

# 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. For further information, please call 815-479-7792.

Child Abuse	Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse	Adult Sexual Abuse	Intimate Partner Violence	Adults with Disability and Elder Abuse
Unexplained injuries or inconsistent with explanation 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 & will not leave the patient alone with provider	Presence of partner or caregiver who controls or dominates the interview & will not leave the patient alone with 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 family and friends
Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia and/or compulsive eating)	Eating disorder (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 & 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		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. Please call the McHenry County Crisis Line at 1-800-892-8900 if you need immediate help. 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 Violence	Adult Protective Services
<p><b>McHenry County Crisis Line 1-800-892-8900 –</b> 24 hour toll free (Provides 24-hour information, referral, assessment and crisis intervention to persons of all ages experiencing any kind of life crisis.)</p>				
<p><b>DCFS</b>  <b>800-25-ABUSE</b>  <b>(800-252-2873)</b>                      (Provides these services: investigate and service child abuse and neglect cases, emergency services for abuse/neglect, adoption, daycare, foster family care, counseling)</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>CARE CENTER of Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault</b>  <b>815-671-4004</b>                      After hours call McHenry County Crisis Line 800-892-8900                      (Provides 24 hour service for victims and family, prevention, education, counseling, medical and legal advocacy.)</p>	<p><b>Turning Point Office 815-338-8081</b>  <b>After Hours available through McHenry County Crisis Line 800-892-8900</b>                      (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. 815-344-3555 or 815-356-7457</b>  <b>24-hr Agency Answering Service available</b>                      (Investigate and intervene in cases of physical abuse, passive neglect, deprivation, confinement, sexual abuse and financial exploitation of persons with disabilities 18 to 59 and Seniors age 60 years of age and older. Contracted by the IL Department on Aging.)</p>
		<p><b>VOICE Program of Pioneer Center</b>  <b>815-759-7066 or</b>                      (Provides legal advocacy. On-going support/counseling is also available for victims of sexual abuse at any age. Professional and School Aged Education available to McHenry County.)</p>		
<p><b>National Child Abuse Hotline</b>  <b>800-4-A-CHILD</b>  <b>(800-422-4453)</b>                      (Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, professional counseling, and information and referral over the phone.)</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>                      (Provides 24-hour crisis intervention and information and referral over the phone to victims of rape of all ages.)</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-hr Abuse Hotline</b>  <b>866-800-1409</b>                      (24-hr Hotline authorized to receive reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults with disabilities age 18 to 59 and Seniors 60 yrs of age and older. Once a report has been received the Hotline will notify the appropriate IDOA contracted agency for the specific county of jurisdiction.)</p>

### General Medical Clinics

McHenry County Health Department 815-334-4510  
 Family Health Partnership Clinic 779-220-9304

McHenry Community Health Center 815-363-9900  
 Cooperative Dental Clinic 815-337-5616