

## **Exploring the Forms of Child Abuse in Nigeria: Efforts at Seeking Appropriate Preventive Strategies**

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**ABSTRACT** Quite often, in addressing the problems of child abuse in Nigeria as with other developing countries, policy makers and child advocacy professionals have adopted intervention strategies derived from research conducted in foreign or developed countries. The effect is that these foreign-based interventions have been ineffective in tackling problems of child abuse in developing countries. It is the goal of this paper therefore, to present the distinctive forms of child abuse in Nigeria as a first step towards determining appropriate intervention strategies for curtailing their prevalence.

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