Although one of the best predictors of abuse in pregnancy is previous abuse, as many as 40%* of women who reported abuse in pregnancy, stated that the abuse started when they became pregnant. Abuse in pregnancy involves tactics that are unique to the childbearing year during a time when women are more physically and emotionally vulnerable.


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