When Parents Are Desperate: Neighbors Can Mean the Difference Between Life and Death for a Baby

Three infants in New York City have died in the past few months after being thrown out of windows, spleen by spleen. One died in August, and in December, a newborn baby girl (unnamed) in September, and an 11-month-old in December. For those of us who dedicate our lives to helping babies, these deaths are a horror. How could such a thing happen?

Many adults are reluctant to report their suspicions when they think a child has risk. How many times have we heard, “She’s just a kid,” or, “He’s too young to understand.” They are afraid of the child’s terror, but you are afraid to get involved. Don’t know if they’ll turn you down?

So, children are left in danger. I am encouraging you to take action. When a child is brought to the attention of the authorities, the child and the parent(s) can get the help they need. Babies are precious, and the family must be involved.

Please learn the basic steps to help a baby or child risk.

First of all, if you see a child being abused, or hear a child screaming in pain, call 911. If you suspect that a child, or at risk, every state has a hotline that you can report to make a report. They will ask for your name and number, but you can be anonymous. Even if you not certain about the assessment, but they are trained to help. The National Child Abuse Hotline is 1-800-4-A-CARE or 1-800-422-6433.

Our mission is to respond to the complex needs of abused and neglected children. We provide support, counseling, and education, including training, counseling, and training to expand these programs to enhance support services.
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As many of you know, 2015 marks The NYSPCC’s 140th Anniversary — a momentous milestone for America’s first, and longest-running, children’s advocacy organization. This year, Dr. Penny Grant, MD, was elected to the Board of Directors on June 16, 2015. Dr. Grant is a former Pediatrician, who specialized in child abuse at Montefiore Medical Center. As a physician, Dr. Grant has focused on addressing the needs of children living in dangerous environments, working closely with the National Alliance of Drug Endangered Children. In its early 2000’s, Dr. Grant was a powerhouse for children, having extensively published and presented her research on the negative impacts of substance abuse on children and the steps needed to protect them. In addition to The NYSPCC, Dr. Grant has supported the American Humane Association, The Human Society of New York, The American Cancer Society, The New York Mission Society, and the French Heritage Society. We are honored that Dr. Grant has designated The NYSPCC as her primary charity.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Board Member

Mary L. Pulido, Ph.D.

Executive Director

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