

Key Indicators for Family Violence – prepared by the 14th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council

The 14th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council provides this information to assist professionals in the early identification of incidents of family violence. This information serves as a guideline only. It is important to remember that these are only some of the potential indicators of family violence. It is our hope that through early identification and appropriate referral services, family violence will be reduced.

Child Abuse	Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse	Adult Sexual Abuse	Intimate Partner Abuse	Elder Abuse/Abuse against Persons with Disabilities
Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanations given	Injuries/trauma to genital and/or anal areas or other signs of physical abuse	Injuries/trauma to genital areas	Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation given	Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation given
Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention	Excessive sensitivity to contact, bathing, undressing, being seen nude	Increased startle reaction, excessive sensitivity to contact	Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention	Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention
Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing	Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Physical abuse including self-mutilation or inflicted by others	Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing	Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing
Self-mutilation	Self-mutilation	Self-mutilation	Presence of partner who controls or dominates the interview and will not leave the patient alone with the provider	Presence of partner or caregiver who controls or dominates the interview and will not leave the patient alone with the provider
Sleep Disorders	Regressive behavior such as inappropriate soiling or urinating on clothing or bedding	Sleep disorders including nightmares	Physical injury during pregnancy, especially on the breasts and abdomen	Isolation from friends and family
Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia and/or compulsive eating)	Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia, and/or compulsive eating)	Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia, and/or compulsive eating)	Repeat vaginal and urinary tract infections	Intimidation by abuser, victim hesitant to speak openly/signs of fear of caregiver or partner
Scared all the time	Suicidal thoughts/attempts	Suicidal thoughts/attempts	High number of pregnancies, miscarriages, and abortions	Evidence of being restricted by caregiver or partner
Bullying	Depression, low self-esteem, guilt, shame, academic decline	Depression	Obsessive/hyper-vigilant focus on partner	Inappropriate control of financial resources by caregiver
Aggressive or disruptive behavior	Anxiety, obsessive thoughts, fears, and worries	Anxiety, obsessive and intrusive thoughts, difficulty concentrating	Defensiveness or anger when asked about the relationship	Dehydration and malnourishment
Passive or withdrawn behavior	Poor self image, as shown in choice of clothing, overall appearance, cleanliness	Poor self image, low self-esteem, self blaming	Signs of fear of partner	Soiled clothing often with feces/urine
Frequently switching providers	Runaway, drug/alcohol abuse	Drug and alcohol abuse	Frequently switching providers	Untreated bedsores
	Pattern of victimization	Pattern of victimization		Inadequate medical care
	Frequently switching providers	Frequently switching providers		Frequently switching providers

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24-Hour Response Resources – The resources listed below are available 24 hours a day and are only a few of the many resources that are available to persons that have been abused. **In all cases of violence, you should always call your local police department or sheriff's office – 911.**

Child Abuse	Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse	Adult Sexual Abuse	Intimate Partner Abuse	Elder Abuse/Abuse against Persons with Disabilities
<p>Call your local Police Dept.</p> <p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE (800) 252-2873</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the following services: investigate and service child abuse and neglect cases, emergency services for abuse/neglect, adoption, daycare licensing, foster care licensing, counseling 	<p>Call your local Police Dept.</p> <p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE (800) 252-2873</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the following services: investigate and service child abuse and neglect cases, emergency services for abuse/neglect, adoption, daycare licensing, foster care licensing, counseling 	<p>Call your local Police Dept.</p> <p>RAINN National Rape Crisis Hotline 800-656-HOPE (800) 656-4673</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides 24-hour crisis intervention and information and referral services over the phone to victims of rape of all ages. 	<p>Call your local Police Dept.</p> <p>National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE (800) 799-7233</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, safety planning, and information and referral over the phone. 	<p>Call your local Police Department</p> <p>IL Dept. on Aging 24-hour Adult Protective Services Hotline (866) 800-1409</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-hour hotline authorized to receive reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors and adults with disabilities. Once a report has been received, the Hotline will notify the appropriate IDOA contracted agency

Local Response Resources – The resources listed below are local resources that are Countywide. Most of these resources have after hour's services and their own hotline numbers. **In all cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and family violence of any kind, you should always contact your local Police or Sheriff's Department.**

County	Child Abuse	Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse	Adult Sexual Abuse	Intimate Partner Abuse	Elder Abuse/Abuse against Persons with Disabilities
Henry	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center 309-937-5663</p>	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center 309-937-5663</p>	<p>Freedom House 309-852-4008</p>	<p>Freedom House 309-852-4008</p>	<p>APS Hotline 866-800-1409</p> <p>Alternatives 800-798-0988</p> <p>Center for Independent Living 309-793-0090</p>
Mercer	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>Mercer Co. Children's Advocacy Center 309-582-7233</p>	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>Mercer Co. Children's Advocacy Center 309-582-7233</p>	<p>Family Crisis Center 309-582-7233</p>	<p>Family Crisis Center 309-582-7233</p>	<p>APS Hotline 866-800-1409</p> <p>Alternatives 800-798-0988</p> <p>Center for Independent Living 309-793-0090</p>
Rock Island	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>Rock Island Co. Children's Advocacy Center 309-794-6451</p>	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>Rock Island Co. Children's Advocacy Center 309-794-6451</p>	<p>Family Resources, Inc. SafePath 309-797-1777</p>	<p>Family Resources, Inc. SafePath 309-797-1777</p> <p>Winnie's Place 309-764-9466</p>	<p>APS Hotline 866-800-1409</p> <p>Alternatives 800-798-0988</p> <p>Center for Independent Living 309-793-0090</p>
Whiteside	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>April House Children's Advocacy Center 815-772-8663</p>	<p>DCFS 800-25-ABUSE</p> <p>April House Children's Advocacy Center 815-772-8663</p>	<p>YWCA of the Sauk Valley 815-625-0333</p>	<p>YWCA of the Sauk Valley 815-625-0333</p>	<p>APS Hotline 866-800-1409</p> <p>Lutheran Social Services 815-626-7333</p> <p>Center for Independent Living 815-625-7860</p>

