Know a child who witnessed violence?

Seeing, hearing or experiencing violence is harmful to children—but getting help early on can make a big difference for the rest of their lives.

Information and support is available in your community, including treatments proven to help children heal and recover.



To learn more, call Portland Defending Childhood at (207) 661-6504 or visit PortlandDefendingChildhood.org.

Do you recognize these signs?

Watch for these signs that a child may be affected by violence:

- Trouble sleeping, fear of falling asleep or nightmares
- · Unexplained headaches or stomach aches
- Hyperactivity or trouble concentrating
- · Withdrawal from friends and activities
- · Angry or aggressive play

Please contact Portland Defending Childhood if you would like to...

- Learn more about how exposure to violence can affect your child
- Speak to a counselor to find out ways you can best support your child
- Learn about treatment options
- Learn about workshops and resources in your community

If a child is in immediate danger, call 911.