Abstract: The Administration for Children and Families is a federal agency that brings together a broad range of federal programs to promote the economic and social well being of families. Their website provides, among other things, information, statistics, and links to publications on child abuse.

"National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information." [http://www.childwelfare.gov/can/].
Abstract: This website is sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. It has a multitude of links, resources, and publications related to child abuse.

Notes: Available full-text on InfoTrac.
Abstract: Head trauma is the most common cause of death in child abuse victims, particularly in children under 12 months. The authors describe the clinical features that distinguish accidental from abusive head injury.

Bensley, Lillian et al. "Community Responses and Perceived Barriers to Responding to Child Maltreatment."
Journal of Community Health 29, no. 2 (April 2004): 141(13).
Notes: Available full-text on InfoTrac.
Abstract: While a good deal of responsibility for preventing child abuse depends upon community members reporting abuse to child protective services, there are many people that are hesitant to do so. The results of a random-digit-dialed telephone survey suggest that most people will somehow intervene, and discusses the barriers that prevent those who do not.

Call Number: HV 6626.54 .G7 C67 2001
Abstract: Offers and in-depth analysis of the North Wales Tribunal's inquiry into alleged child abuse cases in residential care. The inquiry examines cases in two counties from the year 1974 until 1996. The authors weigh the facts, consider the issues, and examine the response to the allegations.

Call Number: HV 6625 .C49 2002
Abstract: Organizes, dissects and annotates literature on the controversial subject of ritual abuse. Includes an international selection of articles, books, reports, and legal opinions, as well as newspaper and magazine articles. Categorizes the material into chapters, providing a preface for each.

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Notes: Available full-text through Wilson Web.
Abstract: Though geared toward school professionals, contains information that is helpful in recognizing abuse and its effects. Provides direction on compiling maltreatment reports, the legal reporting requirements, and the reasonable suspicion threshold. Details the indicators of maltreatment, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and emotional abuse.

Abstract: Police officers seldom receive training on how to recognize the clues that indicate child abuse. The author discusses twelve common clues that may indicate that someone is abusing a child. This article gives an overview of the symptoms of potential child abuse.

Notes: Available full-text through Wilson Web.
Abstract: Examines the role that culture plays in discipline and abuse, focusing on low-income Latino families. Discusses the Latino norms in childrearing and differentiating between abuse and punishment.

Abstract: Lengthy article that discusses the court case of a battered woman who failed to protect her child from abuse. Includes general information and examines the effect that battering has on a parent's willingness or ability to protect their child, but uses the case of Sonya Daniels as a reference.

Abstract: The author examines the increasing prevalence of children endangered by methamphetamine production. Estimates indicate that children are found in about one-third of all seized labs, and that possibly 90 percent of labs go undetected. Approximately 35 percent of these children are found to have toxic levels of chemicals in their bodies. Aside from the dangers posed by these labs, the children are often victims of abuse and neglect, living in poor conditions without proper medical care. California and Oklahoma authorities have begun programs to which include a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to this growing problem.

Call Number: RJ 375 .H72 2001
Abstract: A pictorial guide to recognizing various child abuse injuries.

Call Number: HV 8079 .C46 K35 1999
Abstract: Geared toward service professionals, this book provides a history of mandatory child abuse reporting laws, ethical considerations, guidelines, case reports, and policies. The appendices include a glossary of terms, directory of information sources, and a directory of national and state child protection hotlines.

Abstract: A number of countries have infanticide statutes that mandate consideration of a woman’s mental health in infant murder cases that occur within a year of giving birth, recognizing the role that postpartum depression can play. American courts, however, prosecute mothers who kill their children under homicide statutes. The insanity defense tests in America are extremely narrow, thus largely ruling out the insanity defense for even the most severely postpartum psychotic women. The author asserts that American courts should incorporate greater latitude in the insanity defense when dealing with infanticide and postpartum depression.
Call Number: HV 6626.52 .M33 2003
Abstract: Written specifically for criminal justice professionals, this book covers physical, sexual and emotional abuse, as well as neglect. It separates each of these types of abuse into its own chapter, listing physical and behavioral indicators, and other pertinent information. Also provided in each chapter is a section on appropriate criminal justice response. The appendices contain an extensive reference list, information sources, and case samples.

Call Number: RC 469.5 .M83 M34 2002
Abstract: A look at the controversial condition of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSBP). Using scientific evidence and case studies, the author investigates the phenomena of MSBP, seeking to answer whether it is a real syndrome, how often it is misdiagnosed, and the effects that misdiagnosis has on a child.

Call Number: J 32.10:AB 9
Abstract: Provides an overview of an award-winning series of booklets published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, giving a synopsis for each of the 11 guides. These guides can be obtained, free-of-charge, through the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse.

Abstract: The case of a 3-year-old girl that died of starvation due to child neglect is presented.

Call Number: RJ 375 .P446 2002
Abstract: The author breaks through the misconceptions of Shaken Baby Syndrome to provide the first comprehensive book written exclusively about the subject.

Abstract: In January 2003, a Working Group was established to develop guidelines for investigating infant deaths in the United Kingdom. The results were this 78-page report establishing proper protocol from the initial home visit through the role of the coroner.

Call Number: HV 6626.5 .C472 2001
Abstract: Offers a global view of child abuse, examining the issue in 16 different countries. Experts from each country discuss the history of child abuse, legal definitions, prevalence, the legal system, and penalties for abuse.

Notes: Available full-text through InfoTrac.
Abstract: Provides reasons to support an argument for police taking the lead role in protecting children from abuse, rather than social service workers.

Call Number: RG 852 .I53 2003
Abstract: Brings together a legal, medical, and psychosocial understanding of maternal infanticide.

Abstract: The authors of this book are two clinical psychologists who have trained police officers, social workers, lawyers, and psychologists in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand on interviewing children. Each chapter of this book represents a step in the interviewing process, from understanding a child's mind and preparing for the interview, all the way through evaluating the outcome of the interview.

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