

Effects of Maltreatment on Children by Developmental Stage

	Infants/toddlers	Latency age	Adolescence	Adulthood
Physical abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • withdrawal, apathy • aggressive behavior • head banging • hypervigilance, fearfulness • subdued crying • dinginess • poor eye contact • indiscriminate attaching • extreme or inappropriate reactions to pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • withdrawal, apathy • aggressive behavior • self-destructive behavior • attention-getting (e.g., fire setting) • self-mutilation • apathy, introversion • anxiety • speech or learning disabilities • fear of failure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • withdrawal, apathy • aggressive behavior • anti-social behavior (e.g., car stealing) • inability to relate to peers • members of violence-identified groups or gangs (low self-esteem) • running away • prostitution • drug and alcohol abuse • seeks out attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inability to form long-lasting, meaningful, or satisfying relationships • attracted to violent partners • isolated, frequent relocations
Sexual abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sexualized behavior • stiff/difficulty relaxing/sleeping • clingy • difficulty eating • colicky • passive/withdrawn • fussy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sexualized behavior • inability to relate to peers • parentified (or pseudo-adult) • can be manipulative • seeks attention by acting out • distracted easily • self-conscious • eating disorders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sexualized behavior/acting out • promiscuity • defiance • isolate, fearful • self-mutilating • suicidal gestures • obsessively clean and neat • pseudo-mature • eating disorder • drug and alcohol abuse • prostitution • running away • delinquency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sexual difficulties (either physical/relationship) • distrust • shame of body • unable to assert, protect self • repeats victim patterns • drug/alcohol abuse
Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • withdrawal/apathy • rocking • fearfulness • lethargic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • withdrawal/apathy • fearful/learned helplessness • can't reach out for help • hoards food • clingy or needy or pseudo-independent • regressive behavior (thumb-sucking, masturbating) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • withdrawal/apathy • aggressiveness • obesity or other eating disorder • inability to make or keep friends • drug and alcohol abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • depression • alcohol abuse • isolated