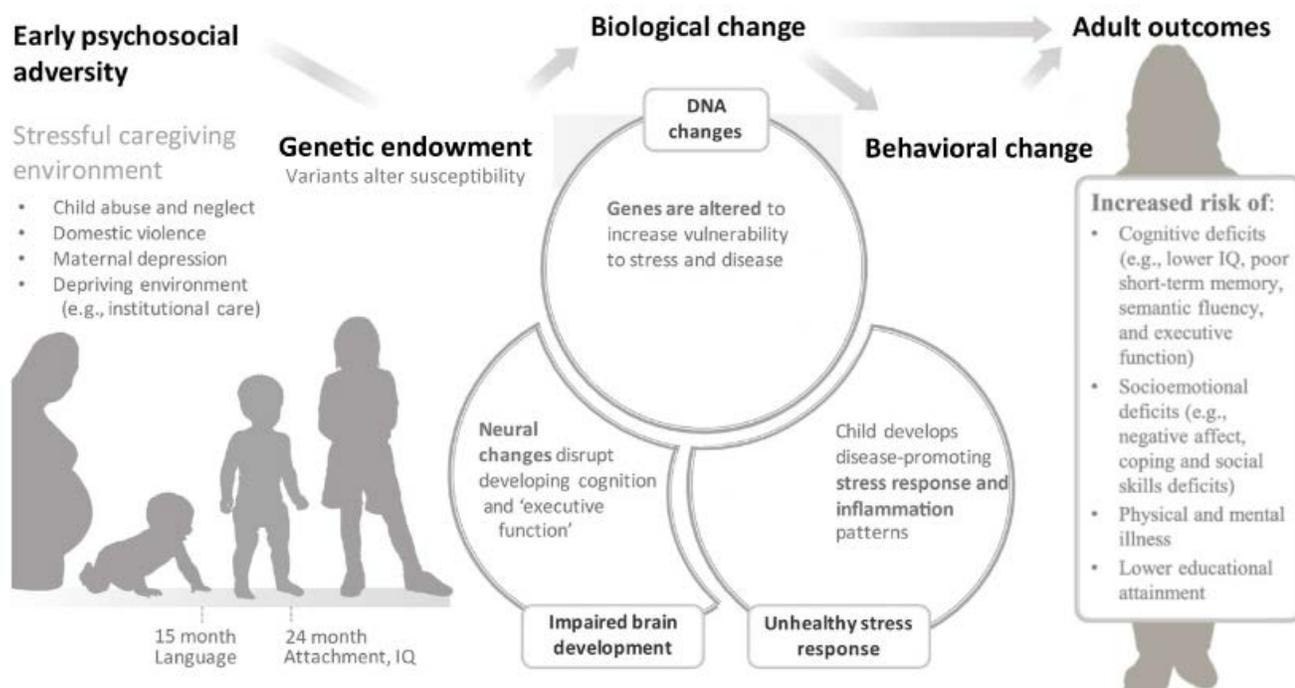
## Adult Manifestations of Child Abuse

Nelson CA 3rd, Gabard-Durnam LJ.

### Early Adversity and Critical Periods: Neurodevelopmental Consequences of Violating the Expectable Environment.

Trends Neurosci. 2020 Mar;43(3):133-143. PMID: [32101708](#)

Detailed analysis of the neurodevelopment of children exposed to ACEs, considered a “violation of the expectable environment”.



Juruena MF, Eror F, Cleare AJ, Young AH.

### The Role of Early Life Stress in HPA Axis and Anxiety.

Adv Exp Med Biol. 2020;1191:141-153. PMID: [32002927](#)  
This review examines the emerging literature on the relationship between early life stress, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis function (= stress hormones), generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, and phobias.

Gouin JP, Paquin C, Wrosch C, McGrath J, Arbour N, Booij L.

