

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

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Scope of child maltreatment

What is the scope of child maltreatment?

FFY 2019

4.4 million total referrals

7.9 million children

54.5% screened in

- 2019 Child Maltreatment Report, United States Department of Health and Human Services

What is the scope of child maltreatment?

656,000 victims of child abuse and neglect

8.9 victims per 1,000 children in the population annually

1,850 children died from abuse and neglect.

- 2019 Child Maltreatment Report, United States Department of Health and Human Services

What are the consequences of child maltreatment?

- **Social**
- **Academic**
- **Behavioral health**
- **Socioeconomic**
- **Involvement in other systems**

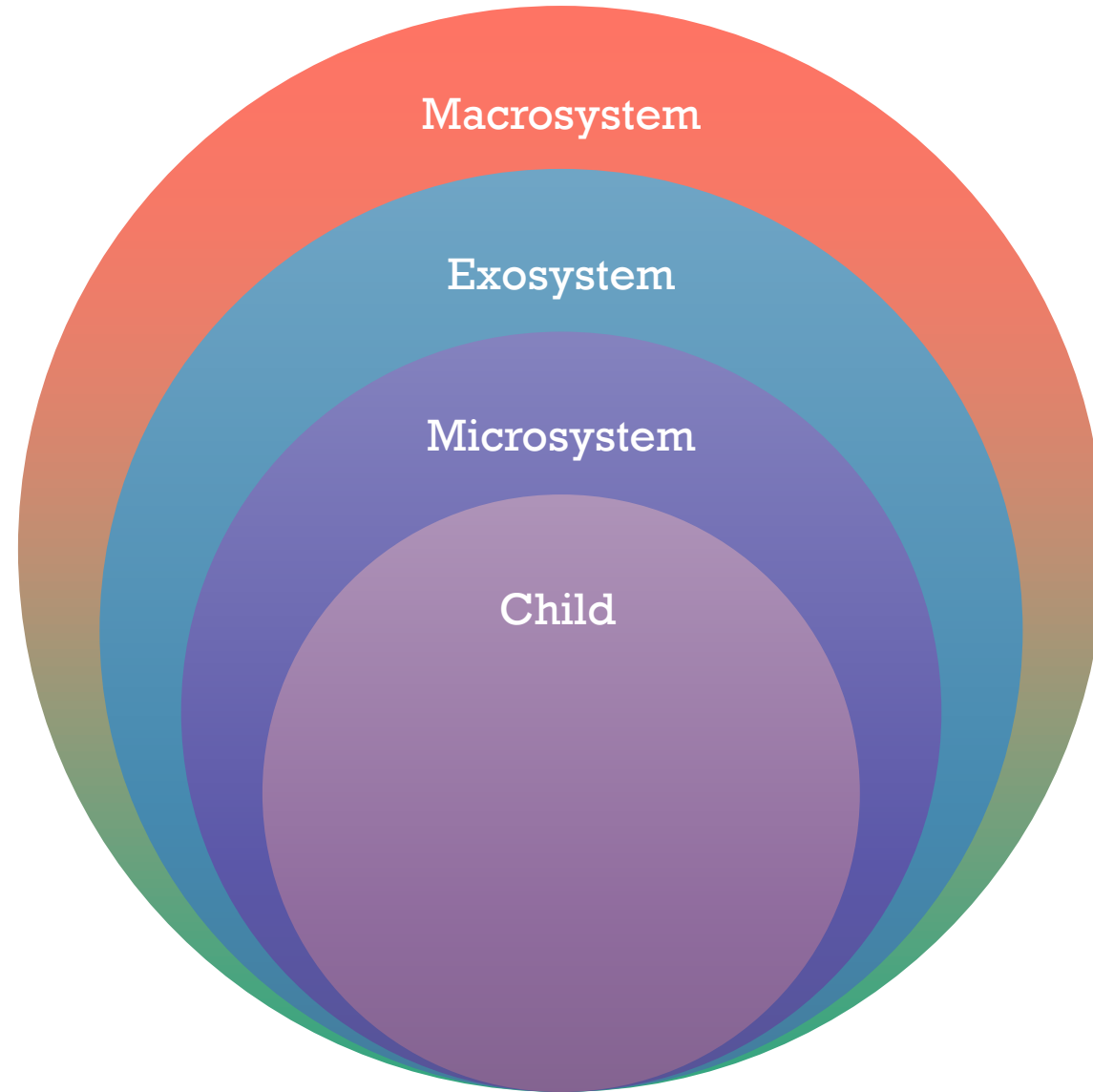
**“Family violence is common,
consequential, and changeable”**

