



Exposure to Domestic Violence

Many children witness violence in their homes.

- Thirteen percent of adults recall violent incidents between their parents, according to the 1985 Family Violence Survey.

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- Seven percent of children ages 10 through 16 answer "yes" to the question, "Have you ever seen any of the adults in your household hit each other?"

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- Children make 10 percent or more of domestic violence emergency calls to police in cities where data about callers have been gathered.

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