INJURY SPOTLIGHT

Child Maltreatment

The U-M Injury Center produces bi-monthly injury topic spotlights that include information about a Center member working on the topic, links to local and national resources, and an "Issues and Solutions" sheet.

For the month of February, the U-M Injury Center is focusing on the prevention of child maltreatment, which includes all types of abuse and neglect. The four most common types of maltreatment are psychological, physical, sexual, and neglect. The Center provides resources and information to help prevent and respond to these forms of abuse.
maltreatment are: physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect.

In 2013, an estimated 1,520 children died of maltreatment in the U.S., a rate of 2.04 children per 100,000. Nearly three-quarters (74%) of child fatalities due to maltreatment were children younger than 3 years old and almost four-fifths (79%) of perpetrators were parents.¹

In Michigan in 2013, there were nearly 34,000 unique victims of child maltreatment, a rate of 15.1 per 1,000 children compared to the national rate of 9.1.¹

To learn about prevention strategies including implementing effective evidence-based programs, scroll down for information on February’s issues & solutions sheet. Also, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's webpage additional information on child maltreatment prevention strategies and programs.

References:

UPCOMING EVENT

Lunchtime seminar featuring Maria Muzik, MD, MSc

Join us to hear Maria Muzik, MD, MSc, Assistant Professor in the U-M Department of Psychiatry and Assistant Research Scientist in the U-M Center for Human Growth & Development, share her research in the area of child maltreatment. Her research focuses similarly on the study of stress, trauma, and mental illness in the context of childbearing, and its influence on the developing parent-infant relationship and parenting. In particular, Dr. Muzik lead a NIMH-funded longitudinal study following mothers who are childhood abuse survivors as they enter postpartum, and studies their parenting attitudes and behaviors, and their children's developmental trajectories. Currently, Dr. Muzik conducts research on relationship-based parenting and self-care interventions for high-risk mothers and families with young children.

EVENT DETAILS:

When: Wednesday, February 10, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
ISSUES & SOLUTIONS

Our Issues and Solutions series provides information on priority injury topics, paired with evidence-based prevention programs that practitioners can implement.

See February's Issues & Solutions sheet on child abuse and neglect to learn about two effective child maltreatment programs (Nurse-Family Partnership and Triple P - Positive Parenting Program).

Scroll down to find additional links to state and national resources related to the prevention of child maltreatment below.

CLICK HERE to download or visit www.injurycenter.umich.edu.

INJURY PREVENTION EXPERT

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP

Dr. Mohr is the Medical Director of the University of Michigan Health System Child Protection Team (CPT). The UMHS CPT is a multidisciplinary team dedicated to improving the identification and treatment of abused and neglected children. The UMHS CPT promotes the safety and best outcomes for children and families by strengthening and coordinating the community's response to child maltreatment issues.

Dr. Mohr also provides training regarding multiple topics within the field of child abuse and neglect.
Dr. Bethany Mohr works closely with multiple specialists within the UMHS upon evaluating suspected victims of child maltreatment.

CLICK HERE to view Dr. Mohr's member highlight on the U-M Injury Center website.

RESOURCES

Michigan

- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act State Plan Annual Update 2014. The report from the Department of Human Services for the state of Michigan provides information on a child maltreatment plan for Michigan in addition to state data.

National

- Child Maltreatment: Prevention Strategies. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website to learn about evidence-based programs to prevent child maltreatment. Find more information on:
  - Data sources
  - Essentials for Childhood
  - Additional resources
- Children's Safety Network's Child Maltreatment Prevention 2014 Resource Guide. This guide provides resources for child maltreatment prevention including data, reports, toolkits, and programs.
the 24th edition of the annual report on child abuse and neglect to find national- and state-level findings about investigations and assessments, perpetrators of maltreatment, and prevention and post investigation services.

- **University of Michigan Injury Center's Tools & Programs Database.** This database provides professionals and researchers with convenient access to evidence-based injury prevention programs, databases of evaluated programs and best-practice education materials. Click on the link above to find filtered results specifically on child maltreatment.

**Questions or Comments?**

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