







# The 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with SurveyMonkey Disabilities

**If you didn't report the abuse to the authorities why didn't you (or why didn't your family member)?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Believed nothing would happen		17.8%	510
Did not know how to report or who to report to		10.9%	314
Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse		9.4%	271
Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse		3.3%	95
Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury		0.9%	26
<b>This question doesn't apply to me</b>		<b>67.6%</b>	<b>1,940</b>
	Other (please specify)		655
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>2,868</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>4,421</b>



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1	they lied to them to make me look bad or guilty	Nov 15, 2012 12:52 PM
2	In our situation we removed our love one from that environment	Nov 15, 2012 11:55 AM
3	Had to wait at Wishard Hospital for 6 hours to get rape exam done. Transferred to Riley "Center of Hope" They didn't want to do exam until after CPS came. CPS never came that day.	Nov 15, 2012 10:52 AM
4	Afraid I would get put in a nursing home	Nov 15, 2012 9:22 AM
5	by the time we found out it was too late to report	Nov 15, 2012 9:05 AM
6	Behavior (withholding physical assistance) was manipulative and controlling, but not illegal. Verbal abuse is not illegal.	Nov 15, 2012 9:00 AM
7	I reported it to the school	Nov 15, 2012 8:58 AM
8	she reported to school, mother told them not to listen to her so they didn't	Nov 15, 2012 8:41 AM
9	doesn't apply to me yet	Nov 15, 2012 8:23 AM
10	My family caregiver is my only option. I don't know what would happen to me if they weren't allowed to care for me. I don't want to be put into a old folks home.	Nov 15, 2012 7:59 AM
11	My primary goal was to make sure my daughter did not experience further punitive treatment as a fallout from my complaint -- after all, I do not always know what happens at school, I only know it indirectly from my daughter's behavior. I wanted NOTHING to get between her and her music -- her teacher at the time, who was absent that day, swore she would personally make sure it never happened again, and I believed her.	Nov 15, 2012 6:53 AM
12	There are too many in the service industry that cover each others back if they are from the same agency.	Nov 15, 2012 6:38 AM
13	He was being discriminated against by his superiors in the workplace.	Nov 15, 2012 6:27 AM
14	too young and not able to self-advocate	Nov 15, 2012 5:57 AM
15	Dealt with school personnel directly	Nov 14, 2012 11:07 AM
16	Did not know who to trust	Nov 14, 2012 10:12 AM
17	before I knew the child by years.	Oct 4, 2012 9:45 PM
18	felt helpless no matter what	Oct 2, 2012 4:35 AM
19	mostly neglect	Sep 25, 2012 4:51 PM
20	I reported it to police butt nothing was done.	Sep 18, 2012 7:43 AM
21	in the moment, feared that by reporting it I would have to reveal more about myself than I wished to share with anyone.	Sep 10, 2012 8:26 PM
22	I told just never heard back	Sep 7, 2012 1:35 PM

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23	Therapist advised against it	Sep 4, 2012 7:22 PM
24	officials did nothing	Sep 4, 2012 3:23 PM
25	on one instance "holding" was part of his behavior intervention plan, which we agreed to because of a lack of knowledge on our part. Now that my son is communicating via an iPad he told us about other instances. We know they would discount his testimony and we feel he has been through enough already. He also asked us not to tell anyone.	Sep 3, 2012 5:13 AM
26	I didnt report the abuse with my mom because we were arguing one day and in the middle of the argument she was walking to her room and i was behind her and she tripped over a rug and fell, and I was unable to step over her and I fell over her, she acted like she was dying and a neighbor called the police because they heard her screamimg, when the police showed up, she faked an injury and was being over dramatic to the police and they believed her(she can be very convincing)and the police hand cuffed me and put me in the car, when they got ready to leave she she told them not to take me. After they left, she told me "I bet you wont mess with me again"	Sep 2, 2012 1:41 PM
27	I believed that the repercussions would be more damaging than the abuses suffered	Sep 1, 2012 5:58 PM
28	Too embarrassed & felt stupid for putting myself into the situation with the other person	Aug 31, 2012 4:00 PM
29	Fear of the family court system, in reference to abuse by family member.	Aug 30, 2012 10:36 AM
30	In some (less common) cases, I could not report emotional abuse because the authority to whom I would have reported, my teacher, was the abuser.	Aug 29, 2012 1:49 AM
31	guilt.	Aug 28, 2012 4:03 PM
32	The actions involved were not considered abuse 50 years ago.	Aug 28, 2012 6:49 AM
33	There was only a bruise. The teacher denied hurting my child's arm and school officials didn't believe us.	Aug 24, 2012 7:07 PM
34	family member finally told of the abuse when she was an adult several yars later	Aug 23, 2012 3:39 PM
35	it was a pair of isoated incidents	Aug 13, 2012 9:26 PM
36	i was a child	Aug 13, 2012 4:57 PM
37	When children state, I did it to myself, red flags should start flying	Aug 13, 2012 9:01 AM
38	Didn't know about it.	Aug 13, 2012 5:59 AM
39	happened at school child non verbal others scarred to tell for fear of job loss by time i found out state said too late	Aug 11, 2012 1:20 PM
40	I don't believe in that day and age this was considered abuse in rural Iowa so I don't believe it was reported or any action taken.	Aug 9, 2012 6:48 AM

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41	Reported it to Advocacy Services and they are working on it.	Aug 8, 2012 6:10 PM
42	Was embarrassed to have been taken advantage of by this person.	Aug 8, 2012 10:50 AM
43	Too embarrassed	Aug 7, 2012 3:18 PM
44	Too young. Thought I deserved it.	Aug 7, 2012 10:43 AM
45	told the investigators but my mom blamed me and nothing was done! I was 13 years old!	Aug 7, 2012 10:39 AM
46	I took care of that on my own.	Aug 7, 2012 10:29 AM
47	Happened at private school and they handled it internally	Aug 6, 2012 10:11 PM
48	People have their freedom to dislike someone.	Aug 5, 2012 5:28 PM
49	verbal abuse usually from strangers encountered once in public place	Aug 4, 2012 9:15 PM
50	NA	Aug 4, 2012 2:50 PM
51	was suspended for making official complaint and charges trumped up for saying Enough while hiding the conduct of school officials neglect, failure to adequately investigate and not speak with disabled student to seek the information, threatened, intimidated to silence, ignored, blamed	Aug 3, 2012 12:34 PM
52	Don't know.	Aug 3, 2012 10:38 AM
53	Bullying is not against the law. No laws were broken.	Aug 2, 2012 3:09 PM
54	Extremely isolated & unable to live alone (physically & financially) -- only abusers can provide "care" for unusual/complex/not widely recognized disabilities -- existing "safety-net" programs are highly inaccessible/insufficient -- risk of homelessness/death if abusers are alienated/angered or I am forced to leave "for my own good"	Aug 2, 2012 3:07 PM
55	Didn't realize it was abuse at the time	Aug 2, 2012 11:16 AM
56	Didn't want to report it.	Aug 2, 2012 8:44 AM
57	Was not serious but handled by family with the abuser. Will not be tolerated.	Aug 2, 2012 8:40 AM
58	I didn't understand I was being abused	Aug 1, 2012 12:37 PM
59	It was very subjective and hard to defend.	Aug 1, 2012 12:02 PM
60	REPORTED TO PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL OFFICER	Aug 1, 2012 10:43 AM
61	My daughter didn't feel the situation was abusive so was advised by a rape center that she could be traumatized by the interview process if I reported it to the authorities	Aug 1, 2012 9:08 AM
62	We did report each incident to abuse hotline and the workshop authorities, but nothing was really done.	Aug 1, 2012 8:39 AM

