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Key Indicators of Emotional Abuse

Emotional child abuse (e.g., rape or molestation) can manifest itself in many ways. Here are some of the most common physical (bodily) and behavioral indicators.

Key Physical (Bodily) Indicators of Emotional Abuse:

- Speech disorders
- Failure to thrive
- Lags in physical development

Key Behavioral Indicators of Emotional Abuse:

- Habit disorders (sucking, biting, etc.)
- Conduct disorders (antisocial, destructive, etc.)
- Neurotic traits (sleep disorders, inhibition of play)
- Psychoneurotic reactions (hysteria, obsession compulsion, phobias, hypochondria)
- Behavioral extremes (complaint, passive aggressive, demanding)
- Overly adaptive behavior (inappropriately adult, inappropriately infant)
- Development lags (mental and emotional)
- Attempted suicide

To learn more about the warning signs of child abuse and neglect, visit the “Resources” section of our website at www.KalamazooCAN.com. Or call our office at (269) 552-4430.

Important: If you suspect a case of child abuse or neglect, please call Child Protective Services immediately at **(269) 337-5046**. Don't wait. Make this confidential call now.