

Effects from when children and teens are exposed to parental dysfunction

(controlling parent, verbal abuse, anger, put-downs, criticism but love, etc.)

Infants	Pre-School	Elementary	Early Adolescence
Excessive crying	Learning problems	Complains of illness	Complains of illness
Frequent illness	Frequent illness	Poor school achievement	Poor school achievement
Disturbed sleep/eat routine	Defiant behavior	Defiant behavior	Problems with other children/teens
Neglect	Problems getting along with others	Poor concentration	Poor concentration
Slow to develop	Inappropriate sexual behavior	Inappropriate sexual behavior	Inappropriate sexual behavior
Failure to thrive	Destruction of property such as toys, books, etc.	Anxiety and tension	Anxiety and tension
	Compliant, eager to please	Bullying	Bullying
	Regression-bedwetting, thumb sucking	Compliant, eager to please	Compliant, eager to please
	PTSD	PTSD	PTSD
	Clinging, withdrawal	Aggression	Destruction of property and truancy
	Anxiety, separation anxiety	Eating and sleep problems	Eating and sleep problems
	Cruelty to animals	Disrespect for others	Disrespect for others
	Biting and hitting	Low self-esteem, depression, withdrawal	Low self-esteem, depression, withdrawal
			Unhealthy/abusive relationships
			Running away, prostitution
			Victimization or becoming abusive

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