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63	I wasn't aware of the abuse until after the fact and authorities were already notified by that time.	Aug 1, 2012 6:18 AM
64	very minor-kid stuff	Aug 1, 2012 6:15 AM
65	Since he wasn't hurt didn't know how to address the issue.	Jul 31, 2012 8:09 PM
66	it's complicated	Jul 31, 2012 6:06 PM
67	DID REPORT IT TWO MONTHS AFTER IT HAPPENED BECAUSE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT IT UNTIL THEN...	Jul 31, 2012 5:41 PM
68	The abuser was a family member	Jul 31, 2012 5:01 PM
69	Handled the problem professionally or disregard the incident.	Jul 31, 2012 11:49 AM
70	Did not know it was abuse.	Jul 31, 2012 11:28 AM
71	I reported a possible abuse situation of a friend to their family's therapist, not Protective Services. I believe Protective Services would not have done the right thing and I trusted the therapist to know how to handle it.	Jul 31, 2012 11:06 AM
72	Was handled directly without reporting officially	Jul 31, 2012 10:54 AM
73	I did not realize at the time that I should have reported to police. I thought school officials would do something. I was told the teacher would be retiring. I was shocked when he was re-hired in retirement. The fact is my daughter had to stay in that classroom for an entire year no matter what we did because we work and we could not pull her out of school.	Jul 31, 2012 10:22 AM
74	I spoke with the daycare giver and the parents of the children. I also removed my son from daycare and have been a stay at home mom ever since.	Jul 31, 2012 9:43 AM
75	knew that if I was wrong about my suspicions the placement would kick my son out	Jul 31, 2012 9:23 AM
76	It was the 80s and the principal dealt with the teacher directly. I was removed from the classroom.	Jul 31, 2012 8:21 AM
77	My brother couldn't communicate details to us, found out through other means	Jul 31, 2012 8:09 AM
78	Not serious enough I guess	Jul 31, 2012 7:17 AM
79	Wasn't sure of the nature of the behaviors enough to report but ended the situation.	Jul 31, 2012 7:13 AM
80	see above	Jul 31, 2012 6:50 AM
81	told service provider	Jul 31, 2012 6:39 AM
82	Reported incident to family members and it was dealt with.	Jul 31, 2012 6:19 AM
83	Could not prove he stole from Autistic man, no witnesses. We all believed victim, but no proof	Jul 31, 2012 6:10 AM

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84	embarrassed	Jul 31, 2012 5:38 AM
85	This elderly didn't know who to report so she made an attempt to call me and I reported to APS and she also tried to run away from their house to come to her apt and they had the ambulance come and get her and dump her in the hospital stating that she has problems.	Jul 31, 2012 12:44 AM
86	it was more like a bullying then abuse	Jul 30, 2012 7:23 PM
87	SEE #10 ABOVE	Jul 30, 2012 6:05 PM
88	Addressed the issue directly	Jul 30, 2012 6:00 PM
89	I did not want the assailants to receive legal recourse, and I felt ashamed of what had happened. I also did not want the system to re-victimize me through the interviews, questions, medical examination, and legal process. I am also aware that very few cases are actually convicted and did not want to put myself through any additional pain and suffering by pursuing police/legal action.	Jul 30, 2012 1:10 PM
90	did not want to break my family up and nothing would be done to correct the problem anyway	Jul 30, 2012 11:43 AM
91	The immediate family was in denial about the disability and treated the instances as kids just being mean	Jul 30, 2012 11:42 AM
92	Was a child for most of it	Jul 30, 2012 11:24 AM
93	sought counselling	Jul 30, 2012 10:31 AM
94	He did not want to go through an investigation, he just wanted not to be in situation any longer.	Jul 30, 2012 9:27 AM
95	I didn't find out about the abuse until later. At that point she had divorced her husband and was safe.	Jul 30, 2012 9:24 AM
96	Reported to group home staff who put a stop to it.	Jul 30, 2012 7:20 AM
97	We dealt with it swiftly with family of agresor.	Jul 28, 2012 12:43 PM
98	My abuser was my "so called" boyfriend & caregiver.	Jul 27, 2012 7:09 PM
99	I was married to my attacker.	Jul 27, 2012 2:22 PM
100	It is too difficult. People have rights, but it takes forever and the system is reluctant to enforce it's own standards	Jul 27, 2012 1:23 PM
101	I did report.... and participate in investigation. Nothing was done.	Jul 27, 2012 12:08 PM
102	used another method to solve my problem	Jul 27, 2012 10:00 AM
103	The school put a plan in place, though the bullying contunued.	Jul 27, 2012 5:20 AM
104	I as the parent of a child with ASD I confronted the abusive individual myself.	Jul 26, 2012 10:46 PM

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105	he told the teachers	Jul 26, 2012 5:50 PM
106	We reported and followed up daily.	Jul 26, 2012 5:23 PM
107	Accompanied by my attorney and parents, I filed an EEOC complaint.	Jul 26, 2012 5:19 PM
108	It was reported by an aide working in the school, I was unaware at first.	Jul 26, 2012 4:32 PM
109	i was too young and did not even know i had been abused until years and years later. i finally told a family member a number of years ago when i ended up in a mental health facility for a month. but he did not believe me.	Jul 26, 2012 4:08 PM
110	After my first report, I was punished and told to never make another report. I was also prevented from use of the phone and had to sneak to make a report.	Jul 26, 2012 12:29 PM
111	We respond to that individual directly	Jul 26, 2012 7:44 AM
112	i was ashamed	Jul 26, 2012 6:22 AM
113	the abuser also had a disability so thought nothing would happen. Also my family member with a disability would have difficulty being questioned and would be traumatized further	Jul 26, 2012 4:01 AM
114	I wish the police had been involved only at the school level was it done	Jul 25, 2012 10:53 PM
115	it was so many years ago and I thought I was just being over protective. Now I know it was verbal/emotional abuse	Jul 25, 2012 10:08 PM
116	Called Social Worker, and Told My Home Nurse	Jul 25, 2012 1:18 PM
117	She was too ill	Jul 25, 2012 10:26 AM
118	Did not report rape to sheriff, because i didnt want him to go to jail. just wanted him to treat me right.	Jul 25, 2012 9:11 AM
119	Authorities are the ones who committed abuse, ignore reports.	Jul 25, 2012 8:33 AM
120	Reported to agency nothing happened.	Jul 25, 2012 8:08 AM
121	The large man had left before I could explain to him the situation.	Jul 25, 2012 7:06 AM
122	reported it to the school	Jul 25, 2012 6:26 AM
123	We were not told about this until years and years later	Jul 25, 2012 6:09 AM
124	Had him removed from the school and placed in another.	Jul 25, 2012 5:40 AM
125	I was not a member of the family at the time of the abuse.	Jul 25, 2012 5:21 AM
126	school district	Jul 25, 2012 4:24 AM
127	Could not safely file a report without placing myself in further danger, unless I waited until I reached the age of majority	Jul 24, 2012 8:12 PM



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128	Transient verbal abuse by passers-by, not worth the trouble	Jul 24, 2012 5:47 PM
129	Abuse was by medical professional - I wasn't sure anyone would believe me	Jul 24, 2012 5:19 PM
130	Did not seem like right thing to do	Jul 24, 2012 10:40 AM
131	I	Jul 24, 2012 10:02 AM
132	Learned of problem too long after events	Jul 24, 2012 9:21 AM
133	handled by family	Jul 24, 2012 8:40 AM
134	Was not sure if it was serious enough for the authorities to take any kind of action.	Jul 24, 2012 8:24 AM
135	This is to the previous abuses before I did report the final abuse.	Jul 24, 2012 6:33 AM
136	Couldn't report it to the authorities because it was by a police officer	Jul 24, 2012 6:07 AM
137	my friend couldn't afford to as she relies on the abusive family members for healthcare and housing and her needs are so specific and poorly understood that there aren't any alternatives in the social service world for her (I'm a social worker for over 10 years and have done extensive research into this but found she has no options in her area other than her family upon whom she depends for resources that she'd likely die without)	Jul 23, 2012 10:09 PM
138	We reported it to the ABA company and our Regional Center.	Jul 23, 2012 8:25 PM
139	I was only a child back in the 70's	Jul 23, 2012 3:07 PM
140	See above. The law does not defend against abuse in public school.	Jul 23, 2012 11:51 AM
141	Did report, nothing happened. I did write a stern letter to the school principal and the Dir of Sp Ed- heard nothing	Jul 23, 2012 6:40 AM
142	Abuse was done by the disabled family member.	Jul 22, 2012 8:12 PM
143	Happened in school and was out of jurisdiction of police - abuse was not considered "abuse" by the court systems.	Jul 22, 2012 6:27 PM
144	I reported the abuse repeatedly to my parents, who chose to do nothing.	Jul 22, 2012 6:22 PM
145	Didn't think of it as abuse until being told it was later on.	Jul 22, 2012 5:12 PM
146	Was considered minor teasing	Jul 22, 2012 5:08 PM
147	Again, different instances, but- we learn from experience.	Jul 22, 2012 2:44 PM
148	Believed nothing would happen and threatened.	Jul 22, 2012 2:06 PM
149	I knew the school wouldn't do anything without "proof"	Jul 22, 2012 12:31 PM
150	didn't realize it was abuse till later	Jul 22, 2012 12:19 PM

