

# HERE ARE FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE:

# 1. Discipline Your Children Thoughtfully:

 Never discipline your child when you are upset. Give yourself time to calm down. Remember that discipline is a way to teach your child.

## 2. Educate Yourself & Others:

 Simple support for children and parents can be the best way to prevent child abuse.

#### 3. Examine Your Behavior:

 Abuse is not just physical. Both words and actions can inflict deep, lasting wounds.

### 4. Know What Child Abuse Is:

 Physical and sexual abuse clearly constitute maltreatment, but so does neglect, or the failure of parents or other caregivers to provide a child with needed food, clothing, and care.

## 5. Know The Signs:

 Unexplained injuries aren't the only signs of abuse. Depression, fear of a certain adult, difficulty trusting others or making friends, and more may indicate a child is being abused.

