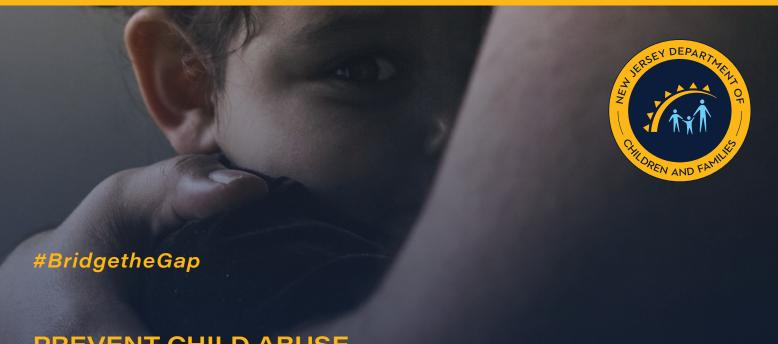
Child abuse is the non-accidental physical, sexual, emotional harm or risk of harm to a child under the age of 18 caused by a parent or other person who acts as a caregiver.

Neglect occurs when a parent or caregiver purposely fails to provide proper supervision for a child or adequate food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care, although financially assisted or able to do so.



PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

Ensure social connections. Check on and offer support to families you know:

- with infants and young children
- that have children with special needs
- with a history of substance abuse
- who are under extreme stress due to unemployment, food insecurity or housing instability
- with a history of violence
- with a history of mental illness

Notice the signs. Children who are abused or neglected may:

- be withdrawn hard to engage
- have visible, (poorly) unexplained/untreated injuries
- flinch at the sound of caregiver/s talking/walking
- have consistently bad hygiene
- frequently miss (online) school or appointments
- appear hungry or malnourished
- be sexually aware and active at a very young age
- talk about and make plans to run away from home

Every day, children are at risk. Report Suspected Child Abuse to 1-877-652-2873.