

Table 6.1 Conceptual Perspectives on Psychological Maltreatment

| Consequences to the Child | Parent Behaviors | |
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| | Physical | Nonphysical |
| Physical | Physical abuse | Psychological maltreatment |
| | Example: Choking a child results in injury to the child's trachea. | Example: A parent's lack of supervision results in a child's being poisoned. |
| Nonphysical | Psychological maltreatment | Psychological maltreatment |
| | Example: Repeatedly beating a child leads to low self-esteem in the child. | Example: Repeatedly yelling and screaming at a child leads to low self-esteem in the child. |

SOURCE: Adapted from McGee & Wolfe, 1991.