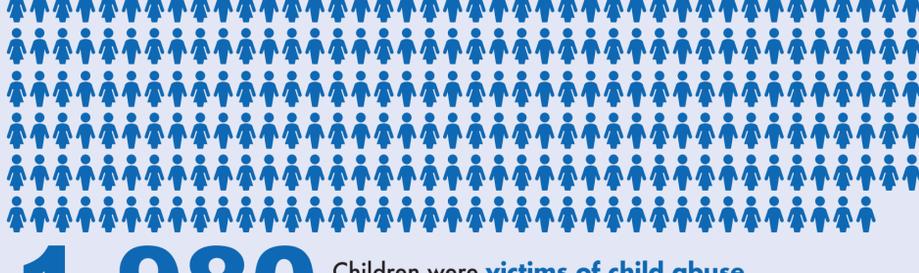


WHO'S AT RISK?

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.

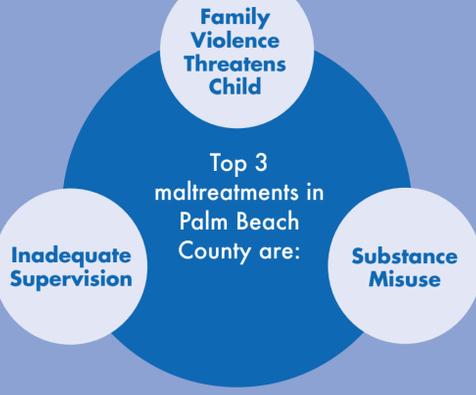
Black Children

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 2 1/2 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.



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

\$124 billion

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."

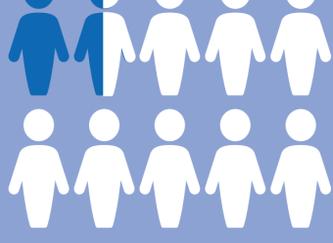
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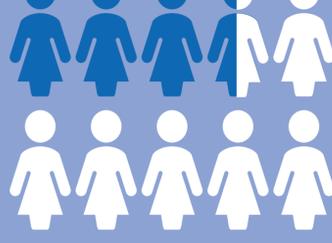
About

80%

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 families in the child welfare system through the Relative Caregiver, and Foster Care and Juvenile Advocacy Projects.