



Working Towards a Child Abuse-Free Society



To all guardians...

YOU are responsible for children's happiness and wellbeing!

If your actions hurt a child's mind or body, it's not discipline, it's child abuse!

Child abuse is a serious violation of human rights!

It's important to consider your actions from a child's perspective, not your own.

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What is child abuse?

Child abuse is any behavior by a guardian or caregiver that causes physical or psychological injury to a child, and can have serious, negative impacts on a child's healthy growth and personal development.

Physical Abuse

- Violence such as punching or kicking
- Locking children outside etc.

Sexual Abuse

- Sexual acts or sexually-violent behavior
- Showing children pornographic materials etc.

Negligence & Neglect

- Refusing to seek medical treatment when a child is sick
- Not providing adequate food etc.

Psychological Abuse

- Acting violently or arguing in front of children
- Ignoring a child or acting dismissive etc.

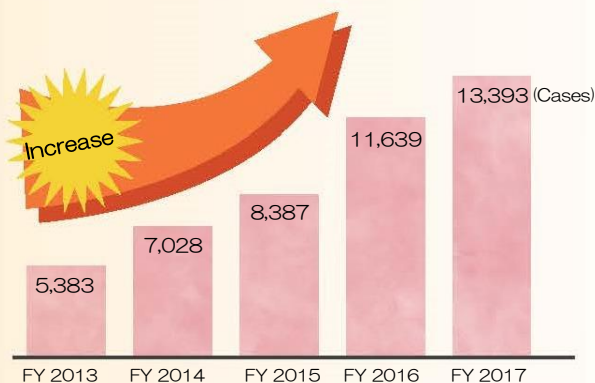
Victims of child abuse...

have decreased motivation and sense of self-worth.

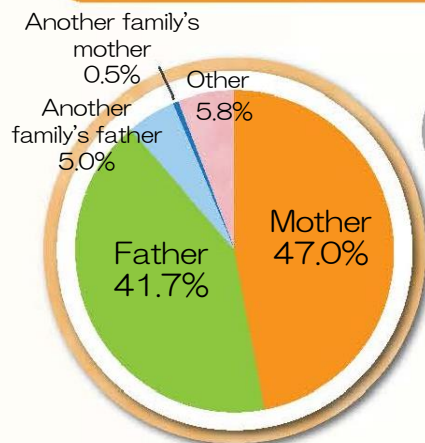


About child abuse in Saitama

Number of Reports of Child Abuse to Children's Counseling Offices



Main Offenders



A high number of children being abused by their own parents might indicate...



*Number of Reports of Child Abuse to Children's Counseling Offices in FY 2017
(Researched by the Saitama Prefectural Government Child Care and Safety Division)

To everyone raising children...

Children don't grow up exactly according to their parents' expectations. Raising children can be an uncertain process.



Instead of facing everything alone, why not try discussing your feelings with others? Someone is always available to listen to you, via phone or in person. Please feel free to contact your local Children's Counseling Office regarding any child care-related concerns you may have.

If you are concerned about someone...

While the extent of behavior and frequency of its occurrence should also be taken into consideration, if you notice any of the following signs, please don't hesitate to contact a counseling organization (Children's Counseling Office, or point of contact for your municipality).

Children SOS Signs

- Frequently unenergetic or unhappy and lacking facial expression
- Frequently has bruises, burns, etc., from unnatural causes (e.g. physical violence)
- Exhibits sexual behavior and speech unbecoming of their age
- Unclean (face, hair, legs, feet, mouth)
- Often left unattended for long periods of time



Guardian SOS Signs

- Decreased interaction with child or cold attitude when interacting
- Using unusual or extreme scolding methods
- Extreme behavior such as psychological over-attachment or complete disinterest
- Household is in an unhygienic state of disarray
- Injuries from domestic violence inflicted by a spouse, etc.



Your vigilance and actions can help protect children from abuse!

If you have seen a child who you suspect may be a victim of child abuse...
 If you know a guardian who has concerns about child-care...
 If you have concerns about child-care...

Please Call

National Children's Counseling Hotline

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Saitama Prefecture Abuse Hotline ※

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For emergency consultations or to report abuse, please call the National Children's Counseling Hotline or the Saitama Prefecture Abuse Hotline

