

Protecting Vulnerable Populations Test
Belleville Illinois Council
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Name _____

Date _____

Conference _____

Circle letter for correct answer.

1. What does it mean to be for a person to be vulnerable?

Person is susceptible to:

- a. physical harm
- b. emotional attack
- c. psychological abuse
- d. all of the above

2. Which group is NOT defined as vulnerable?

- a. children
- b. physically disabled
- c. elderly
- d. professional athletes
- e. mentally ill

3. The “Manual for Mandated Reporters” can be found on which Illinois website?

- a. Secretary of State
- b. St. Clair County
- c. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
- d. Department of Transportation

4. Which condition must be present for DCFS to intervene in suspected child abuse or neglect?

- a. victim is under age 18
- b. alleged perpetrator is a relative or responsible for welfare of child
- c. specific incident of abuse or neglect
- d. substantial risk of physical or sexual injury to the child
- e. all of the above

5. Signs of possible child abuse. Place a “check” (✓) by all statements that apply.

_____ speech disorders

_____ increased fear or avoidance of a specific person and/or situation

_____ going to a movie theater

_____ anxiety and/or excessive worrying

_____ bruises, welts or swelling

_____ playing a video game

_____ frequent physical complaints, such as stomachaches and headaches

- _____knowledge of sexual behaviors that are not age appropriate
- _____texting on iPhone
- _____strong feelings of shame or guilt
- _____low self-esteem

6. Facts about child abuse (true “T” or false “F”)

- _____child abuse is rare
- _____child abuse can be non-violent
- _____children lie about abuse for attention and sympathy
- _____most children do not tell anyone about being abused
- _____children ‘get over’ bad experiences in childhood
- _____only bad people abuse their children
- _____child abuse can happen in “good” families
- _____people can suppress child abuse for many years
- _____children will rarely make false reports about abuse
- _____most child abusers are strangers

7. Which of the follow is NOT a characteristic of child grooming?

- a. befriending a child
- b. establishing an emotional connection with a child
- c. lowering a child's inhibitions with the objective of sexual abuse
- d. asking a child to stop performing destructive behavior
- e. abusers have a pre-existing relationship with the child or family

8. If you suspect child abuse, what information should you tell the hotline worker?

- a. child’s name, address, age
- b. nature of the suspected abuse /neglect including when and where it occurred
- c. names of suspected perpetrators and their relationship to the child
- d. any other information that you think is important
- e. all of the above

9. Which is NOT a characteristic of vulnerable adult abuse?

- a. intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver that are potentially harmful
- b. actual or potential physical harm or injury
- c. causing emotional suffering, embarrassment or fear
- d. neglect or financial exploitation
- e. sponsoring a trip to Las Vegas

10. What to do if you suspect abuse (true “T” or false “F”)

- you are obligated to report any abuse or suspected abuse of vulnerable adults
- you do not need to prove the abuse in order to make a report
- trained staff investigate reports of suspected abuse
- all reports are kept confidential
- contact the Illinois Elder Abuse Hotline: 1.866.800.1409

11. When Vicentians interact with clients, place a “check” (✓) by all statements that apply.

- maintain personal boundaries & do not engage in secret relationships
- committed to open and honest relationships
- adopt a limited personal “touch” rule
- avoid disproportionate amounts of time spent with individuals
- invite clients to your home for drinks
- interact with clients in an appropriate space and place
- don’t attempt to access online information about your clients without informed consent
- be discriminate in use of social media and avoid “friending” clients on Facebook