

Characteristics of Children Exposed to DV

Infants & Toddlers (Ages 0 to 1)

- Physical injuries
- Sleep disturbances
- Eating disturbances
- Anxiety
- Non-responsive or cuddly
- Being colicky or sick
- Fearful
- Failure to thrive

Pre-school Children (Ages 2 to 6)

- Aggressive behavior
- Hyperactivity
- Separation anxiety
- Silence & withdrawal
- Regression
- Sleep disturbances
- Re-enactment/play about the recent event
- Anxiety
- Unable to deal with change

Early Childhood (Ages 6 to 10)

- Behavioral changes (acting out or perfectionism)
- Fantasies about the traumatic event
- Regressive reactions
- Psychosomatic complaints
- Sleep disturbances
- School phobia
- Distrust of adults
- Displaced fears

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