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151	I was told not to push it or they may put me in a "home" to shut me up.	Jul 22, 2012 11:27 AM
152	Did not know that abuse was abnormal	Jul 22, 2012 11:21 AM
153	At the time, I felt that I deserved what happened to me. I also didn't always recognize that I was being abused and neglected. It was only, as an adult, that someone pointed out and helped me to recognize it as abuse.	Jul 22, 2012 11:11 AM
154	The abuse happened to me. People who were aware of it had various answers, one said she thought it wasn't so bad. Other people were afraid to report it.	Jul 22, 2012 10:37 AM
155	I reported once, and was ignored. Because I wasn't able to articulate in detail what happened, I was brushed off. So I never reported to the authorities again believing that the same thing would happen.	Jul 22, 2012 10:19 AM
156	A teacher abused my son during toileting training and we only found out when he exhibited behaviors. We had moved on to another program	Jul 22, 2012 10:09 AM
157	Was lead to believe that the schools involved would act to protect my child. Not an issue for law enforcement.	Jul 22, 2012 9:50 AM
158	was told it will be handled other ways, will not happen again.	Jul 22, 2012 9:42 AM
159	the abuse I did not report by nuns in the institution, and caregivers I was to young to know what to do	Jul 22, 2012 5:07 AM
160	No alternative for schooling	Jul 18, 2012 1:12 PM
161	preferred to quit	Jul 18, 2012 11:44 AM
162	The abuser left the home.	Jul 13, 2012 7:53 AM
163	The father reported it to the authorities.	Jul 13, 2012 4:43 AM
164	family coping mechanisms	Jul 12, 2012 6:09 AM
165	Because even though I saw it as hurtful it was never taken to the degree that I felt a third party needed to intervene. There are people in this world who don't understand and perhaps never will. That is not a reason to involve law enforcement	Jul 11, 2012 6:06 PM
166	THE "ABUSE" WAS PASSIVE. MY CARETAKER DID NOT DO THE TASK ASKED OR DID NOT ASSIST AS NEEDED. NOT MAJOR STUFF BUT DEFINITELY HARMFUL TO MY SOUL. EITHER DIRECTLY ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM FOR IMPROVEMENT OR LET THE PERSON GO.	Jul 11, 2012 8:26 AM
167	family member did not want to report it	Jul 10, 2012 11:48 AM
168	Because when an incident is reported they keep saying that as long food, roof over their head and initiative. There is no abuse. That's why!!!	Jul 10, 2012 11:02 AM
169	Two principals were notified, but handled each complaint with their own investigation without contacting authorities.	Jul 10, 2012 10:49 AM

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170	family member did not want to report it	Jul 10, 2012 10:16 AM
171	threats by husband to remove children to foreign land.	Jul 9, 2012 6:25 AM
172	Was not reported the first time afraid nothing would be done and my son suffering consequences for telling.	Jul 8, 2012 12:43 PM
173	some abuse was within institutions designed to help me; other was within the family when i was too young to be able to report on my own - and i had to protect other siblings	Jul 7, 2012 4:54 PM
174	report to providers only	Jul 7, 2012 4:07 AM
175	Because I was not thinking about the abuses when I was kid. As older I get...I know I can report it to the police but I do not see the point to report it because my parents are doing better than before.	Jul 6, 2012 11:21 AM
176	i dont know, my mu may have followed up with the camp	Jul 5, 2012 10:29 AM
177	Felt helpless. What would I do?	Jul 4, 2012 7:59 AM
178	it was dealt within the family at that t time there was no protective services then	Jul 3, 2012 6:51 PM
179	afraid for my future	Jul 3, 2012 2:29 PM
180	My family was advised by our church to not report the incident.	Jul 3, 2012 10:05 AM
181	my abuse was not covered under the crime code	Jul 3, 2012 7:18 AM
182	Did finally get completed call to 911	Jul 3, 2012 6:27 AM
183	She's dependable and always shows up	Jul 3, 2012 5:35 AM
184	I dealt with it directly with those that were verbally taunting me.	Jul 3, 2012 5:16 AM
185	i did call the police but they said it was not a police matter if my dad willingly (even with dementia) gave someone money i.e. they didn't steal it and the police would not come out.	Jul 2, 2012 5:25 AM
186	What proof do I have. All the nurses and aides don't seem to give a damn.	Jul 2, 2012 1:44 AM
187	BECAUSEMY ADOPTED FAMILY WAS INVOLVED	Jul 1, 2012 7:23 PM
188	removed person from neglectful situation	Jul 1, 2012 5:35 PM
189	State of Ohio ODJFS told me not to report it, they would investigate it "in house".	Jun 30, 2012 4:07 PM
190	This was way back in the mid 70's	Jun 29, 2012 7:23 PM
191	Sustained a back injury stemming from chronic osteo arthritis and syiatica	Jun 29, 2012 2:50 PM
192	Believed systems would make it worse.	Jun 29, 2012 10:18 AM
193	TOO EMBARRSHED	Jun 29, 2012 9:39 AM

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194	job security	Jun 27, 2012 5:17 PM
195	due to age at time, also naivete when older	Jun 26, 2012 1:53 PM
196	My parents and I decided not to report the rapist because we were living in Lebanon at the time, and, given his low social class, he would have been stoned to death. I didn't seek a conviction for my ex because I feared retaliation, especially for my family.	Jun 25, 2012 9:55 PM
197	Too often, the system itself has an error such as covering up as much as they can to protect those school employees unless it is very clear cut to prove.	Jun 25, 2012 7:47 AM
198	The fear of no one believing my son.	Jun 24, 2012 4:25 PM
199	Teach the child the old saying stick and stones may break by bones but words will never hurt me.	Jun 24, 2012 12:08 PM
200	Discussed allegations with agency and specific staff and am checking in frequently with my son regarding staff behavior.	Jun 23, 2012 7:50 PM
201	I did report. No bottom line answer to me. Lawyer as quoted, Your case has no merit and we do not litigate with Institutions.	Jun 23, 2012 1:02 PM
202	increase abuse	Jun 22, 2012 6:51 PM
203	discrimanation from a family memb who was uninformed	Jun 22, 2012 2:56 PM
204	Didn't realize that it was something to report.	Jun 22, 2012 1:54 PM
205	Suspect was a close friend, did not want to prosecute.	Jun 21, 2012 8:37 AM
206	It was in a preschool setting and the director said she would take care of it, but didn't	Jun 21, 2012 7:26 AM
207	Filed complaints with OCR and State.	Jun 21, 2012 6:03 AM
208	She was told by the authorities, it would be her fault.	Jun 20, 2012 3:21 PM
209	It was a case of he said, she said....nothing gets done!	Jun 20, 2012 10:09 AM
210	Don't trust law enforcement	Jun 20, 2012 9:52 AM
211	worried I wont be believed	Jun 20, 2012 9:21 AM
212	unknown - family member reported abuse years after it happened and refused to give details other than it happened.	Jun 20, 2012 7:50 AM
213	The final time I stopped the visitations and didn't report the case of neglect due to the trauma of the reporting to the child but no success of full removal by the state. Hence violating court order for visitation but not violating my oath as a nurse and parent to protect. The Kansas state system doesn't even seem to understand the seriousness of neglect to children or what the outcome of emotional abuse can be. It took almost 2 wks for a call via the hotline to be responded to. The inital physical abuse case was found unsubstantiated with	Jun 19, 2012 10:42 AM

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	finger markings on my son's arms, pictures were filled, not a followup call to identify police report, and when finalizing custody hearing found out the case worker was fired because he had supposedly assisted myself and 2 children to safe harbor!	
214	was a child	Jun 19, 2012 8:57 AM
215	I took care of it :)	Jun 19, 2012 7:38 AM
216	Ashamed I'd let it happen	Jun 18, 2012 9:33 PM
217	We didn't report abuse for years due to fear.	Jun 18, 2012 7:39 PM
218	Traditional culture.	Jun 18, 2012 7:18 PM
219	I was afraid of the person finding out and things getting worse	Jun 18, 2012 7:09 PM
220	A acceptable out come.	Jun 18, 2012 3:03 PM
221	no applicable	Jun 18, 2012 12:04 PM
222	School was tuned in for the abuse, but CPS said they weren't allowed in the schools at that time. The school said it didn't happen.	Jun 18, 2012 9:26 AM
223	Wasn't taken seriously when I told teachers about it	Jun 18, 2012 7:17 AM
224	Believed bullying was normal part of growing up; sought refuge in relating & identifying more with adults than with peers	Jun 17, 2012 11:17 AM
225	Afraid to disrupt the family structure.	Jun 15, 2012 6:59 PM
226	Was a child	Jun 15, 2012 6:39 PM
227	He doesn't think it was abusive but rather circumstantial	Jun 15, 2012 3:04 PM
228	don't know	Jun 15, 2012 1:48 PM
229	Didn't formally report, but advocate daily with the public, family members for fair and equitable treatment. Teach self advocacy skills.	Jun 15, 2012 9:57 AM
230	It didn't seem important enough	Jun 15, 2012 7:35 AM
231	faced with who do they believe, me or the teachers? Back then, there was no disability laws or support system in place	Jun 15, 2012 6:38 AM
232	The sexual and physical abusive episodes were not reported because of my family member's fear and being threatened	Jun 15, 2012 6:31 AM
233	Bullying in school	Jun 15, 2012 5:38 AM
234	I filed a complaint and was abused even more.	Jun 14, 2012 7:18 PM
235	realized later it was abuse	Jun 14, 2012 7:09 PM

