

Children Who Witness Abuse

Are 50% more likely to abuse drugs/alcohol;

Are 74% more likely to commit crimes against another person;

If over the age of six, often identify and idealize the batterer and lose respect for the victim.

The children's program is specially designed to support children who have witnessed domestic violence. It helps children understand they are not responsible for their parents' actions. It helps them identify nonviolent ways to solve problems and how to be safer at home and in the community.



Please call us at 408-501-7550 for more information on our services



NEXT DOOR
SOLUTIONS TO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Next Door Solutions To Domestic Violence

Next Door welcomes all victims of domestic violence. We do not discriminate in the basis of race, color, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, military status, pregnancy, or disability.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

▶ "Children who witness domestic violence are also victims."

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▶ Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

Children who have witnessed the abuse of one parent by another parent are traumatized, whether they are physically threatened, hear it from another room, or see the results of the abuse.



They feel-Confusion, fear of abandonment, helplessness, lack of self confidence, low self-esteem, insecurity, loneliness, depression, hypervigilance, guilt for not being able to stop the abuse, anger at the victim for not protecting herself, constant feeling of not being safe and not having any personal control, as well as a loss of trust of adults are some of the feelings children experience.

They learn-Violence and abuse are normal behaviors and promises are often broken. Girls in violent homes may believe all men are abusive and all women are abused. Boys and girls grow up to believe that they can be victims and/or abusers.

They act-Some children experience a delay in speech and motor control. Anxiety may affect ability to function at school and home in various ways including: repressive behaviors, aggression, acting out, poor impulse control, lack of personal boundaries, and violation of others' personal boundaries.

OUR SERVICES

Kid's Club

Held frequently at our offices for children ages 3-12, Kids Club is a safe place where children learn that violence at home is not their fault. They also realize violence is wrong and can be stopped, and the importance of ending the silence about abuse in their families. They learn to be safer at home and in the community, express their feelings, and strengthen their self-esteem.

A safe place for children



Services at the Shelter

The immediate needs of children exposed to domestic violence are addressed at the shelter. The shelter works with the schools and medical community to build a better future for children. The shelter provides a supportive environment where children receive counseling and intervention.

Services in the Community

Next Door collaborates with schools, churches, mental health professionals, and community centers to educate the community on how violence in the home affects children.

Child Abuse in Homes Experiencing Domestic Violence

Child abuse in families experiencing domestic violence occurs at 1,500 times the rate experienced in non-abusive homes.

Child Abuse is:

Physical-Shaking, hitting, beating, burning or biting a child

Emotional-Constantly blaming or "putting down" a child, excessive yelling, and shaming

Sexual-Incest, any forced sexual activity, exposure to sexual stimulation not appropriate for the child's age

Neglect-A pattern of failure to provide for the child's physical needs: food, clothing, medical care. Failure to provide for the child's emotional needs: affection, attention, and supervision.



Parental Stress Hotline:

408-279-8228

Child Protective Services

408-299-2071