### Marital quality and inflammation: The moderating role of early life adversity.

Health Psychol. 2020 Jan;39(1):58-67. PMID: [31512924](#)

Research has shown that positive marital quality is usually associated with lower chronic low-grade inflammation. However, for 168 partnered middle-aged women, and independent of current chronic stress, the presence of early life adversity negated this benefit.

White BA, West KJ, Fuller-Thomson E.

**Is exposure to family member incarceration during childhood linked to diabetes in adulthood? Findings from a representative community sample.**

SAGE Open Med. 2020 Feb 5;8:2050312120905165. PMID: [32076551](#)

In a large Canadian survey of adults aged 40 and older; and after controlling for sociodemographics, health behaviors, healthcare access, and childhood risk factors; men (but not women) who had been exposed to family member incarceration during childhood were 1.64 times more likely to have adult diabetes.

Lemieux S, Tourigny M, Joly J, Baril K, Séguin M.

**[Characteristics associated with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder among childhood sexual abuse women].** Article in French

Rev Epidemiol Sante Publique. 2019 Sep;67(5):285-294. PMID: [31353238](#)

Of 479 Canadian women who had experienced childhood sexual abuse, "More than half of these women reported at least one other form of childhood maltreatment, 30% of them presented with post-traumatic disorder and 40% suffered from depression in adulthood...These results confirm the need to consider the cumulative effects of various childhood adversity factors in the psychosocial assessment of sexually abused women in early life."

Tani Y, Fujiwara T, Kondo K.

**Association Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Dementia in Older Japanese Adults.**

JAMA Netw Open. 2020 Feb 5;3(2):e1920740. PMID: [32031646](#)

Of 17,412 Japanese adults mean age 73.5 years, having 3 or more ACEs was associated with 1.78 times increased dementia risk, despite adjusting for age, sex, childhood economic hardship, nutritional environment, education, sociodemographic characteristics, social relationships, health behavior, and health status.

## Adolescents

Rome ES, Miller E.

**Intimate Partner Violence in the Adolescent.**

Pediatr Rev. 2020 Feb;41(2):73-80. PMID: [32005684](#)

"IPV and reproductive coercion are common among adolescents and young adults, and clinic-based interventions using universal education about healthy and unhealthy relationships can have a positive effect on patients."

### TABLE. Potential Signs of Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences, Including Intimate Partner Violence

**Internalizing behaviors:**

Depression

Suicidal ideation

Anxiety

Withdrawal

Somatic complaints (chronic abdominal pain, headaches, etc)

Poor sleep

School avoidance

Disordered eating: both overeating and food restriction

**Externalizing behaviors:**

Attention problems

Academic underachievement

Aggressive behavior at school, at home, or in the community

Rule-breaking behaviors

Difficulty forming and maintaining stable relationships with peers

Bullying behaviors

Substance abuse

Sexual health behaviors such as early-onset sexual activity, multiple partners, difficulty negotiating partner condom use

Czechowski K, Courtice EL, Samosh J, et. al.

**"That's not what was originally agreed to": Perceptions, outcomes, and legal contextualization of non-consensual condom removal in a Canadian sample.**

PLoS One. 2019 Jul 10;14(7):e0219297. PMID: [31291320](#)

From an online survey of Canadian college undergraduates, of those engaging in sexual intercourse with a male partner using an external condom, 18.7% reported non-consensual condom removal (NCCR). The majority reported this as a negative experience (wrong and a betrayal of trust) and included for some contracting a sexually-transmitted infection or unplanned pregnancy.

Cohen JR, McNeil SL, Shorey RC, Temple JR.

**Maltreatment subtypes, depressed mood, and anhedonia: A longitudinal study with adolescents.**

Psychol Trauma. 2019 Oct;11(7):704-712. PMID: [30589315](#)

From a study including 673 diverse adolescents, both childhood emotional abuse and neglect predicted levels of depressed mood, whereas only emotional neglect predicted levels of anhedonia (inability to feel pleasure). Physical and sexual abuse did not predict depressive symptoms after accounting for emotional abuse and neglect. There were no differential findings re: sex and race.

