



# Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

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# Monsters in the Closet

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# Objectives

- ▶ To understand how domestic violence can have an affect on the lives of children
- ▶ To illustrate these impacts and outline the devastating effects to the children
- ▶ Pursuits to aid those children involved in the dilemma of domestic violence



# Prenatal Effects of Domestic Violence

- ▶ Low birth weight
- ▶ Premature birth
- ▶ Excessive bleeding
- ▶ Fetal death

# Infants Effected by Domestic Violence

- ▶ Continual crying, inconsolable
- ▶ Irritable
- ▶ Lacking emotions
- ▶ Lacking emotional and physical attachment with mother
- ▶ Developmentally delayed
- ▶ Diarrhea
- ▶ Low weight, no appetite
- ▶ Easily startled

# Infants Affected by Domestic Violence, cont.

Bedwetting

Running

Thumb sucking

Fear of being left alone

Nightmares

Speech impediments

Reluctance to being touched

Excessive fantasy in play

## Pre-teens Effected by Domestic Violence

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High level of aggression, anxiety, withdrawal and depression

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Disobedience, poor social skills and low-self-esteem

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Low cognitive functioning, poor school performance

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Prone to a anger, violent behavior, and rage

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A behavior leading to long-term adult depression and trauma

# Pre-teens Effectuated by Domestic Violence, cont.

Loss of childhood

Suicidal thoughts

Crime

Increased sleeping

Anger at abused parent

Sexually acting out

Drug/alcohol abuse

# Teen Dating Violence

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- ▶ Dating violence is experienced in 30 percent of teen dating
- ▶ Teen violence resulting from violent homes
- ▶ Violence viewed as acceptable
- ▶ Increase of sexual violence on college campuses
- ▶ Intimate partner violence with an acquittance

# Corrective Action Towards DV

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- ▶ Professional therapy service
- ▶ School psychologist
- ▶ Sexual assault service
- ▶ Assessment of the child
- ▶ Victim support group attendance

# Thank You

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