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236	did not feel that the abuse was of a level to warrant reporting	Jun 14, 2012 4:09 PM
237	I was not aware of abuse until adulthood. I was a younger sibling.	Jun 14, 2012 4:02 PM
238	Reported to school authorities, not police. thought it was the right hting to do, didn't consider, nor did anyone suggest reporting to the police.	Jun 14, 2012 3:57 PM
239	Worried the staff would really hurt my father in retaliation	Jun 14, 2012 2:15 PM
240	Frustration with results of previous reports of abuse	Jun 14, 2012 2:12 PM
241	Didn't think it necessary	Jun 14, 2012 1:28 PM
242	found out after death of abuser	Jun 14, 2012 12:00 PM
243	it wasn't a crime, but was a bad attitude towards my brother that hurt me not him	Jun 14, 2012 11:48 AM
244	Authorities chose not to call for interpreter because of expensive interpreter's fees and waste of time	Jun 14, 2012 10:17 AM
245	was in state care	Jun 14, 2012 10:16 AM
246	As a disabled person youu always live in fear of retaliation be it physical, emotional or remova of services Yu are prtty much at the Mercy of People	Jun 14, 2012 10:03 AM
247	I confronted the person responsible and told him what would happen if he didn't stop. It stopped because he knew that I was watching him and questioning my brother about his treatment. Didn't happen again.	Jun 14, 2012 9:22 AM
248	I was satisfied that the person was fired due to her verbal abuse	Jun 13, 2012 4:49 PM
249	For many years, I was too humiliated to report the harassment and bellived nothing could be done about it.	Jun 13, 2012 11:59 AM
250	with immune system issues, disability access is often problematic	Jun 12, 2012 7:43 PM
251	Your survey does not cover incidents that happened in variety of settings where people live.	Jun 12, 2012 1:28 PM
252	Did not think that this was needed	Jun 12, 2012 11:39 AM
253	thought the avenue was to report it to the principal. was going to go to the superintendent next, had already spoke to the special ed director.	Jun 12, 2012 9:59 AM
254	Who said I did not report the crime.	Jun 12, 2012 8:51 AM
255	provider said they handled it with the local state quality people	Jun 12, 2012 6:02 AM
256	police were tiring of our family	Jun 11, 2012 8:48 PM
257	afriad of retaliation	Jun 11, 2012 4:33 PM
258	was told nothing could be done legally, or ignored	Jun 11, 2012 2:40 PM

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259	The abuse was done by an ex-spouse	Jun 11, 2012 12:36 PM
260	Was not aware at the time that the abuse had occurred.	Jun 11, 2012 12:14 PM
261	I did not report it because I knew my brother didn't have enough information to find me.	Jun 11, 2012 11:45 AM
262	The abuse was to my mother and I don't know why she didn't report it to authorities.	Jun 11, 2012 11:34 AM
263	Dealt directly with the agency	Jun 11, 2012 10:51 AM
264	I couldn't prove it since it was hear say.	Jun 11, 2012 8:38 AM
265	Because we don't have the money to pay attorney fees for due process. The school system can drag the case out long enough to force us to give up.	Jun 10, 2012 5:48 PM
266	I didn't think reporting the abuse would have been helpful. I had enough power to leave the situation if I wanted to.	Jun 10, 2012 3:45 PM
267	Did not find out about until it was too late and then was not believed	Jun 9, 2012 8:50 PM
268	N/A	Jun 8, 2012 1:31 PM
269	Was too intimidated and embarrassed to ask for help	Jun 8, 2012 1:07 PM
270	Bullier was private cop	Jun 8, 2012 12:42 PM
271	Found out about the abuse after the abuser's death	Jun 8, 2012 8:22 AM
272	I was an adolescent and was ashamed and embarrassed	Jun 8, 2012 6:38 AM
273	was ashamed to tell anyone	Jun 7, 2012 1:47 PM
274	NOBODY ENFORCES THE LAW.	Jun 7, 2012 12:15 PM
275	abused by police officer	Jun 7, 2012 11:10 AM
276	See above	Jun 7, 2012 10:31 AM
277	Incident was reported but denied.	Jun 7, 2012 9:28 AM
278	report to supervisor services not receiving and problem was fixed to our satisfacation given the alernative opitons	Jun 7, 2012 9:13 AM
279	Because it ocured at school.	Jun 7, 2012 8:53 AM
280	As a child, I didn't what to do, as an adult, I am just too nice and make excuses for others behavior.	Jun 7, 2012 6:50 AM
281	There was never a 3rd person present. It was he said, she said. Unprovable and of course, I expected them to lie and continue emotionally abusing me because of my advocacy for my child.	Jun 6, 2012 6:00 PM

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282	Reported to the school system	Jun 6, 2012 9:21 AM
283	didn't know of the disability at the time	Jun 6, 2012 8:23 AM
284	I sued the bus company who broke ADA law, violated my rights, injured and neglected me.	Jun 6, 2012 7:05 AM
285	didn't realize I was being abused	Jun 6, 2012 4:34 AM
286	When you experience mental abuse from childhood on, you just accept it as your fate	Jun 6, 2012 1:04 AM
287	Alleged abuse cyclical in nature	Jun 5, 2012 3:21 PM
288	What I experienced was abuse by today's definitions, but 50 years ago was not really thought of as abuse.	Jun 5, 2012 1:43 PM
289	I do not let the verbal abuse bother me	Jun 5, 2012 1:24 PM
290	At the time did not trust the criminal justice system. Thought they would "re-abuse" me.	Jun 5, 2012 12:25 PM
291	She didn't recognize she was being abused	Jun 5, 2012 10:30 AM
292	In cases of son's peers who whose teasing bordered on verbal abuse the authority in question was the teacher . We did not contact authorities such as law enforcement because we did not feel the situation rose to that level.	Jun 5, 2012 10:07 AM
293	I was sexually assaulted by a person in 1967. I had voluntarily had sex with him 2 years prior. I didn't report because I didn't want the prior sexual involvement to be revealed in court.	Jun 5, 2012 9:38 AM
294	Because I was too naive to understand what was being done to me.	Jun 5, 2012 9:25 AM
295	Thought it was my fault.	Jun 5, 2012 9:07 AM
296	Wrote letters - hearings were held in state gov't	Jun 5, 2012 5:57 AM
297	The abuse happened at school and they covered it up. They have never told me my child was abused. They only investigated the abuse of one child. All the other children were discussed but the school only told one parent and tried to pay her not to talk. She called the other parents.	Jun 5, 2012 4:10 AM
298	Did not want to risk losing my job and did not have the funds to hire a lawyer	Jun 4, 2012 6:52 PM
299	I was not born yet and don't know why	Jun 4, 2012 12:53 PM
300	n/a	Jun 4, 2012 8:54 AM
301	There is no in-between in VT -- only conclusion is adult registry instead of training, etc.	Jun 4, 2012 6:16 AM
302	facility informed me, investigated and resolved	Jun 4, 2012 6:14 AM



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303	see above	Jun 4, 2012 5:55 AM
304	He wouldn't name anyone specific, he didn't want the bullying to get worse	Jun 4, 2012 5:51 AM
305	The abuse didn't cross the threshold of seriousness requiring official involvement.	Jun 3, 2012 12:22 PM
306	Embarrassed and did not want the person harmed somehow	Jun 2, 2012 9:57 PM
307	my mother is 91years old live in a small town Every say that it might kill her if It get out of the house	Jun 2, 2012 9:46 PM
308	No one educated me to prevent abuse I blocked then later I learned I'm out of the status limitations.	Jun 1, 2012 4:03 PM
309	The abuses were very subtle and difficult to prove. Also, reporting them would single the person out more.	Jun 1, 2012 10:46 AM
310	It happened in an orphanage	Jun 1, 2012 10:26 AM
311	He was ashamed and still will deny it happened.	Jun 1, 2012 8:36 AM
312	unsure of the possible sexual abuse because the disabled person can't tell me.	Jun 1, 2012 8:29 AM
313	was told DSS did not handle abuse from siblings	May 31, 2012 6:31 PM
314	It did not occur to me at the time that it was abuse.	May 31, 2012 11:12 AM
315	Did not understand that it was abuse at the time	May 31, 2012 10:45 AM
316	It wasn't treated as a big deal by my parent who knew what happened, so I didn't think it was a big deal.	May 31, 2012 8:07 AM
317	Incidents were mild but still very hurtful	May 31, 2012 6:25 AM
318	Chose not to report abuse	May 31, 2012 4:47 AM
319	My brother who is his own guardian refused to report the abuse.	May 31, 2012 4:43 AM
320	I was a child & nothing was done about it.	May 30, 2012 4:35 PM
321	I was ashamed and didn't know that I was experiencing domestic violence	May 30, 2012 4:32 PM
322	I believed telling mr. Massuco the DA in charge of my incident was what I was supposed to do. I've never been through anything like this before and I was still having mental issues.	May 30, 2012 3:01 PM
323	knowledge that the experience did not meet the legal requirements for "abuse" and the perpetrator(s) are now deceased	May 30, 2012 2:17 PM
324	Was unaware of the fact I was experiencing "abuse".	May 30, 2012 1:23 PM
325	my mother said she would send me back to the state.	May 30, 2012 1:09 PM

