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### Introduction

#### Jill E. Korbin and Richard D. Krugman

One of the early pioneers in the field of Child Maltreatment was Brandt Steele. He was the psychiatrist on the original "Battered Child" paper with C. Henry Kempe in 1962 (Kempe et al. 1962). Brandt saw his first case in 1956 and spent nearly a half century listening to abused children and abusive adults before his death in 2005 at the age of 97. One of his favorite sayings was "If you don't understand someone's behavior, you don't have enough history." He always took time to pause and to listen, to ask questions and to try to understand what it was that led to the behaviors – and the consequences of those behaviors.

With that in mind, you may wonder what it was that led us to start this new *Handbook of Child Maltreatment* and the series, *Child Maltreatment: Contemporary Issues in Research and Policy* of which it is a part. There are many books and journals now that regularly report on what is new or what is going on in the field of child maltreatment. Substantial progress has been made in addressing child maltreatment, as will be seen in the chapters in this volume. Nevertheless, many of the core questions of the field remain, and the chapters point us in the direction both of what is known, and, perhaps even more importantly, what remains to be known to make progress in helping abused children, their families, and their communities.

The complexity of child abuse and neglect has posed many challenges. We asked our colleagues in the field if they would contribute to a volume whose aim is to review what we know and what we don't know at this stage of the development of the field of child maltreatment with an emphasis on what we need to be doing from here. We asked for "executive summaries" of the decades of work that have gone on in specific areas, with the additional aim of having future volumes of the series be specific monographs that build on these chapters and update them as time goes on. Other chapters could have been and will be included in future versions of the *Handbook*, which we intend to update approximately every 5 years.

We initially planned to have the *Handbook* be the first volume in the series, followed by monographs taking up the issues presented in the *Handbook*. Along the way, we realized that last year (2012) was the 50th anniversary of the Battered Child paper (Kempe et al. 1962). We then decided to take a different path, and Volume 1 of this series was published to commemorate that event (Krugman and Korbin 2013). We invited professionals who had worked with or been influenced by Henry Kempe and his work to comment specifically on four of Kempe's key papers with an eye towards where this work had led the field.

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Thirty years ago, there was a saying in Washington, DC: "where you stand depends on where you sit." If you search that phrase now, it is attributed to Nelson Mandela – and the truth of who said it first is not as important as the truth of the phrase. The field of child abuse and neglect is one that is a sub-set of some very large fields: anthropology, criminology, law, medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, psychology, social work, and sociology, to name just some. Not surprisingly, those scholars and practitioners who come from each of these fields (and others) tend to see the problem from that perspective.

The organization of the *Handbook* is along reportorial lines: What is child maltreatment? Why does it occur? What are the consequences? What can and should we do about it? How does child maltreatment look in a more global perspective?

The first section of the *Handbook* addresses one of the major challenges in child maltreatment work: What are we talking about? What *is* child abuse and neglect? At its most basic, since the beginning of the "field," we have questioned whether child maltreatment can be measured in behaviors of caregivers or by the identified injuries and consequences to children that result in agency reports. Most research on child maltreatment relies on cases reported to child protective services. Chapter 1 by Sedlak and Ellis helps us to understand "what it is" by examining national incidence studies and trends in reporting. The next three chapters examine the major forms of maltreatment that are identified by mandatory reporting statutes: child neglect by Proctor and Dubowitz in Chapter 2; physical abuse by Palusci in Chapter 3; and sexual abuse by Heger in Chapter 4. A final chapter in this section, Chapter 5 by Krugman and Lane, tackles one of the most disturbing forms of child maltreatment, when a child dies as the result of abuse and/or neglect.

A second challenge, and the second section of this book, addresses the basic question of why child maltreatment occurs. An early and persisting explanation for the existence of child maltreatment is that it is passed from generation to generation, and that the abused children of today become the abusive parents of tomorrow. In Chapter 6, Bezenski, Yates and Egeland assess the evidence for intergenerational transmission of abusive parenting. Another explanation asks whether child maltreatment is most powerfully related to poverty. Drake and Jonson-Reid in Chapter 7 tackle this issue. Related to poverty, in Chapter 8, Dettlaff brings to bear the evidence and arguments for and against disproportionality in child maltreatment report rates, asking if disproportionality exists and how the answer to this question has shaped our understandings of why child maltreatment occurs. Another line of thinking about the etiology of child maltreatment is that there are certain children who are more susceptible to being maltreated. In Chapter 9, Giardino, Giardino and Issac consider the evidence related to the maltreatment of children with disabilities. Child maltreatment also has been explained by asking whether some families (including parents) are simply more violent than others. In Chapter 10, Alhusen and colleagues review the challenges of understanding the dynamics and overlap of intimate partner violence and child maltreatment.

