

Facts about Child Abuse

Current North Carolina Statistics

- ◆ **107,157** children* were reported as abused and neglected (SFY 2002-2003).
- ◆ **30,016** of these children were confirmed as victims. **
- ◆ **26** children died from child abuse during the 2002 calendar year.

Data is provided by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, Central Registry Reports on Child Abuse, Neglect and Dependency. Data reflected is for state fiscal year 2002-2003, unless otherwise specified. *The total number of reported children represents unduplicated counts of children. **This number does not include children found in need of services in the 10 MRS counties.

Prior Year Statistics

- ◆ **107,218** children* were reported as abused and neglected (SFY 2001-2002).
- ◆ **32,883** of these children were confirmed as victims.
- ◆ **24** children died from child abuse during the 2001 calendar year.

In North Carolina, the number of children reported as abused and neglected has increased by approximately 10% each year for the past three years. Abuse or neglect is confirmed in about one-third of cases in any given fiscal year. Most confirmed reports are classified as neglect. Data provided by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, Central Registry Reports on Child Abuse, Neglect and Dependency.

For more information, please call Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina at **1-800-CHILDREN**.

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National Statistics

- ◆ In 2000, approximately 5 million children were reported for child abuse and neglect to child protective service agencies in the United States.
- ◆ Currently about 47 out of every 1000 children are reported as victims of child maltreatment.
- ◆ Child abuse cuts across all socio-economic groups, races, and religions.
- ◆ Most people who abuse or neglect their children are ordinary people whose stressors overwhelm their coping skills.
- ◆ Substance abuse, lack of knowledge of child development, single parenting, isolation, poverty, a history of domestic violence, and many other factors contribute to the likelihood that a child will be abused.
- ◆ Children who are abused are at a higher risk for crime, substance abuse, dropping out, teen pregnancy, and a host of other social ills.