## Domestic Violence – Effects on Children

Paat YF, Markham C.

### **The Roles of Family Factors and Relationship Dynamics on Dating Violence Victimization and Perpetration Among College Men and Women in Emerging Adulthood.**

J Interpers Violence. 2019 Jan;34(1):81-114. PMID: [27021738](#)

From a large study of US college students, those who experienced childhood neglect or having witnessed DV at home were significantly more likely to experience dating violence victimization and perpetration.

## Domestic Violence – Physical Health

Zark L, Hammond SM, Williams A, Pilgrim JL.

### **Family violence in Victoria, Australia: a retrospective case-control study of forensic medical casework.**

Int J Legal Med. 2019 Sep;133(5):1537-1547. PMID: [30684004](#)

From an Australia forensic center comparing 143 family violence victims to other victimization matched controls (97.2% female), family violence victims had significantly higher odds of reporting a history of violence victimization, current pregnancy, to have had the violence occur in the victim's home with the use of weapons(s), to involve physical and/or sexual assault with significantly more physical injuries, and to sustain trauma to the neck.

Murphy L, Read D, Brennan M, Ward L, McDermott K.

### **Burn injury as a result of interpersonal violence in the Northern Territory Top End.**

Burns. 2019 Aug;45(5):1199-1204. PMID: [30819411](#)

7.4% of admissions to a regional Australia/New Zealand burn service were related to IPV. IPV burn victims were 2.3 times more likely to be female than those with non-IPV burns, with scalding the most common mechanism. 19% had incomplete burn care through self-discharge, and 20% had no documented inpatient psychosocial support.

## Domestic Violence – Mental Health

Meyer EC, Kotte A, Kimbrel NA, et. al.

### **Predictors of lower-than-expected posttraumatic symptom severity in war veterans: The influence of personality, self-reported trait resilience, and psychological flexibility.**

Behav Res Ther. 2019 Feb;113:1-8. PMID: [30553859](#)

Among 254 war Veterans, those with lower than predicted PTSD symptoms and functional impairment showed psychological flexibility – “the ability to stay in contact with the present moment regardless of unpleasant thoughts, feelings, and bodily sensations, while choosing one's behaviors based on the situation and personal values...Trauma survivors may benefit from interventions that bolster psychological flexibility.”

## Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

Mileski M, Lee K, Bourquard C, et. al.

### **Preventing The Abuse Of Residents With Dementia Or Alzheimer's Disease In The Long-Term Care Setting: A Systematic Review.**

Clin Interv Aging. 2019 Oct 22;14:1797-1815. PMID: [31695349](#)

From a research review, “there is an increasing rate of abuse in the long-term care setting, specifically for those individuals with either dementia or Alzheimer's. Common causes and risk factors leading to this abuse include poor training, negative working conditions, poor screening for prior abuse of dementia or Alzheimer's symptoms, and the apathy or bad attitudes of staff...attributes to combating abuse of this population are proper education, positive working conditions, and good screening/assessment practices.”

Meyer K, Yonashiro-Cho J, Gassoumis ZD, et. al.

### **What Can Elder Mistreatment Researchers Learn About Primary Prevention From Family Violence Intervention Models?**

Gerontologist. 2019 Jul 16;59(4):601-609. PMID: [29190372](#)

“Drawing on evidence-based best practices found in other fields of family violence, we identify approaches that could be tested to prevent elder maltreatment (EM) at the hands of family caregivers, who are among the most likely to commit mistreatment. Specifically, we examine home visiting approaches primarily used in the child maltreatment field and identify components that have potential to inform EM interventions, including prevention.”

Blundell B, Warren A.

**Reviewing the extent of rural and remote considerations in elder abuse policy: A scoping review.**

Aust J Rural Health. 2019 Aug;27(4):351-357. PMID: [31429142](#)

Australian authors point out lack of elder abuse policy in rural and remote communities. Distinct features of this concern include geographical isolation, lack of access to services and transportation, confidentiality and privacy issues, and the need for culturally sensitive approaches for indigenous peoples.

