

Title	Describe risk factors and indicators of child abuse		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for those people whose activities bring them into contact with children, or who have a responsibility to respond to children who have been abused and/or are at risk of abuse.</p> <p>This unit standard is not designed for people seeking qualifications as professional social service workers.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: child abuse; the risk factors related to child abuse; and the indicators of child abuse.</p>
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Classification	Social Services > Social Service Work with Abuse, Neglect, and Violence
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Legislation that is relevant to this unit standard includes:

- Oranga Tamariki Act 1989;
- Crimes Act 1961;
- Family Violence Act 2018;
- Family Proceedings Act 1980;
- Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001;
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992;
- Human Rights Act 1993;
- Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992;
- Official Information Act 1982;
- Privacy Act 1993;
- Smoke-free Environments Act 1990;
- Children’s Act 2014;
- Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC), available at www.ohchr.org/en/.

2 Resources

Child Matters. (2011). *How can I tell? Recognising child abuse*. Available at: www.childmatters.org.nz/

Child, Youth and Family. (2011). *Working together to keep children and young people safe*. Available at: <https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/>

World Health Organization (WHO). (2006) *Preventing child maltreatment: a guide to taking action and generating evidence*. Available at: https://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/child/en/

3 Definition

Cultural practices refer to the 'ways of living' which are associated with a particular culture or sub-culture including ethnic, religious or group affiliation. Cultural practices influence the behaviour of members of the culture and sub-culture and may relate to a range of things including diet, dress, family arrangements, power relationships, leadership and status.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe child abuse.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Child abuse is described in terms of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC), and WHO.
- 1.2 Different categories of child abuse are described in terms of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.
- 1.3 Attitudes to child abuse are described in terms of how they have changed over time.
- Range evidence is required of three attitudes.
- 1.4 Legislation relevant to the area of child abuse is described in terms of its main purpose.
- Range evidence is required of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989; the Crimes Act 1961; the Children's Act 2014 and a minimum of one other.

Outcome 2

Describe factors which make a child vulnerable to abuse.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Risk factors associated with child abuse are described in terms of how they increase a child's vulnerability to abuse.
- Range evidence is required of three risk factors.

2.2 The potential relationship between cultural practices and child abuse is described in terms of how they can increase a child’s vulnerability to abuse.

2.3 Attributing factors of children are described in terms of how they can make a child vulnerable to abuse.

Range evidence is required of three attributing factors.

2.4 Attributing factors of caregivers are described in terms of how they can make a child vulnerable to abuse.

Range evidence is required of three attributing factors.

Outcome 3

Describe indicators of child abuse.

Performance criteria

3.1 The indicators of child abuse are described.

Range child abuse includes – physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect;
evidence is required of a minimum of three indicators for each category and three indicators common to all categories.

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Comments on this unit standard

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