A third challenge in child maltreatment work is assessing the consequences of maltreatment. One might argue that the very experience of an abused or neglected child is sufficient in and of itself to demand a concerted response, both to help the child and family and to prevent future abuse to that child or any other child. It has been very difficult to sort out the consequences of child maltreatment from other difficult circumstances in which children live, such as poverty and disadvantage. Increasing evidence, however, has pointed to the long-term consequences of early adverse experiences, including maltreatment. Yet, the pathways from child maltreatment to difficulties later in life remain less clear. Are abused children compromised neurologically, leading to later difficulties? Are abused children set on a path leading them to risky behaviors, including substance abuse, dating violence, early sexuality? At the core of these questions is the concern to determine the balance of risk and resilience, why some abused children have dire consequences from the experience, some seem to function well in some areas and not others, and some go on to lead lives indistinguishable from their non-maltreated peers. This section of the book examines two of these issues. In Chapter 11, Bernard, Lind and Dozier examine the consequences for whether these early consequences can

be mitigated. In Chapter 12, Widom brings together evidence about the life course of abused children taking a prospective rather than the usual retrospective approach. The reader is also referred to the earlier Chapter 6 that considers one of the most persistent beliefs about child maltreatment and its consequences – intergenerational transmission of abusive parenting such that the abused child of today becomes the abusive parent of tomorrow.

The fourth, and largest section, considers what we should do about child maltreatment. These chapters address such efforts despite the challenges examined in the earlier sections including lack of definitional clarity and questions about etiologies and outcomes. Wald begins this section in Chapter 13 with a broad view of what the goals of ensuring child well-being should be and how child protection fits into this framework. He considers options, expanded upon in several subsequent chapters about how we might move forward towards those goals.

While there has sometimes been a tension between prevention and treatment in the field, particularly as to where resources should be devoted, both are represented in this section. The first subsection deals with prevention issues, beginning with an overview by Daro and Benedetti in Chapter 14. This overview of where we have been and need to go is followed by Chapter 15 by Molnar and Beardslee who argue for a community approach to prevention and Chapter 16 by Hashima also suggesting a broader public health approach to prevention. An example of one community-based prevention program, Strong Communities, is the focus of Chapter 17 by Melton. The subsection concludes with Wulczyn and colleagues' questions in Chapter 18 about the match, or mismatch, between resources and needs.

The next subsection turns to treatment approaches, beginning with Timmer and Urquiza's Chapter 19 that brings together issues in child development with empirically based programs. The three chapters that follow emphasize different approaches to intervention. Fitzgerald and Berliner in Chapter 20 examine psychosocial interventions for abused and neglected children; Taussig and Raviv foster care in Chapter 21; and Andrews mutual support and self-help for maltreating parents in Chapter 22. Vaughan-Eden's Chapter 23 asks that the field consider non-offending mothers of sexually abused children. Fuller's Chapter 24 then examines what we know about the successes of differential or alternative response approaches to working with maltreating families. The subsection concludes with Fluke and colleagues' Chapter 25 that brings us back to the basics of how child protective services make decisions that bring maltreatment cases to the attention of intervenors in the first place.

In the last subsection on legal issues, in Chapter 26, Mathews and Bross consider legal approaches, including mandatory reporting. Russell and colleagues in Chapter 27 offer a perspective on the judicial process. Knapp's Chapter 28 brings the perspective of law enforcement, which is responsible for the initial investigations.

Finally, we end with Section V that calls us back to thinking about the broader international and cross-cultural human experience. In Chapter 29, Kimbrough-Melton considers how international law and conventions have shaped our views of, and responses to, child maltreatment. Kimbrough-Melton includes a consideration of how international law has addressed the balance between the universal rights and needs of children with cultural diversity in behaviors and beliefs about what is regarded as abusive to children around the world. Kohrt concludes the volume in Chapter 30 by bringing a biocultural perspective to the consideration of child maltreatment.

We are grateful to those who contributed to this volume and to our colleagues at Springer for affording us the opportunity to bring this *Handbook*, and this new series, forward to the field. We look forward to the work of our colleagues that will be reflected in regular updates to the *Handbook* and new books to expand our knowledge and contribute to the well-being of children, their families, and their communities. Because *Child Maltreatment: Contemporary Issues in Research and Policy* will be a dynamic and ongoing series, we value reader's comments about what was helpful or other directions we could explore in future volumes, both in updates of the *Handbook* and future monographs. To the reader, this series is for you.

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# Part I Child Maltreatment: What Is It?

## Chapter 1 Trends in Child Abuse Reporting

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#### Introduction

Organized public efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect began in the late 1800s with the rise of private organizations that took public stances against cruelty to children (Schene 1998). Although the 1935 Social Security Act provided funding to states for child welfare services to vulnerable children, mandated reporting laws were enacted only after Dr. Henry Kempe's 1962 article on the "battered child syndrome" raised widespread concern and brought national attention to child physical abuse inflicted by parents and caregivers (Kempe et al. 1962; Melton 2005).