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326	abuser's family is making financial restitution	May 30, 2012 12:42 PM
327	Wasn't aware at the time thought mother best person to report to	May 30, 2012 12:37 PM
328	Scared of what would happen to the perpetrator	May 30, 2012 12:29 PM
329	the sexual abuse happened in an era when pretty much nothing was done about it	May 30, 2012 8:30 AM
330	I was afraid of retaliation.	May 29, 2012 7:54 PM
331	scared to be abused again	May 29, 2012 2:42 PM
332	Not cool to "tell on" peers.	May 29, 2012 10:20 AM
333	Was too ashamed	May 29, 2012 9:54 AM
334	We did not find out until the end of the school year what was happening, and then were not sure until the next school year when he was placed with a different teacher and only had one accident all year. He also told us what was happening after he was out of the classroom where the abuse occurred. It was reported to the school administration and special education staff	May 29, 2012 7:11 AM
335	Before we were together	May 29, 2012 6:59 AM
336	I only told ODE not children services	May 29, 2012 4:31 AM
337	vowed our son how to take a stand while sitting down	May 26, 2012 9:54 AM
338	Reported it to school authorities who reprimanded the teacher responsible for the abuse.	May 25, 2012 12:36 PM
339	it was before we adopted them	May 25, 2012 11:56 AM
340	Because I lived in a different state and didn't know how to go about it.	May 25, 2012 9:16 AM
341	Delt with it my self	May 25, 2012 8:01 AM
342	happened long ago	May 25, 2012 6:20 AM
343	I was a child	May 25, 2012 4:56 AM
344	Unable to prove the events	May 24, 2012 3:14 PM
345	I was little don't remember what happen not sure, but don't recall any report.	May 24, 2012 11:00 AM
346	Did not have sufficient evidence to back up claim, and did not want to subject my family member to repercussions of alleging abuse	May 24, 2012 10:50 AM
347	Was not believed when I did tell.	May 24, 2012 10:25 AM
348	family was able to intervene	May 24, 2012 8:51 AM
349	It happen with the biological parents, afterwards we adopted them	May 24, 2012 8:01 AM

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350	I reported it to child protective services, but was told they would not investigate because the perpetrator was no longer a threat. I thought the school district reported it to the police.	May 24, 2012 6:14 AM
351	Adult no longer living at home; did not want to report	May 24, 2012 3:48 AM
352	other as an advocate is being looked into	May 24, 2012 2:27 AM
353	I reported it but the detective did threaten me	May 23, 2012 10:19 PM
354	Being ignored is not quite abusive, but it is hurtful. Not really something to report to authorities, but an opportunity for education.	May 23, 2012 8:58 PM
355	nothing was technically "illegal"	May 23, 2012 1:40 PM
356	after the first time, why bother?	May 23, 2012 12:42 PM
357	Family member was abuser	May 23, 2012 12:34 PM
358	wasn't sure that it occurred; it was speculation	May 23, 2012 12:20 PM
359	I first told my daughter's preschool teacher, who referred me to the agency, Parents United. Unfortunately, their mission at the time was to KEEP parents united (together,) which interfered in the psychologist's ability to remain open and unbiased. After those interviews and her subsequent "watered down" report, I dropped it and moved on with our lives.	May 23, 2012 12:00 PM
360	too young	May 23, 2012 11:13 AM
361	I was young and didn't understand that I didn't deserve that by then.	May 23, 2012 11:03 AM
362	verbal abuse by husband-divorced him	May 23, 2012 10:12 AM
363	Tried to report to responsible authorities (School District)	May 23, 2012 9:54 AM
364	Victim asked me not to	May 23, 2012 9:41 AM
365	The abuse occurred prior to my adoption of my daughter	May 23, 2012 5:26 AM
366	Finally kicked him out, instead.	May 23, 2012 5:00 AM
367	He didn't realize he was neglected	May 22, 2012 3:31 PM
368	too young to know it was wrong	May 22, 2012 2:26 PM
369	Didn't really admit the abuse to myself. I guess I didn't recognize that it was abuse until years after the abuse had ended.	May 22, 2012 2:10 PM
370	Oppression is not a recognized form of abuse.	May 22, 2012 11:48 AM
371	Too much time had passed since the incident occurred and it was discovered and no evidence was available to support a case.	May 22, 2012 10:16 AM
372	Too embarrassed to do something until later	May 22, 2012 9:59 AM

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373	At first too young and then later lived too far away	May 22, 2012 9:36 AM
374	Reported to school personnel not 'the authorities'	May 22, 2012 9:10 AM
375	did not know about it until after my family member had passed	May 22, 2012 8:39 AM
376	I confronted the abuser and resolved the issue	May 22, 2012 6:22 AM
377	abuser was her husband, she didn't want to report it.	May 22, 2012 6:19 AM
378	much of the abuse came from her peers	May 22, 2012 4:45 AM
379	Parent did not believe child (child had the disability)	May 22, 2012 4:35 AM
380	My son would be hurt even more because he was so vulnerable to school staff abuse	May 21, 2012 4:25 PM
381	My son is too scared to tell the authorities - afraid the his father would find out and nothing would happen; he would have to return home with him.	May 21, 2012 4:17 PM
382	Didn't know until years after;	May 21, 2012 1:57 PM
383	The company said they would take care of it. All they did was moved the employee to another home.	May 21, 2012 1:18 PM
384	The DUI situation was reported to the DA	May 21, 2012 1:09 PM
385	i had two of my grandchildren and i was not able to take care of them because they are school age	May 21, 2012 12:11 PM
386	See explanation above	May 21, 2012 11:57 AM
387	I did talk to the cops in this case, but I had no proof that he abused my son. The cop thinks that he abused lots of boys, but all were disabled.	May 21, 2012 11:27 AM
388	did not know it was wrong until I was 27 years old (repressed memory)	May 21, 2012 8:02 AM
389	we solve situation with the other person and in another time staff was fired	May 21, 2012 7:42 AM
390	I knew I would regret that the various required reporters getting CPS involved. Without physical evidence of the actions my daughter reported to them, I didn't expect them to do anything but piss her dad off. I was right... he claimed I put her up to it and it was all in her head. Claiming there weren't any marks was hard to take since he punched me in the gut just before I filed for divorce and left no marks then.	May 21, 2012 7:04 AM
391	I was too young	May 21, 2012 6:54 AM
392	I did. It was considered irrelevant.	May 21, 2012 4:30 AM
393	emotional abuse would not be taken seriously by the police	May 20, 2012 2:46 PM
394	it was a different time and I was too young	May 20, 2012 7:56 AM

