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Prevalence, Risk Factors, and Consequences

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1. As single parenthood is an important risk factor for child maltreatment in Vietnam, child maltreatment interventions should prioritize single parent families. *(this dissertation)*
2. Responses to child maltreatment should focus on emotional functioning in victims of child maltreatment because it is related to a large number of child maltreatment types with a medium effect size. *(this dissertation)*
3. The association of neglect with the highest number of child wellbeing aspects highlights the importance of further responses and research on this “neglected” type of child maltreatment. *(this dissertation)*
4. The association of emotional abuse with higher academic performance, high socioeconomic status and parental employment suggests a “Tiger parenting” practice in Vietnam. *(this dissertation)*
5. Detailed information about child maltreatment instruments that were used should be provided in published papers to facilitate the comparison of results in meta-analyses or across studies. *(this dissertation)*
6. Child maltreatment not only impacts the life span of the victims but is also a burden for societies.
7. Periodically assessing the prevalence of child maltreatment could be helpful to inform child protection policies.
8. The prevalence of child sexual abuse in Asian cultures seems to be lower than that in Western cultures. It is likely that reporting bias plays a role in these differences.
9. The vulnerability of children is clearly depicted by Haim Ginott’s statement “Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.”
10. Tony Lema’s statement “A buoyant, positive approach to the game is as basic as a sound swing” also stresses the strengths of a positive approach to child maltreatment.
11. All events might be connected as in the saying of Chief Seattle: “Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to this web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.” Therefore, it is important to approach child maltreatment from a comprehensive perspective.