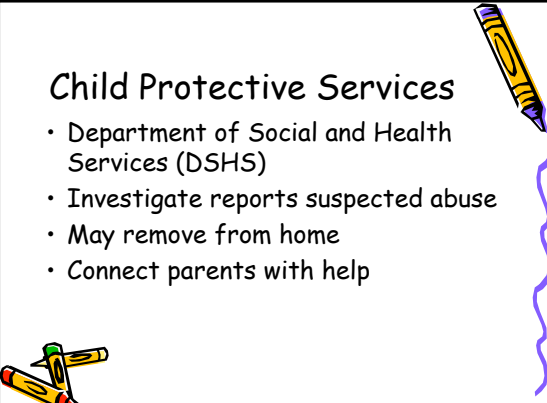


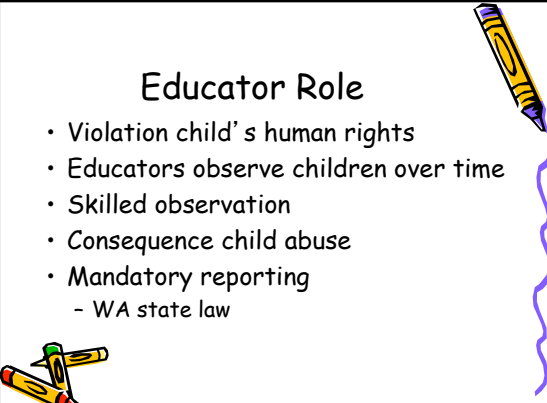
Child Abuse

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Child Protective Services

- Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
- Investigate reports suspected abuse
- May remove from home
- Connect parents with help



Educator Role

- Violation child's human rights
- Educators observe children over time
- Skilled observation
- Consequence child abuse
- Mandatory reporting
 - WA state law

Definitions Abuse and Neglect

- Physical injury
- Sexual offense
- Cruel or inhumane acts
- Assault
- Failing to provide food, shelter, health care
- Actions leading to injury



Indicators Physical Abuse

- Bruises
- Injuries shape of article
- Burns
- Injuries inconsistent with story
- Lacerations, abrasions, fractures



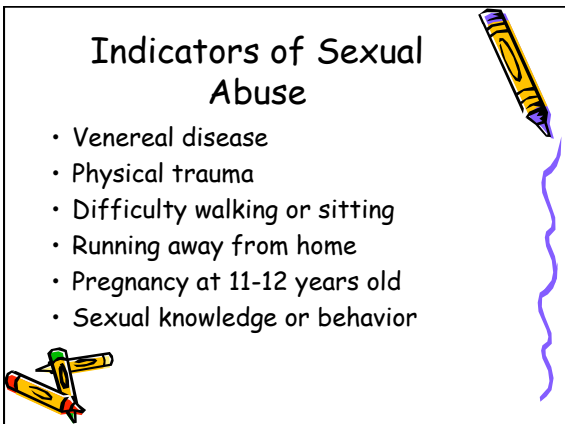
Indicators of Emotional Abuse

- Lags in physical development
- Extreme behavior disorder
- Fearfulness adults
- Revelations highly inappropriate behavior



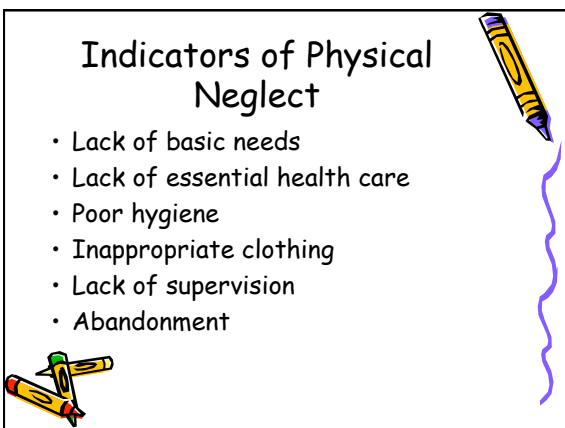
Indicators of Sexual Abuse

- Venereal disease
- Physical trauma
- Difficulty walking or sitting
- Running away from home
- Pregnancy at 11-12 years old
- Sexual knowledge or behavior



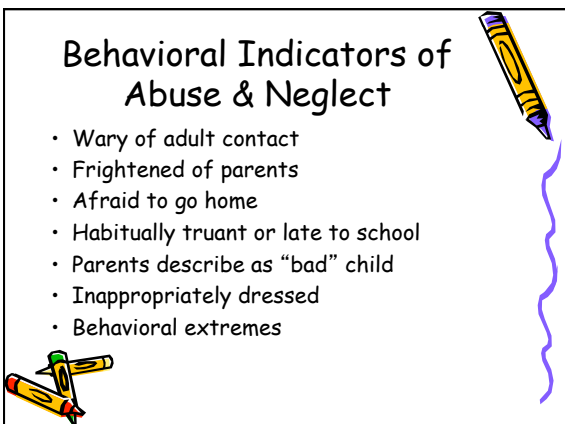
Indicators of Physical Neglect

- Lack of basic needs
- Lack of essential health care
- Poor hygiene
- Inappropriate clothing
- Lack of supervision
- Abandonment



Behavioral Indicators of Abuse & Neglect

- Wary of adult contact
- Frightened of parents
- Afraid to go home
- Habitually truant or late to school
- Parents describe as "bad" child
- Inappropriately dressed
- Behavioral extremes



How Do I Respond?

- Reassure child OK to tell
- Tell what to expect
- Call CPS to determine reasonable cause for report
- Trust "gut" feelings
- Early reporting important
- Good faith reporting protected civil liability



Making A Report

- Must be made within 48 hours
- Call early in the day if possible
- Responsibility CPS notify family



Information Needed

- Name, address, birth date
- Parents name, address, home and work phones
- Nature and extent abuse
- Information on previous injuries
- Identity alleged abuser



CPS Response

- Referral by phone
- Determine response
- Determine if meets legal definition abuse
- Investigating worker assigned



Response Time

- Response time assigned
- May vary from immediate response to several days
- CPS matrix





Investigation and Intervention

- Mandated investigate alleged abuse
- Investigation related to degree of risk to the child
- May interview child at school
 - Third party present





Taking Child Into Custody

- CPS worker with court order
- Law Enforcement officer





90-Day Rule

- Referral must be completed in 90 days
- Development written voluntary services plan
- Filing Dependency action
- Closing case



Abuse By Third Party

- Abuse by someone other than parent
- Not normally investigated by CPS
- Call law enforcement



Family Reconciliation Services (FRS)

- Teenage child
- Family assessments and referrals
- Voluntary
- Runaway or family conflict
- Alternative Residential Placement



Questions

- Unsure injury accidental
- Working with parent
- Does referral help?
- Outcome of referral
- Confidentiality
- Truancy