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**UNIT:** Maintaining a Healthy Environment      **LESSON:** Child Abuse and Neglect

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**COMPETENCIES:**

Discuss child abuse and neglect and how to identify, report and help with this problem in a child care program.

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**OVERVIEW/SUMMARY:**

Child abuse and neglect are serious problems in today's society. It is important to remember that child abuse can take place in any home, regardless of income, race, religion, or community standing. Child abuse affects a person's life and must be stopped. The healing process cannot begin until after the abuse has stopped.

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**MOTIVATOR:**

Give the students the oral pre-test. Discuss the answers as a class.

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**LESSON OPTIONS/SUPPLIES:**

**OPTION 1--CDA VI**

**TEACHER PRESENTATION:** The teacher should share the information "Child Abuse" with the class. (This information could also be used as a reading packet.)

**OPTION 2--CDA VI**

**HELPING AGENCIES:** As a class, compile a list of agencies in your area that provide counseling, medical treatment, information or any other helpful services to children who have been abused. Review the information found on the transparency "Reporting Child Abuse".

**OPTION 3**

**OH, NO YOU DON'T!** Discuss how to educate young children to protect themselves from abuse.

**OPTION 4--CDA VI**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Have a guest speaker from the hospital or other helping agency come present information to the class.

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**RESOURCES:**

"Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse"--A Guide for Utah

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                         National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse  
                         40 East South Temple, Suite 350-12  
                         Salt Lake City, Utah 84111  
                         801-532-3404

**CHILD ABUSE REPORTING HOTLINE 1-800-678-9399**

Local chapter of Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse (CAPSA)