

HANDOUT...

Physical Abuse Continuum

- Pinch / Squeeze
- Push / Shove
- Shake / Jerk
- Slap
- Bite
- Push / Shake / Slap that bruises
- Punch / Hit
- Kick
- Choke
- Throwing objects
- Targeted physical blows to specific parts of the body
- Use of household objects as weapons
- Throwing person
- Restraining and physical blows
- Abuse that requires medical treatment
- Abuse that results in lacerations, broken bones, internal injuries, or miscarriage
- Use of conventional weapons
- Abuse that leads to disfigurement or disability
- Murder