Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect: Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect is a comprehensive, integrated, and evidence-based guide to the legal and ethical aspects of child maltreatment. The first edition of this textbook was released in 2002 and has been widely used as a textbook for social work and related fields. The second edition has been updated and revised to reflect the latest research and developments in the field.

The book begins with an overview of child maltreatment, including definitions of abuse and neglect, and discusses the impact on the victim. It then covers the legal and ethical aspects of reporting and responding to suspected cases of maltreatment. The book also includes a chapter on the role of the law in preventing child abuse and neglect.

The second edition of this textbook is an essential resource for social workers, counselors, and other professionals who work with children and families. It provides a comprehensive guide to the legal and ethical aspects of child maltreatment, and is an invaluable resource for anyone working in the field.
Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect (NRC, 1993). That report identified child maltreatment as a devastating social problem in American society. Nearly 20 years later, on January 30-31, 2012, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and NRC’s Board on Children, Youth and Families help a workshop, Child Maltreatment Research, Policy, and Practice for the Next Generation, to review the accomplishments of the past two decades of research related to child maltreatment and the remaining gaps. “There have been many exciting research discoveries since the 1993 report, but we also want people to be thinking about what is missing,” said Anne Petersen, research professor at the Center for Human Growth and Development at the University of Michigan and chair of the panel that produced the report. Child Maltreatment Research, Policy, and Practice for the Next Decade: Workshop Summary includes the workshop that brought together many leading U.S. child maltreatment researchers for a day and a half of presentations and discussions. Presenters reviewed research accomplishments, identified gaps that remain in knowledge, and consider potential research priorities. Child Maltreatment Research. Policy, and Practice for the Next Decade: Workshop Summary also covers participant suggestions for future research priorities, policy actions, and practices that would enhance understanding of child maltreatment and efforts to reduce and respond to it. A background paper highlighting major research advances since the publication of the 1993 NRC report was prepared by an independent consultant to inform the workshop discussions. This summary is an essential resource for any workshop attendees, policy makers, researchers, educators, healthcare providers, parents, and advocacy groups. The first and only synthesis of prevention research and methodology, this timely volume examines programs targeting eight of today’s most pressing problems that affect infants, children, and youth. “A resource of unparalleled thoroughness, The APSAC Handbook on Child Maltreatment, Second Edition provides critical information for those who dedicate their working lives to alleviating the causes and consequences of child abuse and neglect. Written in engaging but straightforward language and committed to immediate application, this comprehensive handbook covers both physical and sexual abuse, all forms of neglect, and psychological maltreatment. Experts in a variety of specialized areas have designed each chapter to inform professionals about key concepts, research findings, and practical implications. This is a critical resource for all professionals involved in child protection work.”- Child Abuse and Neglect in Canada offers a concise guide to mandatory reporting in provincial and territorial jurisdictions with specific attention to the context and unique realities of Canada. As an introduction to mandatory reporting, the book opens with an exploration of the historical rise of the child welfare system, mandatory reporters' ethical duties around reporting, types of abuse and neglect, risk and protective factors, and the ascendency of child abuse in an online environment. The text goes on to explore various factors (e.g., legal, clinical, and situational) to assist human service professionals with their decision-making, examine the reporting process, and offer relationship-strategies (e.g., reporting, affecting regulation, and advocating). It culminates in a comprehensive, empirically based conceptual framework to help readers maintain relationships with their clients. Predicated on the author's dissertation research, this book offers human service professionals a comprehensive framework for fulfilling professional, fiduciary obligations while providing educators with accessible teaching tools to further their pupils’ understanding of the subject. Each year, child protective services receive reports of child abuse and neglect involving millions of children, and many more go unreported. The long-term human and fiscal consequences of child abuse and neglect are not relegated to the victims themselves—they also impact their families, future relationships, and society. In 1993 the National Research Council (NRC) issued the report, Under-standing Child Abuse and Neglect, which provided an overview of the research on child abuse and neglect. New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research updates the 1993 report and provides new recommendations to respond to this public health challenge. According to this report, while there has been great progress in child abuse and neglect research, a coordinated, national research infrastructure with high-level federal support needs to be established and implemented immediately. New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research recommends an actionable framework to guide and support future child abuse and neglect research. This report calls for a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to child abuse and neglect research that examines factors related to both children and adults across physical, social, and behavioral health domains—including those in child welfare, economic support, criminal justice, education, and health care systems—and assesses the needs of a variety of subpopulations. It also clarifies the causal pathways related to child abuse and neglect and, more importantly, assess efforts to interrupt these pathways. New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research identifies four areas to look to in developing a coordinated research enterprise: a national strategic plan, a national surveillance system, a new generation of researchers, and changes in the federal and state programmatic and policy response. A large segment of the population struggles with feelings of being detached from themselves and their loved ones. They feel flawed, and blame themselves. Running on Empty will help them realize that they’re suffering not because of something that happened to them in childhood, but because of something that didn’t happen. It’s the white space in their family picture, the background rather than the foreground. This will be the first self-help book to bring this invisible force to light, educate people about it, and teach them how to overcome it. As we near the 50th anniversary of the landmark article by C. Henry Kempe and his colleagues entitled “The Battered Child Syndrome”, which ushered in the modern era of professional attention by pediatricians and other child health professionals, we have reason for both celebration and concern. We can take heart that over the recent decades, a great deal of professional attention focused on the problem of child abuse and neglect. In every state of the country, there are mandatory report- ing laws that require nurses, physicians, and social workers to report suspicions of maltreatment to the appropriate authorities for investigation. The act of report- ing provides legal immunity to the reporter except when performed in bad faith. Progress in understanding the factors that place children at risk for harm from ph-ysical abuse and neglect now permits prevention and intervention. The peer-reviewed literature dealing with child abuse and neglect has proliferated with high-quality work being done and reported on the many dimensions related to the epidemic: age, mechanism, treatment, and prognosis of child maltreatment. Efforts are being directed toward developing an evidence-based approach to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. These are some of the positives. However, negatives exist and remain reasons for concern. Despite a tremendous amount of attention to the pre- liminary report, there are at least 3 million reports of suspected child abuse and neglect made annually, with nearly 1 million cases being substantiated. Praise for the First Edition: ‘All readers will be drawn to the style of the book as well as its content. The structure will make sure that it is not just a “one-off”, being read as part of a course of study, but a book which is used frequently as a source of reference’. 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Two new chapters: these comprise a chapter on domestic violence in families, and a chapter on bringing about change.” Intergovernmental appeal: the author addresses all the professionals involved in child protection work, ensuring relevance across a range of disciplines and professions. The new edition of this highly successful textbook will be required reading for students studying social work and allied subjects, and an essential resource for all professionals involved in child protection work. Chris Beckett is based at the Division of Social Work and Social Policy, Anglia Ruskin University. He is the author of three best-selling SAGE textbooks: Human Growth and Development; Values and Ethics in Social Work (with Andrew Maynard); Essential Theory for Social Work Practice. Find out more about Chris Beckett at the Division of Social Work and Social Policy, Anglia Ruskin University. 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