Burnes D, Breckman R, Henderson CR, Lachs MS, Pillemer K.  
**Utilization of Formal Support Services for Elder Abuse: Do Informal Supporters Make a Difference?**

Gerontologist. 2019 Jul 16;59(4):619-624. PMID: [29931094](#)

From a survey of adults in New York State, while elder abuse (EA) victims who lived with their perpetrator were significantly less likely to use formal support services, those who had a concerned person in their personal life were significantly more likely to use formal EA support service. "Third-party concerned persons represent a critical population to target in efforts designed to promote EA victim help-seeking."

Campbell RJ, Gross E, Lichtenberg PA.

**Cross-validation of the screening scale in an adult protective services sample.**

J Elder Abuse Negl. 2019 Jan-Feb;31(1):25-37. PMID: [30406729](#)

To prevent financial exploitation of elders, this study further validates the Lichtenberg Financial Decision Screening Scale to standardize measurement of financial capacity in elders. It emphasizes the importance of the older adult's ability to understand a specific financial decision and to clearly communicate their rationale for the decision.

Drake SA, Pickens S, Wolf DA, Thimsen K.

**Improving medicolegal death investigative gaps of fatal elder abuse.**

J Elder Abuse Negl. 2019 Jan-Feb;31(1):56-65. PMID: [30375941](#)

Several elder death case vignettes that illustrate omissions in investigation are presented, and authors call for the need for a standardized approach to the conduct of medicolegal investigations of fatal elder abuse. "Deficiencies in elder death investigations can lead to the underreporting of elder abuse and the reduction of legal options for victims."

## LGBTQ Concerns

Chen J, Walters ML, Gilbert LK, Patel N.

**Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence by Sexual Orientation, United States.**

Psychol Violence. 2020 Jan;10(1):110-119. PubMed PMID: [32064141](#)

From the National IPV and Sexual Violence Survey, "Compared with heterosexual women, both bisexual women and lesbians experienced more contact sexual violence (CSV) and noncontact unwanted sexual violence by any perpetrator. In addition, bisexual women experienced more stalking by any perpetrator, IPV, and IPV-related impact than did heterosexual women. Compared with lesbians, bisexual women reported more CSV and stalking by any perpetrator, and IPV."

## Cultural Concerns

Ranjbar N, Erb M, Mohammad O, Moreno FA.

**Trauma-Informed Care and Cultural Humility in the Mental Health Care of People From Minoritized Communities.**

Focus (Am Psychiatr Publ). 2020 Jan;18(1):8-15. PMID: [32047392](#)

"Rather than approaching embodied, individually experienced culture as something that can be learned, mastered, and neatly categorized, cultural humility entails admitting that cultural experience is something one cannot fully analyze or understand but can seek to appreciate and respect...Cultural humility is characterized by principles of mutual learning and critical self-reflection, recognition of power imbalances, and the existence of implicit biases."

Lamson A, Richardson N, Cobb E.

**The Health and Readiness of Service Members: ACEs to PACEs.**

Mil Med. 2020 Jan 7;185(Supplement\_1):348-354. PMID: [32074355](#)

Discussion of measuring and addressing ACEs in the military context. Authors note higher ACE exposures in military personnel than the general public, and significant concerns about confidentiality and career impact. What will military leaders do with the information and who would have access? Where will the information be stored? In addition, for this population authors feel it is particularly important to look at resilience and measure PACEs – Protective and Compensatory Experiences.

Eisenbruch M.