Saitama Prefecture Municipal Points of Contact regarding Children's Counseling

Current as of April 1, 2021

| Municipality | Division | Telephone | Municipality | Division | Telephone |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Kawagoe City | Child and Domestic Affairs Division | 049-224-5821 | Hasuda City | Children's Support Division | 048-768-3111 |
| Kumagaya City | Child Affairs Division | 048-524-1111 | Sakado City | Child-Care Support Division | 049-283-1331 |
| Kawaguchi City | Child-Care Consultation Division | 048-259-9005 | Satte City | Children's Support Division | 0480-42-8454 |
| Gyoda City | Parenting and Child Support Division | 048-556-1111 | Tsurugashima City | Children's Support Division | 049-271-1111 |
| Chichibu City | Social Welfare Division | 0494-25-5204 | Hidaka City | Child-Care Assistance Division | 042-989-2111 |
| Tokorozawa City | Children's Support Division | 04-2998-9129 | Yoshikawa City | Child-Care Support Division | 048-982-5111 |
| Hanno City | Child-Care Support Division | 042-978-5627 | Fujimino City | Child-Care Support Division | 049-262-9034 |
| Kazo City | Child-Care Support Division | 0480-62-1510 | Shiraoka City | Child-Care Support Division | 0480-92-1111 |
| Honjo City | Child-Care Support Division | 0495-25-1143 | Ina Town | Child-Care Support Division | 048-721-2111 |
| Higashimatsuyama City | Child-Care Support Division | 0493-63-5005 | Miyoshi Town | Children's Support Division | 049-258-0019 |
| Kasukabe City | Child Affairs Consultation Division | 048-736-1111 | Moroyama Town | Child Affairs Division | 049-295-2112 |
| Sayama City | Children's Support Division | 04-2953-1111 | Ogose Town | Child-Care Support Division | 049-292-3121 |
| Hanyu City | Child-Care Support Division | 048-561-1121 | Namegawa Town | Health and Welfare Division | 0493-56-2211 |
| Konosu City | Child-Care Support Division | 048-541-1894 | Ranzan Town | Welfare Division | 0493-62-0716 |
| Fukaya City | Child and Youth Affairs Division | 048-541-4410 | Ogawa Town | Child-Care Support Division | 0493-81-6181 |
| Ageo City | Children and Families Comprehensive Support Center | 048-783-4964 | Kawajima Town | Child-Care Support Division | 049-299-1765 |
| Soka City | Child-Care Support Center | 048-941-6791 | Yoshimi Town | Child-Care Support Division | 0493-63-5014 |
| Koshigaya City | Child Welfare Division | 048-963-9319 | Hatoyama Town | Townsmen Health Division | 049-296-2530 |
| Warabi City | Child Welfare Division | 048-433-7757 | Tokigawa Town | Welfare Division | 0493-65-0813 |
| Toda City | Child Care Office | 048-299-2816 | Yokose Town | Child-Care Support Division | 0494-25-0110 |
| Iruma City | Children's Support Division | 04-2964-1111 | Minano Town | Health Children's Division | 0494-62-1288 |
| Asaka City | Parenting and Child Support Division | 048-463-0364 | Nagatoro Town | Health and Welfare Division | 0494-66-3111 |
| Shiki City | Children's Support Division | 048-473-1111 | Ogano Town | Civic Life Section | 0494-75-4101 |
| Wako City | Regional Comprehensive Care Systems Division | 048-424-9124 | Higashichichibu Village | Public Welfare Division | 0493-82-1226 |
| Niiza City | Children's Support Division | 048-424-9161 | Misato Town | Welfare Division | 0495-76-5132 |
| Okegawa City | Parenting and Child Support Division | 048-788-4946 | Kamikawa Town | Public Welfare Division | 0495-77-2112 |
| Kuki City | Parenting and Child Support Division | 0480-22-1111 | Kamisato Town | Child-Care and Lifestyle Division | 0495-35-1236 |
| Kitamoto City | Child-Care Support Division | 048-511-7702 | Yorii Town | Child-Care Support Division | 048-581-2121 |
| Yashio City | Child-Care Support Division | 048-996-2111 | Miyashiro Town | Child-Care Support Division | 0480-38-6264 |
| Fujimi City | Child Future Support Center | 049-252-3773 | Sugito Town | Child-Care Support Division | 0480-33-1111 |
| Misato City | Children's Support Division | 048-930-7780 | Matsubushi Town | Healthy Child-Care Division | 048-991-1876 |


Children's Counseling Offices in Saitama Prefecture

| Children's Counseling Office | Telephone | Area of Jurisdiction |
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| Chuo Children's Counseling Office | 048-775-4152 | Konosu City, Ageo City, Okegawa City, Kuki City, Kitamoto City, Hasuda City, Shiraoka City, Ina Town |
| Minami Children's Counseling Office | 048-262-4152 | Kawaguchi City, Warabi City, Toda City |
| Kawagoe Children's Counseling Office | 049-223-4152 | Kawagoe City, Higashimatsuyama City, Fujimi City, Fujimino City, Sakado City, Tsurugashima City, Hidaka City, Miyoshi Town, Moroyama Town, Ogose Town, Namegawa Town, Ranzan Town, Ogawa Town, Tokigawa Town, Kawajima Town, Yoshimi Town, Hatoyama Town, Higashichichibu Village |
| Tokorozawa Children's Counseling Office | 04-2992-4152 | Tokorozawa City, Hanno City, Sayama City, Iruma City, Asaka City, Shiki City, Wako City, Niiza City |
| Kumagaya Children's Counseling Office | 048-521-4152 | Kumagaya City, Gyoda City, Chichibu City, Kazo City, Honjo City, Hanyu City, Fukaya City, Yokose Town, Minano Town, Nagatoro Town, Ogano Town, Misato Town, Kamikawa Town, Kamisato Town, Yorii Town |
| Koshigaya Children's Counseling Office | 048-975-4152 | Kasukabe City, Koshigaya City, Satte City, Miyashiro Town, Sugito Town, Matsubushi Town |
| Soka Children's Counseling Office | 048-920-4152 | Soka City, Yashio City, Misato City, Yoshikawa City |
| Saitama City Hokubu Children's Counseling Office | 048-711-3917 | Saitama City (Nishi Ward, Kita Ward, Omiya Ward, Minuma Ward, Iwatsuki Ward) |
| Saitama City Nanbu Children's Counseling Office | 048-711-2489 | Saitama City (Chuo Ward, Sakura Ward, Urawa Ward, Minami Ward, Midori Ward) |



The Saitama Prefectural Ordinance on the Prohibition of Child Abuse was implemented on April 1, 2018. For more details visit the Saitama Prefectural Government Website.

Saitama Prefectural Ordinance on the Prohibition of Child Abuse

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※The Saitama Prefecture Abuse Hotline provides consultation on all forms of abuse, including child abuse, elder abuse, and disability abuse.