



Ways to Help Parents

- 1. Helping a child's parents may be the most important way to help the child. Support and help the family to get assistance. Let parents know you care. Be patient – parents usually have a hard time admitting to violence in the home.**
- 2. Let the victims, especially the children, know that abuse is not their fault and that there's never an excuse for violence.**
- 3. Help parents understand that young children think differently than adults and need careful explanations of scary events.**
- 4. Help parents understand that children are affected by witnessing violence and these effects may have long-term consequences. Parents often stop the violence out of concern for the development of their children.**
- 5. Share telephone numbers of support services.**
- 6. Be willing to make a phone call, help with safety planning, and support families in getting assistance.**