**"His body is human, but he has a tiracchāna heart": An ethnographic study of the epigenesis of child abuse in Cambodia.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:129-143. PMID: [30502578](#)  
Ethnographic study of 110 cases of child abuse in Cambodia. "The perpetrators included fathers and other close relatives, lay Buddhist officiants and monks, and neighbors. Most informants viewed the sexual or physical abuse of children as stemming from 'cultural attractors,' including blighted endowment caused by deeds in a previous life, a bad character starting early in life, astrological vulnerability to abuse, preordained entanglement between the child and the abuser (they are 'fated' to meet), sexual craving, 'entering the road to ruin,' and a moral blindness that portrays the abuser as blameless. Although these traits are similar to those identified in the explanations of violence against women, there were notable differences such as the role of the tiracchāna (an animal nature) in explaining sexual abuse, including incest."

Wilkie ML.

**Empowered by Cultural Identity and Catalyzed by Resilience: A Path to Support American Indian Nursing Student Success.**

Creat Nurs. 2020 Feb 1;26(1):43-47. PMID: [32024738](#)  
"American Indians (AI) and Alaska Natives endure the highest rates of poverty, depression, addiction, suicide, domestic violence, and diabetes in the United States. With the disadvantages AIs face, nursing schools have difficulty recruiting, retaining, and graduating AI nursing students...a program called Niganawenimaanaanig was specifically designed to provide holistic support for these students...comprehensive care within a unique cultural, academic, and social support framework...In Niganawenimaanaanig's first 2 years, the number of AI students declaring nursing as a major increased by over 600%, and the program has retained 100% of their prenursing freshmen."

## Sexual Assault

Rosenberg M, Townes A, Taylor S, Luetke M, Herbenick D.  
**Quantifying the magnitude and potential influence of missing data in campus sexual assault surveys: A systematic review of surveys, 2010-2016.**

J Am Coll Health. 2019 Jan;67(1):42-50. PMID: [29652629](#)  
From a review of 40 campus sexual assault surveys, only 24.6% of eligible individuals responded. "Among responders, 20.4% reported experiences of

sexual assault. However, prevalence of sexual assault could theoretically range from 5.0 to 80.4% under extreme assumptions about prevalence in nonresponders...Missing data are widespread in campus sexual assault surveys. Conclusions drawn from these incomplete data are highly sensitive to assumptions about prevalence."

## Human Trafficking

Ward C, Hughes G, Mitchell HD, Rogstad KE.

**Association between STI and child sexual exploitation in children under 16 years old attending sexual health clinics in England: findings from a case-control study.**

Sex Transm Infect. 2019 Sep;95(6):412-415. PMID: [30996107](#)  
Using data from 466 British adolescents aged 13-15 seen in a sexual health clinic and matched controls, a sexual health infection made it 3.87 times "highly likely" that the adolescent was experiencing sexual exploitation, and 1.94 times more likely that they were experiencing home abuse.

## Perpetrators

Hamilton E, Sanchez D.

**Narrative Roles Among Contact Versus Noncontact Sexual Offenders.**

Sex Abuse. 2019 Oct;31(7):765-788. PMID: [29667897](#)  
"Narrative roles in a criminal context are defined as specific personal accounts utilized by offenders to justify illegal behavior. Four primary offender roles are recognized: Revengeful Mission/Romantic Quest, Professional, Victim, and Tragic Hero...with a tendency for contact offenders to endorse Revengeful Mission/Romantic Quest narrative roles and noncontact offenders to endorse Tragic Hero narrative roles...incorporating narrative roles into treatment of sexual offenders may help with tailoring treatments more effectively."

Abel GG, Jordan A, Harlow N, Hsu YS.

**Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: Screening for Hidden Child Molesters Seeking Jobs in Organizations That Care for Children.**

Sex Abuse. 2019 Sep;31(6):662-683. PMID: [30112969](#)  
Description of a child protection screening tool to identify job applicants who pose a sexual risk to children, including hidden abusers and people with cognitive distortions that encourage child sexual boundary violations by themselves or tolerate them by others.

Levenson JS, Grady MD.