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395	Son was in a state developmental facility & I could not take him home because of his aggression & no place else would take him.	May 19, 2012 5:12 PM
396	Then stopped reporting as nothing was done	May 19, 2012 4:43 PM
397	It was public verbal a use that had no legal recourse.	May 19, 2012 3:52 PM
398	It was the type of cruelty that happens in a school setting & I did report to the principal so action was taken every time. Though, as my daughter got older, she told me that my interference would make things worse & make the teachers dislike her further.	May 19, 2012 7:09 AM
399	Didnt know the abuse was going on. the abuser was a school teacher. another teacher/aid reported it.	May 19, 2012 4:38 AM
400	It was the police that physically abused me and then I was verbally/emotionally abused when I was in school by other kids	May 18, 2012 4:16 PM
401	The abuser was a teacher and the school was notified. My family and others pulled children out of this teacher's class. Very small school and the loss of these students was a serious financial blow to the school. Do not know if the teacher was fired.	May 18, 2012 4:04 PM
402	inform school did not, do a thing. wanted to talk alittle after police was called.	May 18, 2012 1:51 PM
403	police misconduct/malpractice/spies	May 18, 2012 12:09 PM
404	We reported to the county school principal, and they said they as "mandated reporters" would report it to CPS. Don't know if it was really done for sure. They prprotect the teacher.	May 18, 2012 11:13 AM
405	I didn't know at the time that it was taken place. I learned about it as I moved into my own place.	May 18, 2012 11:09 AM
406	I was told I could not "sue" the school district for my injuries or anything else.	May 18, 2012 9:08 AM
407	The district "conducted an investigation" and came up with nothing	May 18, 2012 3:31 AM
408	Because my dad verbal abuse everyone in are family	May 18, 2012 12:01 AM
409	did not realize it was occuring	May 17, 2012 5:06 PM
410	I handled the verbal abuse with the teacher.	May 17, 2012 4:36 PM
411	difficulty substantiating/verifying - especially since perpetrator was also disabled	May 17, 2012 2:32 PM
412	Physical abuse was done by another I/ID person in the classroom. Neglect was in day care facility and he stopped going there. Another abuse of buttocks scratched could not be proven.	May 17, 2012 2:17 PM
413	Reported to teachers/family- they sometimes helped stop it	May 17, 2012 2:14 PM
414	Spoken to family of abuser. Person went to therapy.	May 17, 2012 1:58 PM

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415	Afraid of what would happen in return	May 17, 2012 1:23 PM
416	Just let it roll off our back	May 17, 2012 1:17 PM
417	In regard to "suspected" abuses early in my family members life, we have no actual proof so could not sue based on suspected abuse	May 17, 2012 1:17 PM
418	To young to report the abuse. Abuse occurred a long time ago prior to APS.	May 17, 2012 1:14 PM
419	I relied on this family member for care, I was afraid the alternative would be to be put into a nursing home or residential facility	May 17, 2012 10:51 AM
420	didn't want to get the person in trouble	May 17, 2012 10:34 AM
421	was afraid of being removed from my home	May 17, 2012 9:25 AM
422	tried to deal, but insufficient evidence	May 16, 2012 7:59 PM
423	It is/was not considered "abuse" or "unlawful" even though I could die from the action.	May 16, 2012 7:36 PM
424	he was in a unspervise group home.	May 16, 2012 7:16 PM
425	told school and said they did investigation	May 16, 2012 6:13 PM
426	Parents didn't want to acknowledge the abuse.	May 16, 2012 5:54 PM
427	no evidence	May 16, 2012 2:42 PM
428	Some financial abuse had delayed reporting due to illness. Because more than a few days had passed between occurrence and reporting, they weren't interested in taking a report or investigating.	May 16, 2012 1:40 PM
429	see previous response	May 16, 2012 11:49 AM
430	in one case, was told by other parents that the same person had abused their children and they suffered more as a result of reporting it.	May 16, 2012 9:02 AM
431	Our family member is not able to sequence a story and would not be able to defend herself in court. To call the police and report the incident would tramatize our family member and further cause problems for her.	May 16, 2012 8:01 AM
432	Teenager at the time. 35 Years ago.	May 16, 2012 5:13 AM
433	There are no organization or agency where such familymatter could be reported untill and unless life is at risk in which case police takes action.	May 15, 2012 5:53 PM
434	In marriage - tried all I could to save marriage and tho I reported a physical face slap, I didn't (hated to) jeopordize the "marriage.	May 15, 2012 3:50 PM
435	Reported this to the bank, doctors and medi-cal.	May 15, 2012 3:06 PM
436	risk of losing employment	May 15, 2012 12:22 PM

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437	abuse did not rise to this level...more like bullying	May 15, 2012 11:54 AM
438	felt it would be my word against their word	May 15, 2012 10:54 AM
439	She didn't realize what she experienced was abuse.	May 15, 2012 10:38 AM
440	Foster parents reported incident	May 15, 2012 6:00 AM
441	I WAS NOT HAVING PRUEBE. MY SON SHOW MY WHAT HAPPEN DOING DEMONSTRATION AND THEM HE TOLD ME WHO DO THAT, BUT, HE WAS SPECIAL AND YOUNG, SO PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER DO NOT BELIEVE. I WAS UNABLE TO SHOW PRUEBE.	May 15, 2012 5:23 AM
442	It was my friends/ husband. Although it was verbal abuse I would never press charges	May 15, 2012 5:15 AM
443	I was young	May 15, 2012 5:09 AM
444	abuser was father and she didn't recognize what was happening to her	May 15, 2012 3:43 AM
445	there were witnesses, and old behavioral traits are hard to break among those in the countryside.	May 14, 2012 6:33 PM
446	Was isolated in suburbs. Who would believe me?	May 14, 2012 3:32 PM
447	Not bad enough to warrant telling the police.	May 14, 2012 2:22 PM
448	I am working on this.	May 14, 2012 1:26 PM
449	I was too naive to recognize the sexual acts as abuse.	May 14, 2012 11:49 AM
450	I took care of it.	May 14, 2012 10:55 AM
451	Back then it could be considered "discipline" and things didn't go outside the family	May 14, 2012 8:01 AM
452	would have created greater problems	May 14, 2012 7:44 AM
453	Occurred 50 years ago. No known way to report	May 14, 2012 6:59 AM
454	believed no one would see it as abuse	May 14, 2012 6:41 AM
455	Wrote letter of termination and forwarded to broker agency and employee.	May 14, 2012 4:11 AM
456	No witnesses to the abuse; my son was choked by a roommate with a similar disability	May 13, 2012 11:04 AM
457	Never really conceived that anything done to me could be wrong.	May 13, 2012 4:06 AM
458	I did make a report, nothing happened	May 12, 2012 9:59 AM
459	Threatened with expulsion from programs for disabled	May 12, 2012 8:43 AM
460	learned of abuse after the fact. it happened at school. i met with teachers/admin	May 12, 2012 8:41 AM

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	and it was resolved	
461	person involved resigned position	May 12, 2012 5:15 AM
462	It wouldn't be provable.	May 12, 2012 2:21 AM
463	too young to know what to do	May 11, 2012 9:12 PM
464	I did tell local Crisis unit, Battered women center	May 11, 2012 7:57 PM
465	was a child in the 1960s and 1970s, didn't know rights	May 11, 2012 12:35 PM
466	I don't know if parents knew.	May 11, 2012 12:04 PM
467	handled myself	May 11, 2012 6:54 AM
468	I was a minor and did not know about the abuse until I was an adult, & by then the abuser was dead.	May 11, 2012 6:45 AM
469	I was a child. Too young to understand.	May 11, 2012 4:59 AM
470	reported to the wrong agency that is for disabled people	May 10, 2012 9:33 PM
471	and was embarrassed	May 10, 2012 2:12 PM
472	I do not know, I believe it occurred when I was a child	May 10, 2012 1:06 PM
473	My mother refused.	May 10, 2012 10:52 AM
474	Fear of retaliation from the perpetrator	May 10, 2012 10:25 AM
475	Was informed while on the way to hospital with son- target of abuse.	May 10, 2012 10:21 AM
476	School handled the situation	May 10, 2012 8:52 AM
477	It was a Domestic Violence situation, she thought that it would get better	May 10, 2012 8:17 AM
478	It was a suspicion but no proof and no info given by agency caring for her	May 10, 2012 8:06 AM
479	No enough evidence. Have reported before and nothing happened.	May 10, 2012 6:27 AM
480	I just didn't but was never threatened not to. I guess i was so in love and young at the time.	May 10, 2012 5:49 AM
481	The adult chose not to report the crime that happened when she was a child.	May 10, 2012 4:08 AM
482	i was EVENTUALLY able to report but too much time had passed and weight of crime diminished. also afraid so did not report right away	May 10, 2012 12:58 AM
483	The abused family member did not choose to go to authorities.	May 9, 2012 10:06 PM
484	was told by special ed director that it wasn't bad enough to report, not a big deal according to her	May 9, 2012 10:00 PM



