Know the Signs

Every year there are more than 10,000 allegations of child abuse/neglect in Cuyahoga County. Be an Everyday Hero. Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect.

Physical Signs of Abuse

- Unexplained burns, cuts, bruises, or welts in the shape of an object
- Bite marks
- Anti-social behavior
- Problems in school
- Fear of adults

Emotional Signs of Abuse

- Apathy
- Depression
- Hostility or stress
- Lack of concentration
- Eating disorder

Sexual Signs of Abuse

- Inappropriate interest or knowledge of sexual acts
- Nightmares and bed wetting
- Drastic changes in appetite
- Over compliance or excessive aggression
- Fear of a particular person or family member

Signs of Neglect

- Unsuitable clothing
- Dirty or un-bathed
- Extreme hunger
- Apparent lack of supervision