**Preventing Sexual Abuse: Perspectives of Minor-Attracted Persons About Seeking Help.**

Sex Abuse. 2019 Dec;31(8):991-1013. PMID: [30183557](#)

Of 293 minor-attracted persons from an online survey, “75% of participants did seek formal help from a professional; however, just less than half of them found the experience to be helpful. Characteristics of helpful therapeutic encounters included nonjudgmental attitudes, knowledge about minor attraction, and viewing clients in a person-centered and holistic way. Barriers to help seeking included uncertainty about confidentiality, fear of negative reaction or judgment, difficulties finding a therapist knowledgeable about MAPs, and finances.

Davis M, Jonson-Reid M, Dahm C, et. al.

**The Men's Group at St. Pius V: A Case Study of a Parish-Based Voluntary Partner Abuse Intervention Program.**

Am J Mens Health. 2020 Jan-Feb;14(1):1557988319891287.

PMID: [32059618](#)

Analysis of a culturally-sensitive and spirituality-based self-referred intervention program for Latino men seeking help for IPV, with which attendees have remained engaged for extended periods. “Reasons for initial attendance included: (1) fear of losing or actual loss of their partner/family; (2) acknowledging a problem and desiring to change for self or others; (3) a desire to reach inner peace.”

## Police and Court Systems

Kaiser KA, Rhodes K.

**A drug court by any other name? An analysis of problem-solving court programs.**

Law Hum Behav. 2019 Jun;43(3):278-289. PMID: [30920235](#)

This analysis of specialty court programs (SCP) included those relating to drugs, DUI, teens, mental health, domestic violence, family dependency, and veterans. “New and current SCPs should continue to evaluate how consistently they adhere to the guidelines of the problem-solving court approach and principles of effective intervention.”

Zhang S, Huang H, Wu Q, Li Y, Liu M.

**The impacts of family treatment drug court on child welfare core outcomes: A meta-analysis.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:1-14. PMID: [30412783](#)

In this research review of the child outcomes of family treatment drug court, participating subjects were 1.75 times more likely achieve reunification without increasing the risk of subsequent foster care reentry or maltreatment re-report.

Mills LG, Barocas B, Butters RP, Ariel B.

**A randomized controlled trial of restorative justice-informed treatment for domestic violence crimes.**

Nat Hum Behav. 2019 Dec;3(12):1284-1294. PMID: [31548680](#)

A batterer’s intervention program that combined elements of restorative justice resulted in significant reductions in new arrests and crime severity scores for all offences, including IPV, over a 24 month period.

## Providers

Forkey H.

**Putting Your Trauma Lens On.**

Pediatr Ann. 2019 Jul 1;48(7):e269-e273. PMID: [31305944](#)

“Familiarity with the most common symptoms of traumatic stress will help the medical provider quickly recognize which children are impacted or FRAYED (Fits, Frets, and Fear; Regulation disorders; Attachment problems; Yawning and Yelling; Educational and developmental delays; Defeat and Dissociation)...Organizing practical guidance around the "3 R's"-Reassuring, Restoring routines, and Regulating-is a roadmap to recovery.”

Reese S, Deutsch SA.

**Sexual Assault Victimization Among Children and Youth With Developmental Disabilities: Responding With Trauma-Informed Care.**

J Forensic Nurs. 2020 Jan/Mar;16(1):55-60. PMID: [32068678](#)

“Children and youth with developmental disabilities are uniquely vulnerable to sexual assault victimization and to adverse psychological impact from traumatic experiences...Delivering trauma-informed care to abuse victims with an underlying disability necessitates considering their unique needs, circumstances, and preferences, and enhanced communication among multidisciplinary team partners.”

Bernard DW, White ML, Tofil NM, et. cl.

