

Rethinking Child Abuse and Neglect in the lives of Young Children with Disabilities and Special Needs

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Steps for Success

- **1. Watch a brief video...**

- “click” on this hyperlink 
- Give the movie a minute or so to load
- Allow the video to ‘tug’ at your heart



- **2. Have a conversation...**

- “Did you know that children with disabilities experience child maltreatment at a rate that is three times greater than that experienced by their nondisabled peers?”
- “Did you know that children between the ages of birth through 3 years experience the highest incidence of maltreatment?”

- Steps (cont.)
 - **3. Ask a question...**
 - “What are we doing to prevent, or at least effectively observe, report, and respond to suspected/confirmed cases of child maltreatment?”
 - **4. Request training and support...**
 - “I know I am a mandatory reporter of child maltreatment, but I need more information regarding how to prevent, recognize, report and respond to suspected/confirmed cases of maltreatment. I also know that I will need ongoing support re. this critical, yet difficult topic. When, where, and how can I get this training and support?”

- Steps (cont.)
 - **5. Identify and nominate a “Bright Spot,” ...**
 - i.e., a trusted and valued member of your community that is recognized for their knowledge and skills concerning both child maltreatment and children with disabilities.
 - Send nominations to Harold Johnson at hjohnson@msu.edu

 - **6. Share a copy of this presentation with a colleague...**
 - You can find a copy of this presentation by “clicking” [HERE](#)

- Steps (cont.)
 - **7. Join a “Community of Learners”...**
 - i.e., a group of individuals who are willing to learn and share so that we can better protect children with disabilities from maltreatment
 - Send an email message to Harold Johnson (hjohnson@msu.edu) with the subject line “count me in!” In the message, please provide a brief explanation of your work and one or more questions you have re. the topic of child maltreatment.

- Steps (cont.)
 - **8. Call , 1-800-4-A-CHILD...**
 - When you suspect a child may be experiencing maltreatment.
 - You will have a confidential conversation with a counselor who will help you to decide if what you are observing is a likely case of abuse or neglect + identify who you can call to report your suspicion.

