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Appendix

Definitions and subtypes of child maltreatment

The definitions of the different types of child maltreatment used in the current studies are based on the definitions used in the fourth United States' National Incidence Study (NIS-4; Sedlak et al., 2010). These definitions are in line with the legal definition of child maltreatment included in the Dutch Youth Care Act: "... any form of interaction that is violent or threatening towards a minor, whether physical, psychological or sexual in nature, which may be actively or passively imposed upon the minor by a parent or other person with whom the minor has a dependent or constraining relationship, and which causes or is liable to cause serious physical or psychological harm to the minor" (article 1:1 paragraph m).

Sexual abuse

- Intrusion sex without force
- Intrusion sex involving use of force
- Child's prostitution or involvement in pornography with intrusion
- Molestation with genital contact
- Attempted/threatened sexual abuse with physical contact
- Exposure/Voyeurism
- Providing sexually explicit materials
- Child's involvement in pornography without intrusion
- Sexual comments about a child or a child's body
- Failure to supervise child's voluntary sexual activity
- Other/unknown sexual abuse

Physical abuse

- Shake, throw, purposefully drop
- Hit with hand
- Hit with object
- Push, grab, drag, pull
- Punch, kick
- Other physical abuse

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Emotional abuse

- Close confinement: tying/binding
- Close confinement: other
- Verbal assaults and emotional abuse
- Threats of sexual abuse (without contact)
- Threats of other maltreatment
- Other types of openly penalties, exploitation, miscalling, or non-specific abuse
- Terrorizing the child
- Administering unprescribed substances
- Other/unknown abuse

Physical neglect

- Refusal to allow or provide needed care for diagnosed condition or impairment
- Unwarranted delay or failure to seek needed care
- Refusal of custody/abandonment
- Other refusal of custody
- Illegal transfers of custody
- Other or unspecified custody-related maltreatment – unstable custody arrangements
- Inadequate supervision
- Inadequate nutrition
- Inadequate personal hygiene
- Inadequate clothing
- Inadequate shelter
- Other/unspecified disregard of child's physical needs and physical safety

Emotional/Educational neglect

Emotional neglect

- Inadequate nurturance/affection
- Domestic violence
- Knowingly permitting drug/alcohol abuse
- Knowingly permitting other maladaptive behavior
- Refusal to allow or provide needed care for diagnosed emotional or behavioral impairment/problem
- Failure to seek needed care for emotional or behavioral impairment/problem
- Overprotectiveness
- Inadequate structure
- Inappropriately advanced expectations
- Exposure to maladaptive behaviors and environments
- Other inattention to development/emotional needs

Educational neglect

- Permitted chronic truancy
- Other truancy
- Failure to register or enroll
- Other refusal to allow or provide needed attention to diagnosed educational need

Other maltreatment

- Lack of preventive health care
- General neglect-other/unspecified neglect allegations
- Custody/child support problems
- Behavior control/family conflict issues
- Parent problem
- General maltreatment-unspecified/other (not coded above)

