

In recent years, public interest in child abuse has increased dramatically, as well as among academic and field professionals. This surge of interest has produced a great deal of concerned writing which unfortunately has not been accompanied by identification and treatment programs. Child abuse has been generally defined as non-accidental physical injury which may result from acts or omissions on the part of the parents or guardians, and which violate the community standards concerning the treatment of children (Parke and Collmer, 1975, p. 513).