



# NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

## STATISTICAL FACT SHEET

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**Nearly five children die every day in America from abuse and neglect.<sup>1</sup>  
In 2009, an estimated 1,770 children died from abuse in the United States.<sup>2</sup>  
In the same year, Children's Advocacy Centers around the country served over 254,000  
child victims of abuse, providing victim advocacy and support  
to these children and their families. In 2010, this number was over 266,000.<sup>3</sup>**

### **2009 NATIONAL ABUSE STATISTICS**<sup>2</sup>

- Approximately 702,000 children were victims of maltreatment (unique instances).
- 44 states reported that more than 3 million children received preventative services from Child Protective Services agencies.
- Victims in the age group of birth to 1 year had the highest rate of victimization, at 20.6 per 1,000 children of the same age group in the national population.
- Of the children who experienced maltreatment or abuse, over 75% experienced neglect; more than 15% were physically abused; just under 10% were sexually abused; and just under 10% were psychologically maltreated.
- Nearly 90% of all recorded and duplicate perpetrators of child maltreatment were parents of the victim(s).

### **2011 CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER STATISTICS (January through June)**<sup>3</sup>

- Among the over 141,000 children served by Children's Advocacy Centers around the country from January through June 2011, some startling statistics include:
  - 53,932 children were ages 0 to 6 years
  - 51,196 children were ages 7 to 12 years
  - 36,131 children were ages 13 to 18 years
  - 95,120 children reported sexual abuse
  - 25,414 children reported physical abuse
  - 88,312 children participated in on-site forensic interviewing at a Children's Advocacy Center
- Among the over 116,000 alleged offenders investigated for instances of child abuse from January through June 2011, some startling statistics include:
  - 75,829 were 18+ years old
  - 11,973 were ages 13 to 17 years
  - 7,911 were under age 13 years
  - 45,496 were a parent or step-parent of the victim
  - 23,763 were related to the child victim in another way
  - 36,628 were an unrelated person the victim knew

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<sup>1</sup> Every Child Matters Education Fund (2009). *We Can Do Better: Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths in the U.S.*. <http://www.everychildmatters.org/National/Campaigns/We-Can-Do-Better.html>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children & Families. Child Maltreatment 2009. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/index.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> National Children's Alliance 2010 national statistics and [January through June 2011](#) national statistics collected from Children's Advocacy Center members.