Child Sexual Abuse Indicators
Educator Sheet

Child Sexual Abuse is any type of sexual contact/activity between an adult or older minor child with a child under the age of 18.


The Center for Prevention of Abuse proudly partners with many local school districts to provide prevention education in classrooms that help meet the Illinois mandate of “Erin’s Law”.

Behavioral Indicators of Sexual Abuse:
• Become withdrawn, depressed and/or anxious
• Have trouble sleeping, nightmares and/or bed wetting
• Change in school performance
• Develop eating disorders

Physical Indicators of Sexual Abuse:
• Pain, swelling, or injury to genital area
• Painful urination or bowel movements
• Difficulty walking and/or sitting
• Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing

For more information, please call: 309-691-0551 or visit our website at: www.centerforpreventionofabuse.org
Identifying the Abuse:
✓ Is the victim under the age of 18?
✓ How does the child know the alleged perpetrator?
✓ Is there a specific incident of abuse or neglect?
✓ Are there a set of circumstances involving suspected abuse or neglect?
✓ Can demonstrated harm or substantial risk of physical or sexual injury to the child be identified?

Collecting Information:
Alleged Victim(s) Information
✓ Name(s) of victim(s):
✓ DOB(s) of victim(s) or Age(s):
✓ Address:

Alleged Perpetrator(s)
✓ Name(s):
✓ DOB(s) or Age(s):
✓ Relationship to Victim(s):
✓ Address:

Type(s) of Harm(s) to Victim(s)
✓ Physical Abuse
✓ Sexual Abuse
✓ Risk of Harm
✓ Neglect
✓ Death

Description of Incidents(s):
✓ Detail about the actual incident
✓ Indication of intention
✓ Time and place of the incident
✓ List witnesses to the abuse
✓ Evidence of abuse (physical evidence, behavioral indicators, disclosure by the victim, etc.)

Date and time of when the Hotline call is made:
✓ Complete a CANTS 5 Form

Illinois Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-25-ABUSE or 1-800-252-2873