

# GRANDPARENT CORNER

Abusive families need help. There are a number of factors that may contribute to child abuse/neglect. Knowing the risks and recognizing the signs could save a child's life.

## Potential Factors for Child Abuse

- Family history of abuse/neglect
- Lack of bonding/empathy
- Substance abuse
- Physical isolation
- Mental health issues
- Domestic violence
- High levels of stress, few coping skills
- Lack of parenting knowledge/skills

## Potential Signs of Child Abuse

- Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance
- Has learning problems (or difficulty concentrating)
- Is always watchful, as though something bad may happen
- Is overly compliant, passive or withdrawn
- Goes places early, stays late, and doesn't want to go home

In case of an emergency, call 911. In non-emergency situations, call your local Children's Service Agency or Law Enforcement Agency in the county in which the child resides or was abused. You may check your phone book for the number, or contact :[Prevent Child Abuse Ohio at \(614\) 722-6800](tel:6147226800) or [1-800-CHILDREN](tel:1800CHILDREN).

*Source: Prevent Child Abuse Ohio-The Parent Resource Center*

## **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES HOTLINE NUMBERS IN AAA7**

### ADAMS COUNTY

937-544-2371, ext. 225 or ext. 234

### BROWN COUNTY

937-378-6104, ext. 119  
or 1-800-582-4267, ext. 4081

### GALLIA COUNTY

740-446-3222

### HIGHLAND COUNTY

937-393-4278, ext. 240

### JACKSON COUNTY

740-286-4181, ext. 316

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

740-532-3324, ext. 325

### PIKE COUNTY

740-947-2171

### ROSS COUNTY

740-773-2651, ext. 7558

### SCIOTO COUNTY

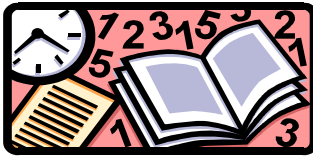
740-354-6661  
or 740-355-8843

### VINTON COUNTY

740-596-2584

The Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. serves Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties. For assistance from the Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc., please call 1-800-582-7277.

***"Services Provided on a Non-Discriminatory Basis"***



# QUICK QUIZ

According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, in the United States, an estimated five million seniors are victims of financial exploitation, physical abuse or neglect each year. Read this issue, then test your knowledge on abuse by answering True or False to the questions below.

**Circle T for TRUE or F for FALSE:**

- T F 1. *Physical abuse* is defined as using force or violence (pushing or slapping) to get a person to do something, or using confinement or restraints (over-medicating, tying hands) to prevent a person from doing something.
- T F 2. *Neglect* is defined as providing inadequate food, water, clothing, shelter or help with personal hygiene and health care.
- T F 3. People with dementia are especially vulnerable to mistreatment.
- T F 4. Emotional abuse is also unhealthy and damaging.
- T F 5. Knowing the signs and symptoms of abuse can help you determine if a problem exists.
- T F 6. If a senior's behavior changes and appears to be fearful of a caregiver or family member and you suspect elder abuse, contact the Adult Protective Services Agency.
- T F 7. Over-medicating a person is not a sign of abuse.
- T F 8. You can ignore the senior's comments about being taken advantage of because some people complain.
- T F 9. It is important to have a hobby to reduce stress and increase confidence.
- T F 10. Seniors always report financial abuse.

Answers  
1. T, 2. T, 3. T, 4. T, 5. T, 6. T, 7. F, 8. F, 9. T, 10. F

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