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Abstract

Child abuse has lasting effects that can lead up and into adulthood, leaving scars mentally and physically on their bodies and mind. More than six-hundred thousand cases are reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and people need to know what abuse can affect and alter a person for the rest of their life. According to McQueen multiple forms of child abuse can lead to many behavioral issues such as depression, anxiety, and disassociation in both childhood and adulthood. I believe that it is important for people to know that abuse isn't some type of punishment, it can lead to suicide and death..



(Atwood, 2013)

Conclusion and Discussion

I do agree with most of my findings in this research project, and could stand behind much of it; I believe abuse is a terrible way to treat a child, and that anyone actively abusing a child should be ashamed. If someone knows a child is being abuse or someone that was abused as a child, they should reach out to them and teach them that violence isn't the right way to treat a human, and that there was better things in life and better ways to treat someone, like love and compassion. If I were the continue my research into child abuse I would like to expand more into safe and effective alternatives to corporal punishment. I would like to look further into how abuse from a mother rather than a father or vice versa might effect a child differently.

Key Points and Important Facts From The Research

- According to Mayo Clinic there are 5 types of abuse: physical, emotional, sexual, medical, and neglect. Most of the time victims are effected by more than just one.
- In Barlow and McMillian's writing, they speak about how the emotionally abused is under-reported. I believe this is due to the fact that it doesn't leave physical scars.
- Children living in constant abuse are likely to abuse their own children, because they grew up believing violence was the best way to discipline a child; this causes a sort of cycle of abuse that could potentially last for generations.

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