Parent’s Addiction and Child Abuse

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Abstract:
Child abuse is a terrible misfortune for millions of children and families, for communities and for society. Many specialists as social problems, notice child abuse. Psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, counselors, family therapists, general practitioners, lawyers and other specialists try to plan strategies for solving and preventing this problem. Many research have been done in this area, especially many of them are interested to explore the relationship between child abuse and parent’s addiction.

These studies claim that addicted parents abuse their children emotionally, physically and sexually more than non-abused parents. Also, aggression level and maltreatment in addicted family are higher than normal families. Individual, familial, social efforts have made in international, non-governmental and governmental organization to organization to prevent these problems and support abuse children from different types of maltreatment, because this subject has an enormous effects in mental health services in society.

The aim of this study is review the theoretical approaches of child abuse and its prevalence, etiology, prevention, assessment and treatment. Also, we try to define the relationship between child abuse and parents addiction and their side effects in different areas of child’s life.

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