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Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Children who have survived through to major disasters, like the Tsunami that affected parts of India, are prone to develop PTSD. Listed below are some of the web sites on this important psychiatric disorder.

National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder - www.ncptsd.org/facts/specific/fs_children.html

This is the official web site of the center in USA. It provides information on the risk factors of PTSD, the causes, manifestations and treatment in children and adolescents. The web site also has sections on helping parents cope with PTSD, links to support groups and other websites and educational videos.

American Academy of Family Physicians - Primary Care Setting management of PTSD www.aafp.org/afp/20000901/1035.html

This document from the AAFP contains in-

formation on management of post traumatic Stress Disorder in a primary care setting, including diagnostic criteria, rapid screening methods and treatment.

PTSD Support Services - www.ptsdsupport.net/whatis.html

This web site contains information on the various forms of PTSD, the effects of PTSD on families, listing of support organizations and treatment methods. A PTSD information booklet is also available online.

Fact-Sheets on PTSD are also available from the following sources - American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry - www.aacap.org/publications/factsfam/ptsd70.htm

American Psychiatric Association - www.psych.org/public_info/ptsd.cfm

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