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As a person living with epilepsy and then being forced to live in low-income housing, I've been sickened at the child abuse I've seen. My own child abuse is what led to me being undiagnosed with epilepsy and eventually unable to work, causing me to live in this terrible housing situation that I am trying to escape. I thought I escaped poverty by getting into accounting and going to school, but an undiagnosed childhood illness stopped me in my tracks destroying my life. It's a vicious cycle that needs to stop. Without a witness to what's happening, these children will never be seen and go on to commit other crimes and live in other shelterless situations. The few that make it out of the cycle will want to tell their nightmares and you should seek to hear their history.