

What I Learned on Day 1 of Sexual Abuse Issues: An Introduction for Child Welfare Professionals

1. The clinical definition of sexual abuse is an act or failure to act by a perpetrator, which causes sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child under 18 years of age.
True_____ False_____
2. The sexual abuse of children has always been disavowed by society and has always been a crime.
True_____ False_____
3. Per the CPSL, a perpetrator of sexual abuse is anyone over the age of 14 who sexually abuses a child.
True_____ False_____
4. It is the goal of children and youth social services to ensure for each child in this Commonwealth a permanent, legally assured family which protects the child from abuse and neglect.
True_____ False_____
5. The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) established certain circumstances under which a court can direct an agency to not make reasonable efforts to reunify a family when a child is in placement. These are known as aggravated circumstances.
True_____ False_____
6. Interaction Skills are mostly confined to the investigative phase of child abuse cases and rarely applied to other phases.
True_____ False_____
7. Behavior Indicators can be used to identify and diagnose sexual abuse.
True_____ False_____
8. Children who are just fondled suffer more emotionally than children who are penetrated.
True_____ False_____

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9. Under Megan's Law, all dangerous sex offenders are registered in the State of Pennsylvania.
True_____ False_____

10. Children who present with physical indicators of sexual abuse represent approximately 20-25% of all victims.
True_____ False_____

11. One researched effect of sexual abuse is social isolation.
True_____ False_____

12. Many of the decisions made in child sexual abuse are complicated with no clear "right" answer. Informed judgment to reach decisions about case planning must be employed.
True_____ False_____

13. Some family factors that may be related to sexually abusive families are that they are more disorganized, more conflictual and controlling, and more isolated.
True_____ False_____

14. Approximately 1/3 of children/youth nationally witness or have been exposed to victimization.
True_____ False_____

15. All children react to their victimization in the same way.
True_____ False_____

16. Siblings of a victim of sexual abuse are rarely affected by it themselves.
True_____ False_____