

## Child Abuse & Neglect Resources

To report Child Abuse/Neglect...(805) 654-3200

Interface Children and Family Services...(805) 485-6114

Child Abuse Prevention Program...(805) 654-7638

The Coalition to End Family Violence...(805) 983-6014

Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Council

[www.ctc-capc.org](http://www.ctc-capc.org)

Ventura County Information and Referral Line...211

[www.211ventura.org](http://www.211ventura.org)

Child Abuse Reporting Forms (SS8572)

[www.caag.state.ca.us](http://www.caag.state.ca.us)

Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training-California

<http://humanservices.ucdavis.edu/resource/camrt/index.asp>

Downloadable Child Abuse Prevention Resources

(916) 651-6960 The Office of Child Abuse Prevention

(916) 371-1974 Social Services Warehouse

[www.dss.cahwnet.gov](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov)

The Partnership for Safe Families  
& Communities of Ventura County

2601 Palma Drive Suite 4

Ventura, Ca 93003

(805)535-4489

[www.partnershipforsafefamilies.org](http://www.partnershipforsafefamilies.org)



Ventura County Public Health

### Here are 10 ways to show a child you care...

1. Play with them
2. Hug them
3. Look in their eyes when you talk to them
4. Tell them how terrific they are
5. Point out what you like about them
6. Tell them how proud you are of them
7. Expect their best but don't expect perfection
8. Admit when you make a mistake
9. Catch them doing something right
10. Love them...no matter what



# Child abuse & neglect...



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*for Safe Families  
& Communities  
of Ventura County*

Know what child abuse is. Physical and sexual abuse clearly constitute maltreatment, but so does neglect, or the failure of parents or other caregivers to provide a child with needed food, clothing, and care. Children can also be emotionally abused when they are rejected, berated, or continuously isolated

## Child abuse & neglect comes in many forms:



**Physical Abuse:** Injuries to children that are not accidental: bruises, burns, broken bones, etc.

**Physical Neglect:** Not providing children with enough food, clothing, shelter, medical care, hygiene, supervision, etc.

**Sexual Abuse:** Using a child for the sexual needs of adults: exposing, fondling, intercourse, pornography, sexual stimulation, etc.

**Emotional Abuse:** Attacking a child's self-esteem: constant criticizing, yelling, belittling, insulting, rejecting and withholding love, support and help.

## What to Do...

...when you see abusive behavior in public

1. Remember that most parents love their kids and want to do a good job parenting.
2. Sympathize with a parent. *"Looks like you're having a rough time."*
3. Don't criticize. It can make things worse.
4. Offer to help in small ways: carry groceries, watch the cart, help with the other children.
5. Talk to the child if you can. *"It looks like you are tired."*
6. Find something positive to say about the child.
7. Remember that humor can help defuse a situation. *"Kids can be a handful."*
8. **Take action if necessary for the physical safety of the child. Alert someone nearby or CALL 911.**



## How can you help?

**Reach out for help if you need it.** Call a friend, a hotline, an organization in your area. You are not alone. Parenting is the hardest job you do.

**Reach out to someone else.** Just be a friend and listen. Help out with household chores. Take care of the children for awhile. Help a parent find help somewhere else. Be a friend to the children in a family under stress.



**Report suspected abuse or neglect.**

Reporting can stop the abuse/neglect and get help for the child and family. Every state has laws against child abuse. Call the local child protective services or law enforcement in your area.

**Support community child abuse prevention efforts.** Volunteer your time, donate to child abuse prevention efforts, and learn more about child abuse and the services available.