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485	It was at elementary school, teacher was spoken to and asked never to attempt this type of punishment again. I feel she listened and used other methods to address behaviour of our child.	May 9, 2012 6:47 PM
486	I reported them to the nursing agency they were employed by and let them handle it . Both nurses were banned from my home.	May 9, 2012 5:31 PM
487	called the school were aleged abuse happened and i was told cps was not accepting it.	May 9, 2012 5:16 PM
488	it was after the fact	May 9, 2012 4:33 PM
489	See above. Learned about after the fact.	May 9, 2012 11:47 AM
490	It is believed that professionals take care of each other	May 9, 2012 11:34 AM
491	I was a child	May 9, 2012 10:52 AM
492	was not a crime; was addressed with getting kids in counseling and limiting contact with their mom when she was unable to regulate her behavior well	May 9, 2012 10:29 AM
493	told eight years after the fact	May 9, 2012 9:01 AM
494	Abuse was by students and educators. The education system "handled" it.	May 9, 2012 8:39 AM
495	I reported...no one would do anything about it	May 9, 2012 8:09 AM
496	we began with the agency that has the group home my son lives in	May 9, 2012 7:46 AM
497	This was done by law enforcement felt son would not be believed	May 9, 2012 7:26 AM
498	It is family business and it is not discussed outside of the family	May 9, 2012 7:25 AM
499	confusion as to whether or not this is abuse	May 9, 2012 6:55 AM
500	Abuse happened in school and believed the school would handle it.	May 9, 2012 6:34 AM
501	Family uses local supports for assistance, family support is strong, family member with dementia refuses to comply	May 9, 2012 5:37 AM
502	Discrimination is at times hard toprove.	May 9, 2012 4:44 AM
503	We left the situation and reported it to the organizations leadership - I do not believe it was criminal - just stupid	May 9, 2012 3:58 AM
504	Handled it for the person	May 8, 2012 9:08 PM
505	I felt unimpowered. Now I would have taken more action.	May 8, 2012 5:03 PM
506	I was to embarrassed and didn't think it would be taken seriously.	May 8, 2012 4:31 PM
507	Told a hospital social worker, who didn't believe me	May 8, 2012 4:17 PM
508	We took the matter into our own hands. Fired the nanny. Investigating the ABA	May 8, 2012 3:20 PM

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	accounting errors.	
509	reported to director of agency	May 8, 2012 3:00 PM
510	As the daughter, I took care of it for them.	May 8, 2012 1:30 PM
511	I needed to get results immediately and did not want to wait for the system to do anything...	May 8, 2012 1:25 PM
512	didn't want the attention	May 8, 2012 12:26 PM
513	Also no. 1	May 8, 2012 12:23 PM
514	We reported to school but not police due to lack of proof.	May 8, 2012 10:43 AM
515	retaliation is alive and well! terrible! after reporting, and them doing nothing, my son still suffered.	May 8, 2012 10:37 AM
516	Was school situation - special education teacher took care of it.	May 8, 2012 9:11 AM
517	too much time had passed and figured nothing would happen	May 8, 2012 8:55 AM
518	discussed with school officials	May 8, 2012 8:45 AM
519	not overt, no marks, just removed her from that school so it wouldn't continue	May 8, 2012 8:21 AM
520	Incident occurred at school, reported it to the principal and EC Dept.	May 8, 2012 7:51 AM
521	being made fun of was something that could be reported	May 8, 2012 7:33 AM
522	did not understand that he couldn't handle it himself	May 8, 2012 7:15 AM
523	In my case, I was forced to sign an agreement of non-disclosure, otherwise I would not have been able to receive any severance. I am not naming the specific Health Authority so I think I'm safe in saying this here.	May 8, 2012 6:24 AM
524	did not know about shelter agencies that could help me	May 8, 2012 5:46 AM
525	It is irritating, but not reportable	May 8, 2012 5:05 AM
526	because the person expereincing the abuse was of sound mind and although he did not realize he was being abuse he said many times he wished to stay with his wife (the abuser)	May 8, 2012 4:57 AM
527	didn't learn about the abuse until long after it occurred and I live in another state	May 8, 2012 4:32 AM
528	these are answers for my son	May 8, 2012 1:35 AM
529	Was concerned that elderly parent would deny the abuse, and that parent (with high blood pressure) might suffer a stroke from stress.	May 7, 2012 9:29 PM
530	It was reported throuh the school. Pricipal was friends with the abuser.	May 7, 2012 9:01 PM
531	my son does not speak I made the assumption from his behavior	May 7, 2012 5:39 PM

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532	I was not aware of the abuse. This happened before I met the child.	May 7, 2012 5:04 PM
533	didn't know it had happened until 3 months later	May 7, 2012 4:39 PM
534	school did nothing	May 7, 2012 4:14 PM
535	Did not believe incidence was serious enough	May 7, 2012 4:02 PM
536	didn't want to put my child through it	May 7, 2012 3:58 PM
537	He was too young to report.	May 7, 2012 3:41 PM
538	wasn't AWARE of the abuse	May 7, 2012 3:33 PM
539	The labelled me Munchausen-by-proxy, so no one would listen to or believe me.	May 7, 2012 3:19 PM
540	daughter felt threatened and did not report a sexual assault/rape.	May 7, 2012 3:05 PM
541	bullying in the workplace is not validated, many others have left this place of employment and complained but nothing has happened to the ED	May 7, 2012 2:54 PM
542	reported did not believe the child	May 7, 2012 2:35 PM
543	reported by Facility that family member lives at	May 7, 2012 12:38 PM
544	We discussed issues with the school and therapists and sought help from them for child.	May 7, 2012 12:18 PM
545	Was not told about it. Found out two years later in a different state.	May 7, 2012 12:11 PM
546	See above	May 7, 2012 11:26 AM
547	He quit before he told me about it. He was afraid nothing would help him and might make things bad for me.	May 7, 2012 11:26 AM
548	Family member (brother) was minor at the time and I was six years younger.	May 7, 2012 11:16 AM
549	I didn't find out until time had passed and the abuse was at a low level(slapped once, paid more than a share of a bill...	May 7, 2012 11:13 AM
550	Medical incident involved Prison Physician when I was adjudicated as a Youth Offender-No Criminal Record.	May 7, 2012 10:29 AM
551	at times we did not know who and or were not believed	May 7, 2012 10:10 AM
552	I pulled my son from the childcare placement	May 7, 2012 10:00 AM
553	Reported it to school authorities	May 7, 2012 9:41 AM
554	was not told of incident for months; felt it was too late to report	May 7, 2012 9:33 AM
555	I didn't realize that it was abuse at the time	May 7, 2012 9:06 AM
556	Happen in another country.[Russia]	May 7, 2012 8:46 AM

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557	It was another child and was handled by parents.	May 7, 2012 5:56 AM
558	family members not acceptant of disabilities...their own opinion	May 7, 2012 5:43 AM
559	Reported it to school. Didn't know to go to police	May 7, 2012 4:07 AM
560	Reported to school officials as student on students. Parents notified as well.	May 7, 2012 4:01 AM
561	We did and since our son at the time could not verbally communicate we never found out who abused him at school.	May 6, 2012 9:29 PM
562	Didn't believe that the authorities would do anything. Told friends but they felt helpless to do anything but to try to support me.	May 6, 2012 7:07 PM
563	The school would promise to be more vigilant, but there is a lot of student abuse by teachers and aides, who know they are not accountable for any actual education. I consider the waste of school time as abuse as well.	May 6, 2012 6:03 PM
564	Was too young to understand; wanted to protect family from being hurt by knowing this.	May 6, 2012 3:53 PM
565	because teacher cannot get fired just get transfered	May 6, 2012 2:47 PM
566	it was children mimicking/ taunting a child / bullying	May 6, 2012 2:43 PM
567	it happened on school grounds by school staff so we were told to go through the school system.	May 6, 2012 11:57 AM
568	I have become acutely aware that Legislation, though well-constructed and researched, exclude Penalty for lack of adherence to structure. No where in Legislation is there written deterrent for failing duty; which can and has culminated in loss of lives. All Authorities must work collectively to address issues of alleged abuse of vulnerable individuals. Currently, a great deal of confusion is expressed by the Public - even amongst mandatory reporters - regards to knowing which Authority is most appropriate to contact: When I approached various Executive Directors within Child & Youth venues, I asked the following question: Whom does one raise concerns with when a child presents in need of intervention? "CAS" was the response I received from some Officials. I specifically prodded, "Not the police?" The response was, "No." I found the answer quite interesting and disturbing because - although, I too, had believed that alerting Child Welfare Authorities was the correct route - according to RCMP, that approach does NOT suffice. A Social-worker with the Alberta Ministry openly criticized me by stating that had I truly been worried about my daughter, "would have called the Police." Whereas, I honestly believed that Child & Youth Authorities were the "Police" for Children, this observation had initially caused me to question whether I had somehow failed my child. I posed the same query to a Physician and several School Officials; each took the exact platform that I assumed: "One reports to Child & Youth Services". Thus, currently, there is a great deal of confusion expressed by the Public - even amongst Mandatory Reporters - towards correct reporting protocol. If Authorities are at a loss as to whom is appropriate to report concerns to, then certainly the Public is also subject to misinformation, relying upon Authorities for answers that are not clear. Increased education for the Public - including those considered Mandatory	May 6, 2012 9:48 AM