**A Simulation Course Focusing on Forensic Evidence Collection Improves Pediatric Knowledge and Standardizes Curriculum for Child Abuse.**

South Med J. 2019 Sep;112(9):487-490. PMID: [31485588](#)

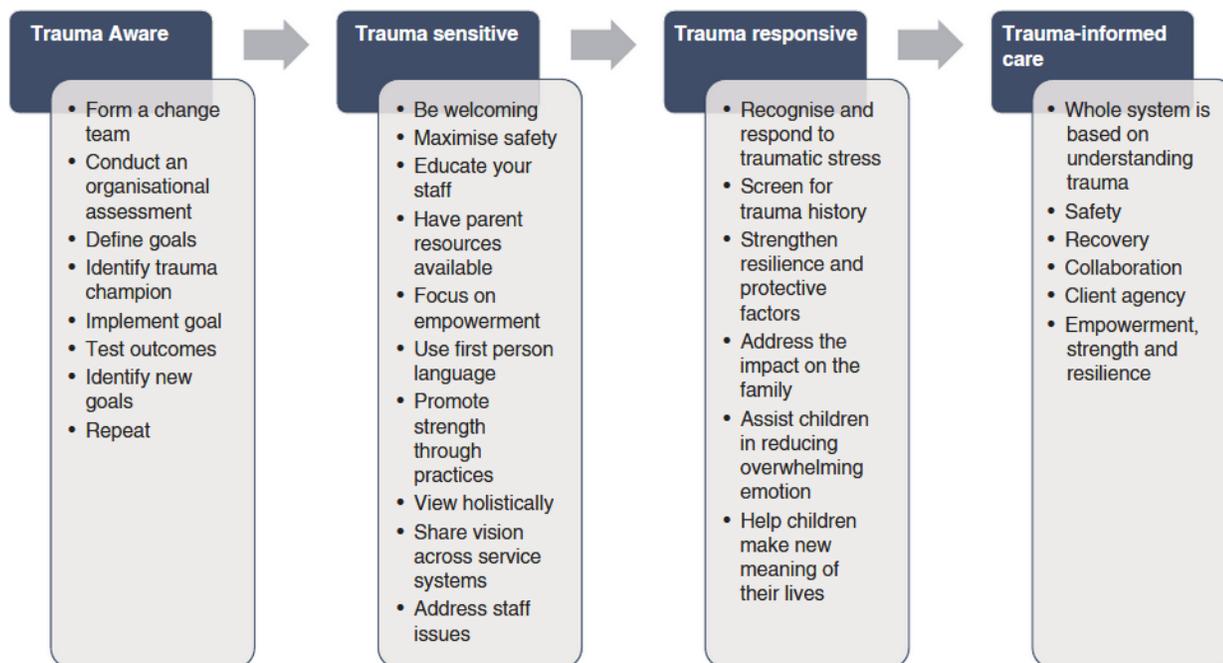
Using a short simulation course on forensic evidence collection, pediatric residents and medical students were overwhelmingly positive about the experience, gaining knowledge on child abuse, evidence collection, how to appropriately interact with abused patients, and pubertal genital anatomy knowledge.

Kaiser S, Zimmet M, Fraser J, Liddle K, Roberts G.

**Recognition of attachment difficulties and developmental trauma is the responsibility of all paediatricians.**

J Paediatr Child Health. 2018 Oct;54(10):1110-1116. PMID: [30294995](#)

“This article provides an overview of attachment theory, developmental trauma and trauma-informed care for paediatricians. The impact of difficult or impoverished parent-child relationships on brain development and long-term health is now well known...Viewing children and their families through a 'trauma-informed lens' can provide critical insights into their clinical presentation and care needs.”



Skar AS, Ormhaug SM, Jensen TK.

**Reported Levels of Upset in Youth After Routine Trauma Screening at Mental Health Clinics.**

JAMA Netw Open. 2019 May 3;2(5):e194003. PMID: [31099873](#)

Among 10,157 Norwegian youth aged 6 to 18 years referred to mental health treatment centers and who were screened for trauma, 79.1% reported exposure to at least 1 potentially traumatizing event, and there with a mean of 2.4 different types of events. 4.5% reported high levels of upset to screening, 27.2% moderate upset and 68.4% little or no upset. Those with a history of sexual abuse or higher levels of PTSD symptoms were more likely to report high levels of upset at screening.