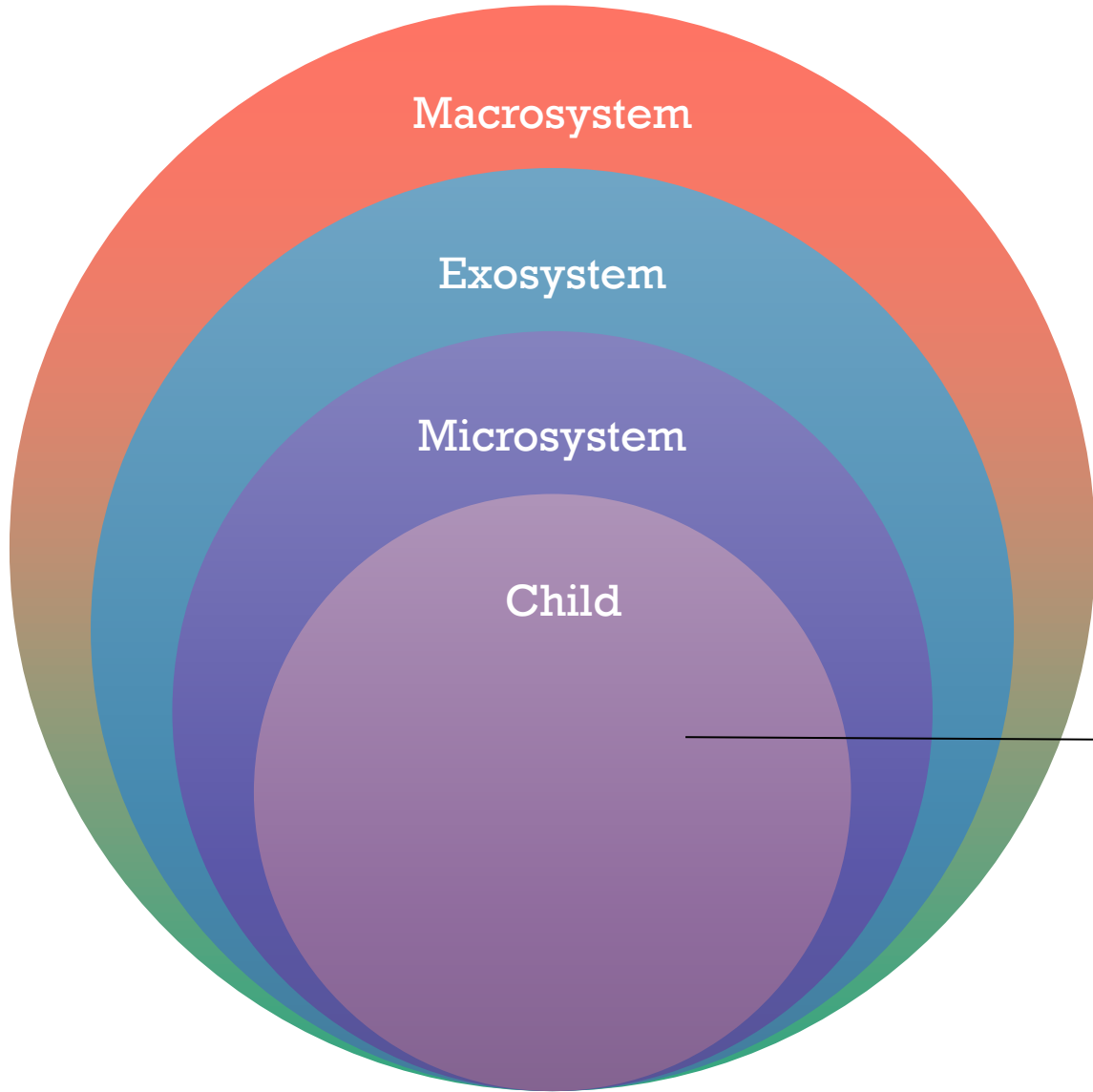
Dr. Kenny Steinman



What causes child
maltreatment?