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	Reporters is necessary – to establish true outlets for response to concerns about children and vulnerable individuals.	
569	Didn't understand that abuse was not normal and I had a right not to be abused	May 6, 2012 7:45 AM
570	Didn't realize at the time I have rights. This happened many years ago.	May 5, 2012 10:02 PM
571	wanted to leave eventually & did not want more problems before I left	May 5, 2012 8:07 PM
572	Wised up after the first few times	May 5, 2012 6:20 PM
573	Not applicable	May 5, 2012 4:57 PM
574	was in states care, couldn't report it, they wouldn't listen anyway	May 5, 2012 12:00 PM
575	Not the type of thing that could be considered criminal	May 5, 2012 12:56 AM
576	Multiple instances not reported due to passive (neglect) style of parenting	May 4, 2012 4:47 PM
577	It is the normal way she treats me, I ignore it	May 4, 2012 1:50 PM
578	lack of information that the incident was indeed abuse	May 4, 2012 11:54 AM
579	This answer is in relation to the physical abuse I experienced from my mother, when I was a child and adolescent..	May 4, 2012 11:41 AM
580	There were several instances of abuse which I didn't report before it got so bad that I finally left my young kids slepping and fled to a shelter.	May 4, 2012 11:05 AM
581	I was a child and I told my parent.	May 4, 2012 10:52 AM
582	After dealing with authorities on several occassions with no positive results or changes I simply stopped making reports and handled the situations myself. This has probably only served to enable societal ignorance.	May 4, 2012 10:29 AM
583	the personal support worker reported it first	May 4, 2012 9:29 AM
584	Again, it is the uncertainty if it was actual abuse or being taken advantage of based on my disability or problems would have occured regardless because the "evil" doers would do what they did regardless.	May 4, 2012 7:26 AM
585	At the time, I felt that I deserved it	May 4, 2012 6:47 AM
586	my son did not want to	May 4, 2012 6:27 AM
587	Was told by the agency involved that they reptred the event to the per their policies.	May 4, 2012 5:56 AM
588	didn't understand at the time it was abuse	May 4, 2012 3:49 AM
589	I contacted a lawyer but was told that the lack of concrete evidence and the fact that the person does not talk would mean that it would not go anywhere. The evidence was behavioural. He lived in an institution so we did not see him when there might have been signs of trauma on his body.	May 4, 2012 2:53 AM

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590	It was before my family member came to live with us.	May 4, 2012 2:44 AM
591	afraid to hurt others	May 3, 2012 10:41 PM
592	Did not realise that what I was experiencing was abuse	May 3, 2012 9:08 PM
593	it was a child	May 3, 2012 4:42 PM
594	Fear of retaliation and losing any contact or control in order to help the victim. Feared the victimizer would severe all contact and or move away so that other family memebers would not be able to provide temporary or intermittent care.	May 3, 2012 3:39 PM
595	currently investigating the appropriate place to report	May 3, 2012 2:55 PM
596	The verbal abuse would not have resulted in any action by the child welfare system or police, but I reported it to the school and there were consequences for the staff member.	May 3, 2012 1:53 PM
597	person didnt put me back in my chair until he had sex with me, was scared it wouldn't constitute as rape	May 3, 2012 1:18 PM
598	I reported it to the school - she was beeing bullied by a staff member.	May 3, 2012 12:54 PM
599	We reported the abuse to the school system in writing. We were afraid our child would lose needed services if we proceeded	May 3, 2012 11:50 AM
600	fear	May 3, 2012 10:54 AM
601	fear of retribution or further abuse and neglect	May 3, 2012 9:13 AM
602	was being ignored hard to report	May 3, 2012 8:01 AM
603	It happened in school	May 3, 2012 7:59 AM
604	The abuser was my edx-husband and I didn't want him arrested.	May 3, 2012 7:54 AM
605	We beleived my uncel and the female who was his caregiver	May 3, 2012 7:53 AM
606	Happened 68 years ago.	May 3, 2012 7:51 AM
607	didnt realize it was abuse	May 3, 2012 7:46 AM
608	was reported to appropriate work place/school personel, handled without CJ intervention	May 3, 2012 7:15 AM
609	It was low level, unconscious "ableism" more that abuse.	May 3, 2012 7:13 AM
610	High school verbal abuse didn't seem worth reporting	May 3, 2012 7:00 AM
611	The hospital covered up the incident.!	May 3, 2012 6:43 AM
612	It was too late when the abuse was revealed to family.	May 3, 2012 5:31 AM
613	Personally resolved on Victims behalf	May 2, 2012 3:37 PM

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614	Was not against the law	May 2, 2012 3:14 PM
615	Differently abled minorities are not respected because of the race, country of origin, gender intersects	May 2, 2012 3:12 PM
616	Reportable issues happened in childhood, emotional and verbal abuse was a spouse	May 2, 2012 2:49 PM
617	I did report it and all the above applies.	May 2, 2012 12:54 PM
618	Had no proof, either in writing or photos	May 2, 2012 11:11 AM
619	School officers handled situation	May 2, 2012 10:30 AM
620	The abusive service provider was no longer working for the client.	May 2, 2012 7:59 AM
621	I think she was afraid of his family. Grandson is not longer in his care.	May 2, 2012 6:43 AM
622	I could only tell abuse happened through my son's acting out, bruises that couldn't be proven to be abuse and from what other children would say. My son was non-verbal at the time and he still cannot tell what happens when he is not with me.	May 2, 2012 6:41 AM
623	Removed her from the situation	May 2, 2012 5:42 AM
624	See other question 10.	May 2, 2012 5:38 AM
625	although I will add that I wish I called the police	May 2, 2012 5:01 AM
626	another person in the school system reported the abuse	May 2, 2012 4:54 AM
627	Most of the instances were non-threatening and handled by school personnel or such	May 2, 2012 3:23 AM
628	we went a different, more appropriate route, than local authorities given the nature of what had happened.	May 2, 2012 2:53 AM
629	early on, i encountered disbelief when i reported. then kept trying to find someone to listen. but then later again could not find proper help such as legal, to change the guardianship.	May 1, 2012 9:41 PM
630	Too much conspiracy. Lawyers and social workers helping one another instead of my child.	May 1, 2012 7:26 PM
631	did not realize was not isolated case.	May 1, 2012 6:35 PM
632	I can't remember the event	May 1, 2012 6:06 PM
633	Was not aware of the abuse until several years after	May 1, 2012 2:59 PM
634	to much time passed	May 1, 2012 1:35 PM
635	don't have an answer to this over 15 years ago and my father is not alive, nor is my sister	May 1, 2012 1:10 PM

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636	Fear of retribution against disabled family member.	May 1, 2012 1:05 PM
637	Thought it would backfire, as other events had in the past. Police and DFCS have not been amiable in the past when we reported things.	May 1, 2012 12:37 PM
638	knew that the child welfare system was not capable of dealing with my autism.	May 1, 2012 10:15 AM
639	Was my parent and was not sure if abuse was illegal and didn't want to upset family and loved abuser	May 1, 2012 9:51 AM
640	Reported abuse to preschool Program Director, preschool principal, state DOE, filed complaint with Office of Civil Rights and many more.	May 1, 2012 8:49 AM
641	Did want to go through the process and if nothing happened, feel victimized again.	May 1, 2012 8:48 AM
642	was too young to report sexual abuse...other abuses were disregarded.	May 1, 2012 8:17 AM
643	I did not find out until years later (ten years)	May 1, 2012 6:29 AM
644	explained above	May 1, 2012 5:41 AM
645	I have spoke with every agency and authority that I could think of.	Apr 30, 2012 8:42 PM
646	The abuse happened in a public school and I handled it with the school district administration	Apr 30, 2012 7:26 PM
647	I had no proof that it was deliberate.	Apr 30, 2012 1:56 PM
648	Didn't know it was abuse.	Apr 30, 2012 11:30 AM
649	Did not know it happened for many years.	Apr 30, 2012 11:25 AM
650	In one incident the police refused to take a report.	Apr 30, 2012 9:03 AM
651	the abuse was by a spouse, who was the caregiver. we kept trying to help and address, did not really consider authorities. without her, he would have been in nursing home.	Apr 30, 2012 7:55 AM
652	My son was very fearful	Apr 30, 2012 7:14 AM
653	because it was the local police doing it, I didn't know who to report it to.	Apr 30, 2012 4:56 AM
654	Was not aware til recently	Apr 30, 2012 4:50 AM
655	i want my sons voice for him and the other children abused to be acknowledged!!	Apr 29, 2012 9:43 AM