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Key Indicators of Sexual Abuse

Sexual 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 Sexual Abuse:

- Difficulty in walking or sitting
- Torn, stained or bloody underclothing
- Pain or itching in genital area
- Bruises or bleeding in external genitalia, vaginal, or anal areas
- Venereal disease, especially in pre-teen pregnancy

Key Behavioral Indicators of Sexual Abuse:

- Withdrawal
- Fantasy, infantile, bizarre, sophisticated, or unusual sexual behavior or knowledge
- Poor peer relationships
- Delinquent or run away
- Reports sexual assault by caretaker (parent, guardian or designated caregiver)

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.