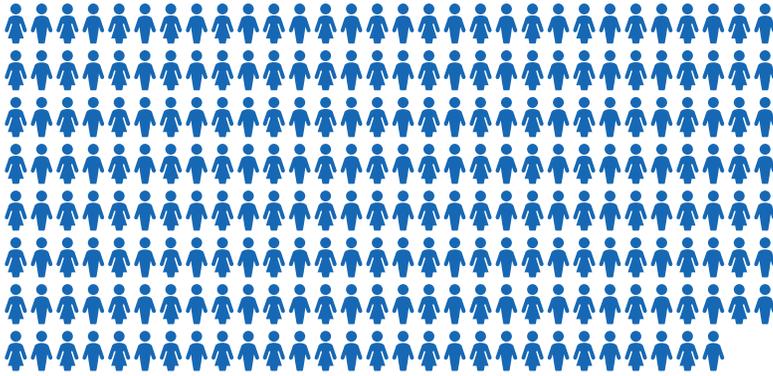


WHO'S AT RISK?

CHILD MALTREATMENT IN PALM BEACH COUNTY



1,980 Children were **victims of child abuse and neglect** in 2015.



Very Young Children
43%

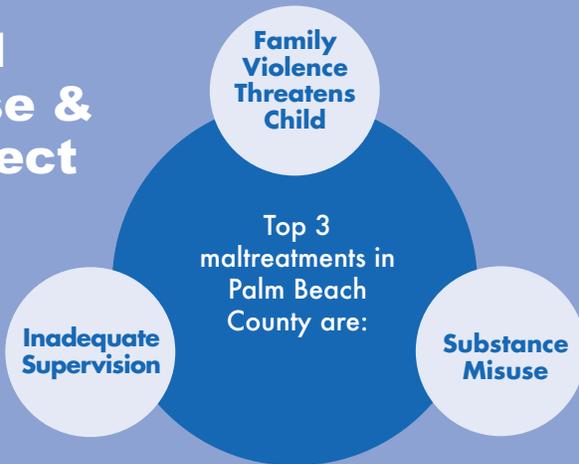
of verified maltreatments involved **children birth to four years of age.**



Black Children
41.7%

of verified maltreatments are **black children.** Blacks make up 26% of the total child population in Palm Beach County.

Child Abuse & Neglect



2x



The number of newborns suffering from drug withdrawal or affected by drug-related substances **more than doubled from 2012 to 2014.**

65%



increase in the number of children entering foster care in Palm Beach County in the past 2½ years.



Child Maltreatment in America

Child abuse occurs at every socio-economic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education.



More than **70%**

of children who die from abuse are **under the age of 4.**



About **30%**

of abused and neglected children **will later abuse their own children,** continuing the horrible cycle.



\$124 billion

The estimated **annual cost of child abuse and neglect** in the United States

The Long-Term Consequences

“Child abuse and neglect have been shown to cause important regions of the brain to fail to form or grow properly, resulting in impaired development.”

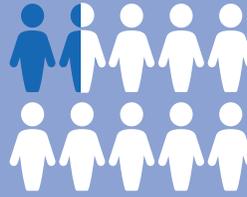
–Child Welfare Information Gateway, July 2013.



of 21 year olds who were abused as children **met criteria for at least one psychological disorder.**

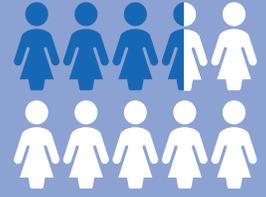
14%

of all men in prison in the United States were abused as children.



36%

of all women in prison in the United States were abused as children.



About twice the frequency seen in the general population.

Children who experience abuse and neglect are



9 times more likely to become involved in **criminal activity.**



25% more likely to experience **teen pregnancy.**



As many as **2 of 3** people in treatment for drug abuse reported being abused and neglected as children.

What is Children’s Services Council Doing?

Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County provides leadership, funding, services and research on behalf of the county’s children so they grow up healthy, safe and strong. In 2015:



78,000

children and families were **served** through our prevention programs.



\$20.9 million

in funding was directed to programs that **prevent or decrease child abuse and neglect**



99%

of children in our child abuse prevention programs were **safe from abuse and neglect.**

- **The Community:** We work with the Florida Department of Children and Families, judges, ChildNet, the Guardian ad Litem, Children’s Home Society and others to prevent child abuse.
- **Healthy Beginnings:** We help pregnant women, and moms and dads with newborns and young children, get off to the right start.
- **Safe Child and Afterschool Care:** We provide quality care for families who need a safe place for their children while they work.
- **Mental Health:** We address maternal depression, toxic stress and parents’ concerns about their young child’s development.
- **Parenting:** We offer free parenting classes across the county to help parents better understand child behavior and development. Last year, the families of more than 2,000 children successfully completed one level of Triple P, Children’s Services Council’s Positive Parenting Program.
- **Child Advocacy Programs:** We provide critical help to children and families in the child welfare system through the Relative Caregiver, and Foster Care and Juvenile Advocacy Projects.