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Today's Children Are Tomorrow's Future

How can I help to prevent child abuse in my community?

If you see a child being abused or mistreated in public here are some tips on how you can help:

- Divert the adult's attention
- Start a conversation with the adult. Offer them some words of understanding. For example you can say, "Shopping with children can be difficult, can't it".
- Talk to the child. If the child is acting out or misbehaving, start a conversation to distract them.
- Say something positive about the child or the parent.
- If a child has been left unattended in a grocery cart, stay near them until their parent/ caregiver returns.
- Avoid giving negative looks or comments as this may only make the situation worse by angering the adult and making things worse for the child.
- Report all suspected cases of child abuse and neglect to social services in the county where the family lives or to local law enforcement.

