OVERVIEW

Child maltreatment is the commission of acts that are harmful to children, such as neglect, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, and failure to provide needed health care and a safe environment.

Each year in the U.S., approximately 650,000 children are substantiated victims of child maltreatment, roughly 80% of whom experience neglect. Behavior-analytic interventions to prevent child maltreatment focus on improving parent-child interactions, home safety, and child health care, as well as conducting planned-activity training and promoting the achievement of developmental norms. Additionally, many states and countries have evidence-based home-visitation programs that are predicated on behavior-analytic foundations and focus on teaching parents the skills needed to prevent child maltreatment.

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Recommended Reading


Additional Resources
- National Safecare Training and Research Center
- PCIT International
- Triple P International