

Child Abuse Myths

- ◆ **Myth:** Only strangers are abusers.
- ◇ **Fact:** In 88-92% of cases, the victim knows the offender, usually a relative, family member, family friend, babysitter or other friend of the family.
- ◆ **Myth:** The majority of victims tell someone about the abuse.
- ◇ **Fact:** Two-third of all victims don't tell their parents or other adult for fear of being blamed, punished or accused of lying.
- ◆ **Myth:** A child will say "stop" if he/she wants to.
- ◇ **Fact:** Children seldom question adult behavior, having been taught to obey. They are coerced or forced into abusive situations with bribes, threats or abuse of authority.
- ◆ **Myth:** Family sexual abuse only happens in low-income families.
- ◇ **Fact:** Abuse crosses all classes of society. No social, economic or racial class is immune to abuse.
- ◆ **Myth:** Men and women abuse children equally.
- ◇ **Fact:** Data indicates men are the perpetrators in the majority of cases. However, studies also show female perpetrators are more common than first suspected.
- ◆ **Myth:** Non-violent sexual behavior between a child and adult will not damage the child.
- ◇ **Fact:** ALL victims experience shame, guilt and anger, and are at risk for developing poor self-image.



Reporting Child Abuse is
Everyone's Responsibility.
To Report Contact:

CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
336-683-8200
Randolph County DSS

Emmy's House Children's Advocacy Center

235 East Academy Street
Asheboro, NC 27203
Phone: 336-610-3060
Fax: 336-610-3062
24-hour Emergency Cell: 336-953-0597

E-mail: CACinfo@randolphfcc.org

Mailing address:
PO Box 2161
Asheboro, NC 27204



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*Helping children find their
courageous spirit within;
to begin healing.*

What is Emmy's House Children's Advocacy Center ?

- An independent, neutral, non-profit agency serving Randolph County children who have been sexually abused. We are not part of Social Services or Law Enforcement.
- Services provided are child focused taking into consideration the safety and well- being of the children.
- Serves Randolph and Montgomery Counties' children who have been/are survivors of Human Trafficking.
- Works in conjunction with the following agencies, for the purpose of providing a systematic, multi-disciplinary response to cases of child abuse:
 - * District Attorney's Office
 - * State/Local Department of Social Services (DSS)
 - * Local Law Enforcement
 - * Mental Health/Medical Professionals
- Children and Families must be referred by DSS or Law Enforcement

Our Mission:

To reduce the devastating long-term effects that all forms of child abuse have on children, their families, and society through immediate, coordinated, child-focused services, education, and advocacy.

Our Services Include:

Forensic Interview

A fact-finding conversation with the child conducted by a specially trained interviewer

Medical Exam

A head-to-toe evaluation and consultation by expert medical professionals

Family Advocacy

Providing support, referrals, and resources to children and their families during the entire case process

Therapy Services

Providing evidence-based, trauma focused services to the child and family

Multi-Disciplinary Team

Child Abuse professionals work together to share information and coordinate a response to meet family needs

What is Child Abuse?

Child Abuse includes the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse of a minor. There are many forms of child abuse including:

- **Physical Abuse**—when someone causes any non-accidental injury to a child.
- **Sexual Abuse**- any sexual conduct harmful to a child's mental, emotional, or physical welfare; compelling or encouraging the child to engage in sexual conduct; permitting, encouraging, engaging in, or allowing the obscene or pornographic photographing or filming of a child .
- **Human Trafficking**- a type of sexual abuse where a child is exploited for money, power or status. Many of our vulnerable youth are targeted and ultimately lured into sexually exploited activity such as using sex for money, pornography, exotic dancing, and stripping.

Internet Resources

www.vinelink.com

<http://www.nc-van.org>

www.rainn.org

www.d2l.org

<http://www.mosac.net/>

www.ncdps.gov