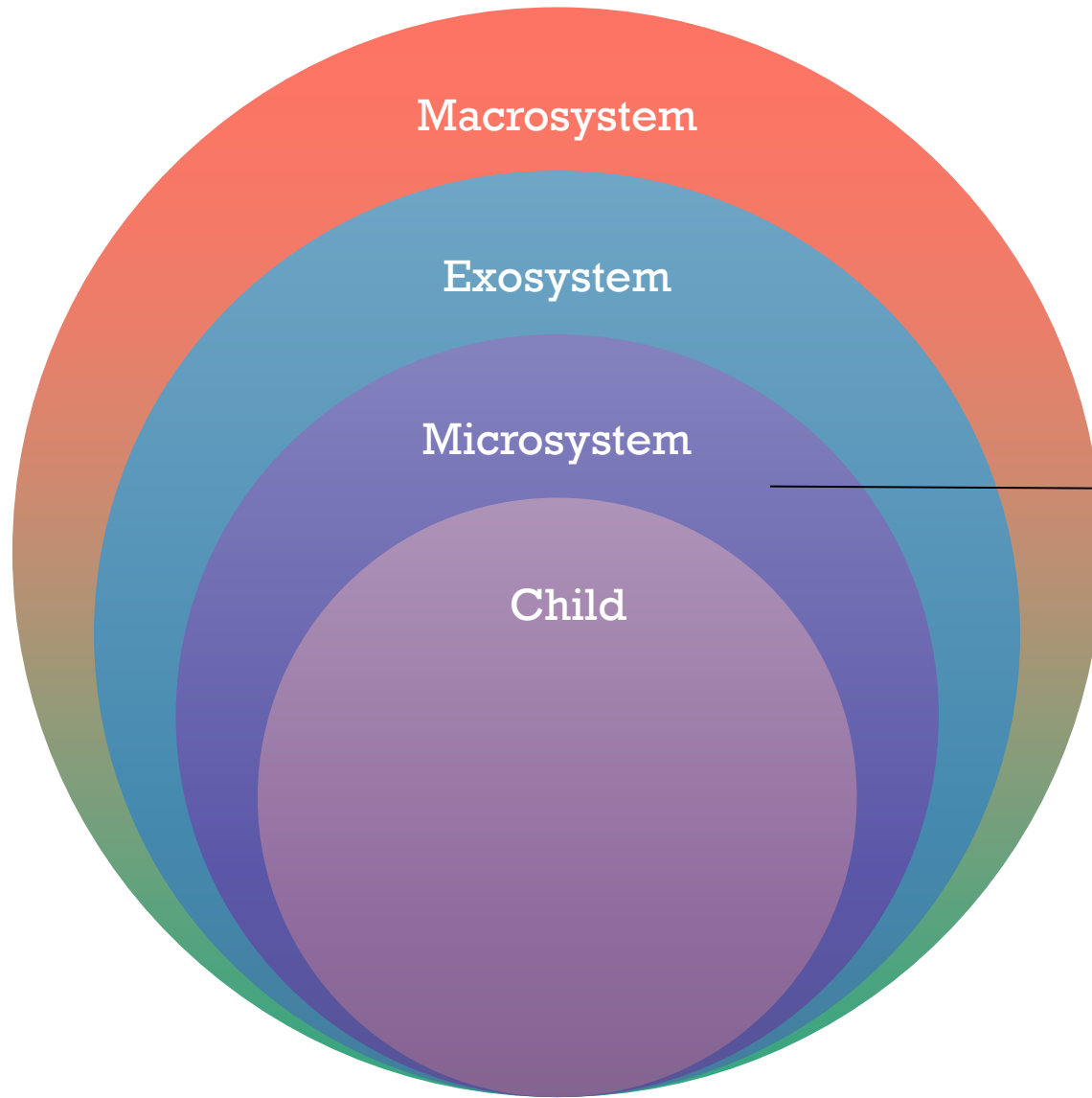
Ecological Systems Theory





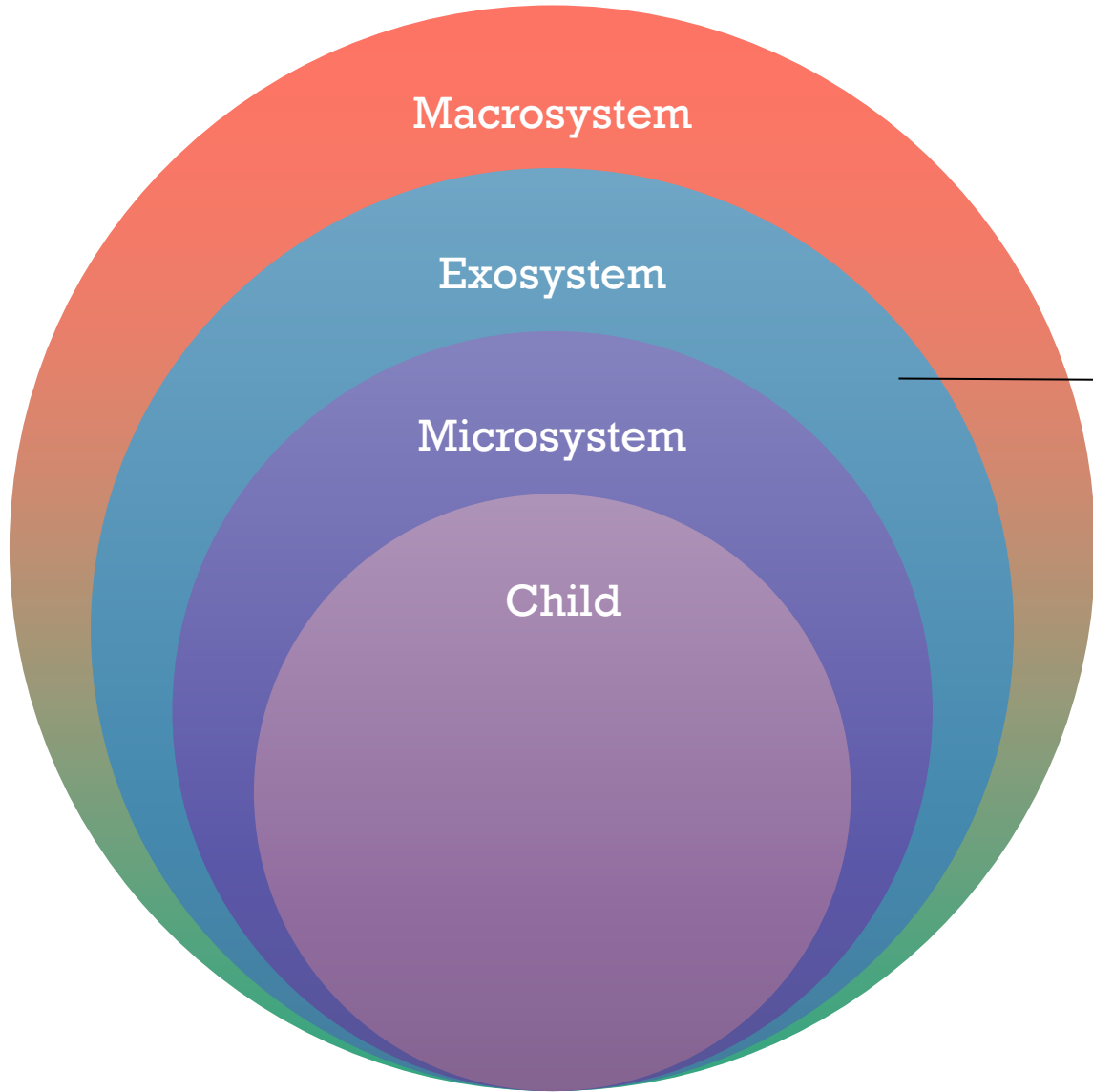
Child factors

- Child age**
- Child aggression**
- Child disability**



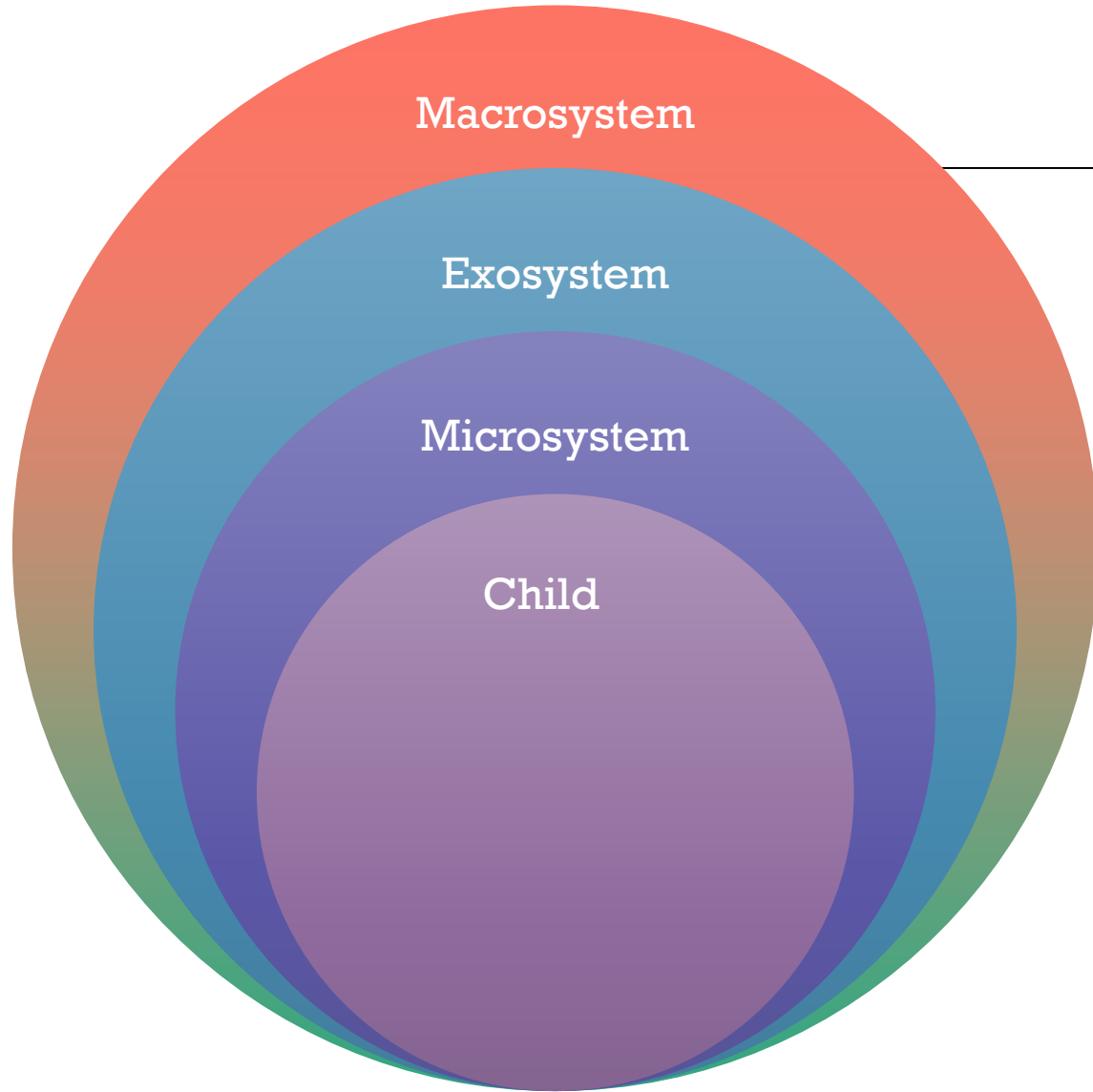
**Parent and
family factors**

**Parent's own experiences of
maltreatment
Intimate partner violence
Parental behavioral health
Parent and family SES
Single parenthood**



**Neighborhood,
places of
employment,
etc**

**Neighborhood structural factors
Neighborhood process factors**



Public policy
Social norms

**Earned Income Tax
Credits**
Minimum wage policy
Child care subsidy
Welfare benefits
Child support policies



How do we prevent child
maltreatment?

