ABUSE OF CHILDREN

VIOLENCE

INTIMIDATION
Instilling fear through looks, actions, gestures, property destruction
- Using adult size
- Yelling
- Being violent to other parent, pets, etc.

USING INSTITUTIONS
Threatening punishment with/by God, courts, police, school, juvenile detention, foster homes, relatives, psych wards.

USING ADULT PRIVILEGE
Treating children as servants
- Punishing, bossing, always winning
- Denying input in visitation and custody decisions
- Interrupting.

ISOLATION
Controlling access to peers/adults, siblings, other parent, grandparents.

THREATS
Threatening abandonment, suicide, physical harm, confinement, or harm to other loved ones.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE
Put downs, name calling
- Using children as confidants
- Using children to get or give information to other parent
- Being inconsistent
- Shaming children.

ECONOMIC ABUSE
Withholding basic needs, using money to control behavior
- Squandering family money
- Withholding child support
- Using children as an economic bargaining chip in divorce.

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