

**CORRELATES /RED FLAGS
WITH BEHAVIORS AND TRAITS
CONNECTED WITH CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

<p style="text-align: center;">INDIVIDUAL/ PSYCHOLOGICAL</p>	<p><u>Personal History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ History of abuse/neglect as a child (20-40% of cases) ○ Rejection ○ Lack of experience in caring for children 	<p><u>Psychological Characteristics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Low or fragile esteem ○ Impulsiveness ○ Rigidity of belief and attitude ○ Substance abuse/ addiction prone ○ Depression ○ Distrust of others ○ Hopelessness/ despair ○ Low tolerance for frustration 	<p><u>Defense Mechanism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Denial ○ Projection ○ Rationalization ○ Identification with the aggressor 	
<p style="text-align: center;">FAMILIAL (INTRA)</p>	<p><u>Marital Relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marital conflict/discord ○ Spouse abuse ○ Poor communication ○ Blended families ○ Live-in paramours 	<p><u>Parent-Child Relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent-child conflict ○ High level of child misbehavior ○ Anxious attachment ○ Scapegoating of one child ○ Role reversal 	<p><u>Family Traits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insularity (little significant contact with persons outside the family) ○ More overt aggression within family ○ Large number of children (especially neglect cases) ○ Single parent family ○ Low stress tolerance 	<p><u>Parenting Knowledge/Skills/Style</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unreasonable expectations of children ○ Over-dependence on punishment to manage child's behavior ○ Few positive interactions with child initiated by parent ○ Lack of empathy with child's pain ○ Reduced verbal interaction with child ○ Inconsistent response to basic needs of child

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COMMUNITY/ NEIGHBORHOOD/ SOCIAL NETWORK	<u>Social Support</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social isolation ○ Frequent conflicts with relatives, professional "friends," community ○ Lack of reciprocity in social relationships 	<u>Neighborhood Community</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lack of pride in neighborhood ○ Highly transient population ○ Weak social norms ○ Low level of education ○ Few or inadequate family supports, professional resources in neighborhood/ community ○ Few or no "natural helpers" ○ Low affiliation of residents in community ○ Geographic concentration of families with high needs and low resources 	<u>Unstable Economic Forces</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid decline of whole industries ○ High rate of geographic mobility related to economic causes 	
SOCIO-ECONOMIC	<u>Poverty</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All forms of CA/N but highest correlation with serious neglect ○ Next highest correlation with physical abuse ○ Not quite so high with sexual abuse 	<u>Unemployment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Involuntary lack of employment ○ Under-employed 	<u>Inadequate Housing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Poor and unsafe living conditions ○ Little or no access to adequate housing 	<u>Illiteracy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High drop-out rate ○ Poor school attendance ○ Lack of marketable employment skills

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<p style="text-align: center;">CULTURAL ATTITUDES</p>	<p><u>Tolerance of Aggression</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social approval of physical discipline ○ Idealization of controlled aggression (law, business, sports, etc.) ○ Media violence 	<p><u>Value Placed on Individual Freedom/Autonomy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nuclear families ○ Right to privacy/family sanctity ○ The view that parents "own" children ○ Intolerance of dependence on relatives ○ Value placed on self-reliance 	<p><u>Attitudes Toward Women</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Male dominance ○ Acceptance of physical force as "bottom line" conflict resolution ○ Socialization of males regarding female roles and sexuality in society 	<p><u>Social Acceptance of Alcohol/Drugs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Association of drugs with pleasure ○ Tolerance for offenses against children while intoxicated 	<p><u>Racism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lack of sensitivity to cultural differences ○ Insufficient educational programs/facilities for minorities ○ Negative stereotyping ○ Lack of employment opportunities ○ Low percentage of minorities in helping professions 	<p><u>Kids Don't Count</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weak criminal penalties for crimes against children ○ It's OK to hit children who misbehave ○ Community ambivalence regarding responsibility for children
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