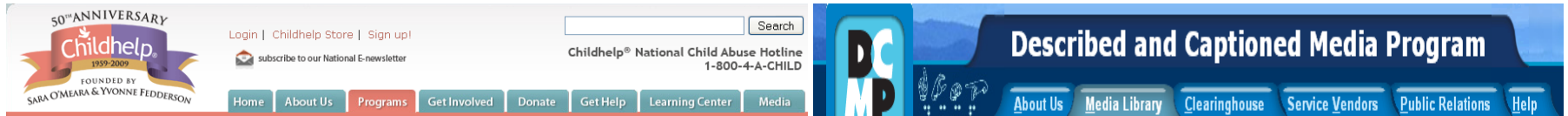


# What are we talking about?

<http://www.childhelp.org/>

<http://www.dcmp.org/>



Web site for video: <http://www.dcmp.org/FlashLanding/SecureFlash.aspx?G=31653>

# Definitions

- Child abuse and neglect:
  - "Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker, which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or exploitation, or an act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm"
  - [Child Welfare Information Gateway: Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

- Neglect: [7 per 1,000][63%] (nondisabled children)
  - Neglect is frequently defined as the failure of a parent or other person with responsibility for the child to provide needed food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision such that the child's health, safety, and well-being are threatened with harm.
- Physical Abuse: [2 per 1,000][17%]
  - Physical abuse is generally defined as "any nonaccidental physical injury to the child" and can include striking, kicking, burning, or biting the child, or any action that results in a physical impairment of the child

- Sexual Abuse/Exploitation: [1 per 1,000][9%]
  - "The employment, use, persuasion, inducement, enticement, or coercion of any child to engage in, or assist any other person to engage in, any sexually explicit conduct or simulation of such conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct; or
  - The rape, and in cases of caretaker or interfamilial relationships, statutory rape, molestation, prostitution, or other form of sexual exploitation of children, or incest with children"<sup>2</sup>

- Emotional Abuse: [1 per 1,000][7%]
  - "injury to the psychological capacity or emotional stability of the child as evidenced by an observable or substantial change in behavior, emotional response, or cognition," or as evidenced by "anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or aggressive behavior."

Note: for additional information concerning the incidence of neglect and abuse, "click" [HERE](#)