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- **Types of prevention**
 - **Universal**
 - **Selective**
 - **Indicated**



What works in child abuse and neglect (CAN) prevention?

- **Home visiting interventions**
 - **Nurse Family Partnership**
 - **Parents as Teachers**
 - **HIPPY (Home improvement for parents of preschool youngsters)**



What works in CAN prevention?

- **Parent Education Programs**
 - **Nurturing Parent Program**
 - **Parenting Wisely**
 - **Systematic Training for Effective Parenting**
 - **Strengthening Families Program**



What works in CAN prevention?

- **Community-Level Interventions**
 - **Strong Communities**
 - **Triple P Positive Parenting Program**

A note on the mismatch of the focus of many prevention programs to family

Focus on parenting

Complex needs go above and beyond parenting

Substance use

Poverty

- **Intimate partner violence**
- **Housing insecurity/homelessness**

Innovations in CAN prevention

- **Indicated**

**START: Sobriety, Treatment, and
Recovery Teams: Kentucky, Dr.
Ruth Huebner**

Innovations in CAN prevention

Selective:

**Project GAIN (Getting Access to
Income Now, Wisconsin): Dr.
Lawrence Berger, Dr. Kristen
Slack, University of Wisconsin**

Innovations in CAN prevention

- **Universal:**

EITC Access Project, Michigan:

Dr. Kathryn Maguire-Jack,

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Thank you!
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