How do you Know if a Child is Being Abused?

- Multiple injuries in different stages of healing
- Suspicious bruising patterns
- Head injury in a child who is less than a year old
- Child fearful (withdrawn or avoidant)
- Sexual behaviors that are not age appropriate
- Inappropriate discipline of a child is witnessed

How to make a Report:

- Call the county Department of Social Services, the Child Protective Services Division
  - 1-800-662-7030
  - www.nedhhs.gov/dss/local
- You do not need to prove the abuse took place, only adequate grounds for suspicion
- Your call will be kept confidential
- It will be helpful if you can provide: the child's name, age, address, gender, school attended (if possible), and names of parents

3 to 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year in the US

Call the Beacon Child and Family Program
984-974-0470
http://www.med.unc.edu/beacon

Consultation and Referral Services provided at UNC Hospitals

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Violence in families is very common. This violence may jeopardize the safety and well-being of a child.

What is the Beacon Program?
The UNC Hospitals’ Beacon Child and Family Program provides comprehensive, coordinated care to UNC Healthcare System’s patients and families experiencing any variety of family violence. It includes services for children, victims of domestic abuse, and the elderly.

What services does The Beacon Program provide?

For Acute Cases
- Consultation by child maltreatment experts (for child abuse cases)
- Child physical examinations by child maltreatment experts
- Consultation (including clinical interviews, as needed) regarding hospitalized children by child maltreatment experts

FACT: More than 100,000 child-abuse cases are reported to authorities each year in North Carolina.

For Nonacute Cases
- Liaison with DSS, mental health, legal system, hospital police, local law enforcement, domestic violence agencies
- Child physical examinations and clinical interviews by child maltreatment experts on an appointment basis
- Appointments are made by representatives from law enforcement, Division of Social Services, or a medical provider (see website for a consent form and an intake form)

Who is eligible?
Any child who you suspect has been neglected; or physically, sexually, or emotionally abused

LOCATION
Services are provided at UNC Hospitals and its satellite clinics. Services are also provided over the phone.

The 4 Types of Child Abuse:

Neglect
- Anything that harms a child’s health, welfare, or safety
- Abandonment
- Not seeking treatment for illness
- Health hazards in the home
- Ignoring a child’s needs
- Providing inadequate diet
- Permitting chronic truancy
- Domestic violence in the home

Emotional Abuse
- Verbal assault or emotional cruelty
- Close confinement, e.g., being shut in a closet
- Inadequate nurturance
- Extreme discipline

Sexual Abuse
- Sexual contact or inappropriate verbal stimulation between a child or teenager and an adult
- Taking or showing sexually explicit photographs of or to a child or teen

Physical Abuse
- Non-accidental harm of a child
- Excessive corporal punishment
- Assault, shaking, slapping, burning or scalding, kicking and/or strangling