

You Can Make a Difference in a Child's Life...



P.A.N.D.A.®

Prevent Abuse *and* Neglect
through Dental Awareness

Warning signs of abuse

- Loose or fractured teeth
- Bruises or cuts
- Cigarette or immersion burns
- Absence of hair from hair pulling
- Immersion or rope burns
- Human bite marks
- Child is dressed inappropriately for the weather (covering bruises, etc.)

Warning signs of neglect

- Child is dirty, unkempt or displays poor oral hygiene
- Rampant cavities in a child's mouth
- Untreated pain, infection, bleeding or trauma
- History of a lack of follow-through for care
- Evidence of poor supervision

Behavioral indicators

- No eye contact
- Wary of parents
- Fear of touch
- Apprehensive when others cry
- Aggressiveness
- Overly compliant or passive
- Dramatic mood changes
- Suicide attempts

Importance of a straight story

- Obtain stories from child and parent separately. Do the stories match?
- Is there history of similar injuries in the past?
- Is the injury consistent with the child's history?

**If you suspect child abuse or neglect, contact
Kansas SRS at (800) 922-5330.**