

## Key Indicators for Family Violence—prepared by 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council

The 22nd 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
<b>Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation given</b>	Injuries/trauma to genital and/or anal areas or other signs of physical abuse	<b>Injuries/trauma to genital areas</b>	Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation given	<b>Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation given</b>
<b>Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention</b>	Excessive sensitivity to contact, bathing, undressing, being seen nude	<b>Increased startle reaction, excessive sensitivity to contact</b>	Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention	<b>Delay between an injury and seeking medical attention</b>
<b>Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing</b>	Sexually Transmitted Diseases	<b>Physical abuse including self-mutilation or inflicted by others</b>	Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing	<b>Bilateral or multiple injuries, especially if in different stages of healing</b>
<b>Self-mutilation</b>	Self-mutilation	<b>Self-mutilation</b>	Presence of partner who controls or dominates the interview & will not leave the patient alone with provider	<b>Presence of partner or caregiver who controls or dominates the interview &amp; will not leave the patient alone with provider</b>
<b>Sleep disorders</b>	Regressive behavior such as inappropriate soiling or urinating on clothing or bedding	<b>Sleep disorders including nightmares</b>	Physical injury during pregnancy, especially on the breasts and abdomen	<b>Isolation from family and friends</b>
<b>Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia and/or compulsive eating)</b>	Eating disorder (anorexia, bulimia and/or compulsive eating)	<b>Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia and/or compulsive eating)</b>	Repeat vaginal and urinary tract infections	<b>Intimidation by abuser/victim hesitant to speak openly/signs of fear of caregiver or partner</b>
<b>Scared all the time</b>	Suicidal thoughts/attempts	<b>Suicidal thoughts/attempts</b>	High number of pregnancies, miscarriages & abortions	<b>Evidence of being restricted by caregiver or partner</b>
<b>Bullying</b>	Depression, low self-esteem, guilt, shame, academic decline	<b>Depression</b>	Obsessive/hyper-vigilant focus on partner	<b>Inappropriate control of financial resources by caregiver</b>
<b>Aggressive or disruptive behavior</b>	Anxiety, obsessive thoughts, fears and worries	<b>Anxiety, obsessive and intrusive thoughts, difficulty concentrating</b>	Defensiveness or anger when asked about the relationship	<b>Dehydration and malnourishment</b>
<b>Passive or withdrawn behavior</b>	Poor self image, as shown in choice of clothing, overall appearance, cleanliness	<b>Poor self image, low self-esteem, self blaming</b>	Signs of fear of partner	<b>Soiled clothing often with feces/urine</b>
<b>Frequently switching providers</b>	Runaway, drug/alcohol abuse	<b>Drug and alcohol abuse</b>	Frequently switching providers	<b>Untreated bedsores</b>
	Pattern of victimization	<b>Pattern of victimization</b>		<b>Frequently switching providers</b>
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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. Please call the McHenry County Crisis Line at (800) 892-8900 if you are looking for additional resources.

**McHenry County Crisis Line (800) 892-8900**—24-hour toll free (Provides 24-hour information, referral, assessment and crisis intervention to persons of all ages experiencing any kind of life crisis.)

Child Abuse	Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse	Adult Sexual Abuse	Intimate Partner Abuse	Elder Abuse
<p><b>DCFS</b>  <b>800-25-ABUSE</b>  <b>(800-252-2873)</b>  <b>(Provides the following services: investigate and service child abuse and neglect cases, emergency services for abuse/neglect, adoption, daycare, foster family care, counseling)</b></p>	<p><b>Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County</b>  <b>(815) 334-9597</b>            (Ensures coordination among agencies involved in child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse. Provides 24-hour crisis response to child/adolescent victims of sexual abuse at the local emergency departments.)</p>	<p><b>VOICE Program of Pioneer Center</b>  <b>(815) 759-7066 or</b>  <b>(815) 344-1230</b>  <b>After Hours available through McHenry County Crisis Line 800-892-8900</b>  <b>(Provides 24-hour crisis response to adult victims of sexual assault. Also provides medical and legal advocacy. On-going support/counseling is also available for victims of sexual abuse.)</b></p>	<p><b>Turning Point Office</b> (815) 338-8081            After Hours available through McHenry County Crisis Line (800) 892-8900            (Provides 24-hour crisis intervention and response to victims of partner abuse. Also provides emergency shelter, food, and clothing as well as counseling and support to adults and children. Services also available to abusers.)</p>	<p><b>Senior Services Assoc. Inc.</b>  <b>(815) 344-3555 or</b>  <b>(815) 356-7457</b>  <b>24-hr Agency Answering Service available</b>  <b>(Investigate and intervene in cases of physical abuse, passive neglect, deprivation, confinement, sexual abuse and financial exploitation of persons 60 years of age and older. Contracted by the Illinois Department on Aging.)</b></p>
<p><b>National Child Abuse Hotline</b>  <b>800-4-A-CHILD</b>  <b>(800-422-4453)</b>  <b>(Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, professional counseling, and information and referral over the phone.)</b></p>	<p><b>DCFS</b>  <b>(800) 25-ABUSE</b>  <b>(800-252-2873)</b>            (Provides the following services: investigate and service child abuse and neglect cases, emergency services for abuse/neglect, adoption, daycare, foster family care, counseling)</p>	<p><b>RAINN National Rape Crisis Hotline</b>  <b>(800) 656-HOPE</b>  <b>(800-656-4673)</b>  <b>(Provides 24-hour crisis intervention and information and referral over the phone to victims of rape of all ages.)</b></p>	<p><b>National Domestic Violence Hotline</b>  <b>(800) 799-SAFE</b>  <b>(800-799-7233)</b>            (Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, safety planning, and information and referral over the phone.)</p>	<p><b>IL Dept on Aging 24-hour Elder Abuse Hotline</b>  <b>(866) 800-1409</b>  <b>(24-hr. Hotline authorized to receive reports of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Financial Exploitation. Once a report has been received the Hotline will notify the appropriate IDOA contracted agency.)</b></p>

**General Medical Clinics**

- McHenry County Health Department** (815) 334-4510
- Family Health Partnership Clinic** (815) 334-8987
- Cooperative Dental Clinic** (815) 337-5616

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