Bondi SA, Scibilia J, et. al.

**Dealing With the Caretaker Whose Judgment Is Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs: Legal and Ethical Considerations.**

Pediatrics. 2019 Dec;144(6). pii: e20193153. PMID: [31767716](#)

“The US Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 8.7 million children in the United States live in a household with a parent with a substance use disorder.” This article discusses and makes recommendations for legal and ethical

considerations of this situation including the physician-patient relationship, safety of the patient, confidentiality, obtaining informed permissions as needed, mandated reporting, and duty to protect the safety of employees and visitors in the office.

Dheensa S, Halliwell G, Daw J, Jones SK, Feder G.

**“From taboo to routine”: a qualitative evaluation of a hospital-based advocacy intervention for domestic violence and abuse.**

BMC Health Serv Res. 2020 Feb 21;20(1):129. PMID: [32085771](#)

“Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs), who provide survivors with support around safety, criminal justice, and health and wellbeing, were located in five hospitals in England in emergency departments and maternity services...healthcare professionals thought the hospital-based IDVA service was valuable...Success hinges on...ongoing domestic violence and abuse training for staff, the IDVA having private and dedicated space, and the service being embedded in hospital infrastructure (e.g. featuring it in hospital-wide policies and enabling IDVAs access to medical records).”

Sivagurunathan M, Orchard T, Evans M.

**Barriers to Utilization of Mental Health Services amongst Male Child Sexual Abuse Survivors: Service Providers' Perspective.**

J Child Sex Abus. 2019 Oct;28(7):819-839. PMID: [31184546](#)  
Interviews with 11 Canadian mental health service providers detail barriers and gaps in services for male childhood sexual abuse survivors.

Brady PQ, Fansher AK, Zedaker SB.

**Are parents at a higher risk for secondary traumatic stress?: How interviewing child victims impacts relationships with forensic interviewer's friends and family.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:275-287. PMID: [30553065](#)  
Of 367 US forensic interviewers of maltreated children, personal-level predictors of secondary traumatic stress (STS) included female sex, positive trauma history, and less socializing with family members outside of work. Work-related predictors included the frequency of direct and indirect exposure to graphic details, and burnout. Parental status and external social support were not associated with STS one way or another.

## Prevention

Fleckman JM, Taylor CA, Theall KP, Andrinopoulos K.

**The association between perceived injunctive norms toward corporal punishment, parenting support, and risk for child physical abuse.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2019 Feb;88:246-255. PMID: [30544032](#)  
From a survey of female primary caregivers of 436 children mean age 3.7 years enrolled in the WIC program, perceived norms and attitudes toward corporal punishment (CP) were significantly influenced by her primary supports in parenting, who were mainly the maternal grandmother and the biological father. "Efforts to reduce maternal risk for child physical abuse and use of CP must include the mother's primary source of social support if they are to be successful."

Easterlin MC, Chung PJ, Leng M, Dudovitz R.

**Association of Team Sports Participation With Long-term Mental Health Outcomes Among Individuals Exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences.**

JAMA Pediatr. 2019 Jul 1;173(7):681-688. PMID: [31135890](#)  
For 9668 individuals in a national adolescent study, 49.3% reported 1 or more ACE and 21.3% 2 or more ACEs. Among those with ACEs, team sports participation during grades 7-12 was significantly associated with lower odds of receiving a diagnosis of depression or anxiety as an adult aged 24-32

years. "Team sports may be an important and scalable resilience builder."

## Researchers

Cerna-Turoff I, Fischer HT, Mayhew S, Devries K.

**Violence against children and natural disasters: A systematic review and meta-analysis of quantitative evidence.**

PLoS One. 2019 May 30;14(5):e0217719. PMID: [31145758](#)  
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