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Child Abuse

“Child abuse is reported every 10 seconds; about 3 million reports are made each year.” (columbusga). People get charged in different ways. There are many different types of child abuse. The effects of child abuse can range from low to high. It does affect the family and the individual. Child abuse is wrong and shouldn’t be passed over even if it isn’t that bad.

A person charged with child abuse can face a variety of charges. These charges depend on how severe the abuse was, in what state the crime was committed, the age of the child, and whether it was sexual, physical, emotional abuse or neglect. “In most states, child abuse may be charged as either a felony or a less serious offense depending on the circumstances. The most severe cases of child abuse may carry felony lifetime sentences. The least serious cases are considered gross misdemeanors with potentially no jail time.” (Child Abuse Penalties and Sentencing)

There are four different types of child abuse. First, physical abuse is when you physically harm or do something to the child. Second, emotional abuse is language used to put the child down in any way. Third, sexual abuse is when a person takes over the child and makes then do a sexual activity. Fourth, neglect is when a parent doesn’t provide the child with things they need.

“The most obvious effect of child abuse is physical injury to the child. According to the Child Welfare Information Gateway, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, physical injuries can be minor, such as bruises, or severe, such as broken bones or even death, but the pain and suffering leaves much deeper emotional scars.” (Hermes). Some psychological effects are the child feels fearful, can’t trust, and is isolated. Last, behavioral effects can cause the child to be a teen parent, do drugs, or get into trouble with the law.

It affects the family and the individual. Child abuse is wrong and shouldn’t be passed over even if it isn’t that bad. People get charged differently. There are different types of child abuse. The effects of child abuse can vary. Children are innocent victims and shouldn’t have to be involved in it. This is why it is important to know about child abuse.

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