

## **Health & PE Institute-Healthy Kids, Healthy Virginia**

### **“Child Abuse-The Face-an Easy Target”**

The goal of this presentation is to heighten awareness among healthcare professionals, and anyone who has contact with children, in the hopes of ending acts of abuse and neglect.

Approximately three million reports of child abuse and neglect are made to authorities in this country each year. Data show that 65% of physical abuse cases involve injury to the head, neck, or mouth region.

As Health & PE teachers, you will learn about topics such as: how to recognize the physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and neglect, how to prevent child abuse and neglect, where and how to document and report suspected cases, how to differentiate between abusive vs. accidental injuries, and the legal issues involved in reporting for the healthcare providers.

The learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the incidence, etiology, and types of abuse.
2. Recognize the most common signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect
3. Recognize the roles and the responsibilities in reporting cases of abuse
4. Discuss special treatment consideration when treating patients that you suspect as being victims of abuse.
5. Know the sequences of action once a case of abuse is reported.
6. Be familiar with some of the common folk remedies that might be mistaken for abuse.