In the same year that Kempe and his colleagues published their seminal article, 1962, the Children's Bureau held two meetings to explore strategies for addressing the problem. These culminated in a model child abuse reporting law, which the Children's Bureau disseminated widely to child welfare organizations and state legislatures (Nelson 1984). The model state child protection act authorized state departments of social services and/or child protective services to receive suspected child maltreatment reports and authorized the reporting of child maltreatment by any person, while requiring certain professionals who have frequent interactions with children (such as law enforcement and medical professionals) to report suspected maltreatment (Kalichman 1993).

By 1967, all states and the District of Columbia had enacted mandatory child maltreatment reporting laws, incorporating some or all of the provisions of the Model Act (Nelson 1984). Federal legislation was enacted in 1974, when Congress passed the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA, P.L. 93-247). CAPTA established the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN) to provide policy and standard guidelines for handling the reports, and offered limited grants to states to develop child protective services. CAPTA also established requirements for state reporting laws, which states had to meet in order to be eligible for state service grants (Nelson 1984; Schene 1998).

**Mandatory reporting requirements.** Section 1.5 of this volume discusses the legal issues surrounding mandatory reporting requirements. For purposes here it is important to recognize that these vary from state to state, both in terms of who must report and the types of maltreatment they must report. Only about 18 states require *any individual* who suspects child maltreatment to report.<sup>1</sup> In most states, specific professionals who have frequent interactions with children are mandated reporters, whereas other professionals and members of the general public are simply encouraged to voluntarily report. The professionals most commonly identified as mandated reporters in State statutes include medical,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>States frequently amend their laws (Child Welfare Information Gateway 2009a).

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mental health, social work, educational and legal professionals (Child Welfare Information Gateway 2011a). State laws also mention judges, attorneys, court-appointed special advocates, Christian Science practitioners, and the staff and volunteers of various social service or community agencies including health and human services, public housing, public assistance, domestic violence, and victim and rape centers. Some state statutes also identify public or private agency staff who provide recreational or sports activities, animal protection or control, veterinarians, and computer and internet providers' installation or repair staff.

States' statutes vary substantially in the degree of detail in their descriptions of the malctreatment that must be reported and in whether they include or exclude a given type of maltreatment from the requirement. An extensive review of states' reporting statutes (Sedlak et al. 2003) considered the number of specific acts mentioned in states' statutes and found that most states provided highly differentiated definitions of sexual abuse and of physical neglect. Less than one-third of states gave a moderately differentiated definition of mandated physical abuse, whereas only onetenth of states did so for emotional abuse. Only about one-half of states even mentioned emotional neglect or educational neglect, with extremely little differentiation of the acts or omissions defined in these categories.

Recent information on current state statutes indicates the situation is unchanged for educational neglect, with just a slight majority of states' statutes mentioning it at all (Child Welfare Information Gateway 2011a). Recently, child protective service agencies have increasingly considered a child's exposure to domestic violence to be a form of maltreatment, but states that mention it vary in their treatment of it, with some states including it in their definition of physical abuse, others considering it to be a form of neglect. However, most states still omit any mention of it and one state specifically excludes it from maltreatment that must be reported. Only about one-fourth of states include in utero exposure to drugs in their definitions of abuse or neglect (Child Welfare Information Gateway 2011b).

**CPS responses.** Some cases of child maltreatment never reach CPS because the individual who noticed the situation and suspected maltreatment did not contact CPS to report it. Once an individual reports the maltreatment of a child to a local CPS agency or state or regional hotline, the referral undergoes a screening process to determine whether the situation meets the agency's criteria for a CPS investigation. Referrals are screened-out with no investigation when there is insufficient information to contact the family for follow-up and when the situation described in the report does not meet a state's legal definition of child maltreatment. The agency will not provide any direct response to screened-out cases although they may tell the reporter to contact another agency or service.

Some CPS agencies can offer a non-investigative response to selected low risk cases that do not meet their standards for investigation. These non-investigative responses go by a variety of labels, including "differential response," "alternative response," "multi-track response," and "dual-track" response. Whatever their label, these responses involve offering services to meet various needs of the child and family in order to prevent the family from becoming a high-risk case. The CPS agency does not focus on gathering evidence to confirm the occurrence of abuse or neglect and the family is not legally mandated to accept the agency's intervention (as they may be with a CPS investigation response). Differential response systems began to emerge in the early 1990s a result of dissatisfaction with the inflexible and limited capacity of the CPS response, the adversarial orientation of CPS (which can discourage family engagement and compliance), and the inability of traditional child welfare services to address the underlying causes of the safety issues that bring families to the attention of CPS (Child Welfare Information Gateway 2008; Daro et al. 2005; Farrow 1997; Schene 2005; Zielewski et al. 2006).

**Challenges of studying mandated reporting.** The fact that reporting of child abuse and neglect is mandated by law makes it difficult to study reporting directly. Researchers cannot explicitly ask respondents to describe child abuse cases they have encountered and then ask whether they have reported these specific cases. To do so is to ask respondents whether they have complied with the law. Moreover, present-day human subjects protection standards would require a researcher to forewarn