



Child Abuse & Neglect

Annual Report of Child Fatalities

2015

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Preface

Per the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) policy, DCS completes a review of all child fatalities in the following circumstances:

1. For children under the age of one, if the circumstances surrounding the child's death are reported to be sudden, unexpected or unexplained, or if there are allegations of abuse or neglect; and
2. For children age one or older, if the circumstances surrounding the child's death involve allegations of abuse or neglect.

DCS will assess the fatality in question to determine if abuse or neglect has occurred and therefore should be substantiated.

Abuse is defined in Indiana Code 31-34-1-2 as an act in which a child's physical or mental health is seriously endangered due to injury by the act or omission of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

Neglect is defined in Indiana Code 31-34-1-1 as an act in which a child's physical or mental condition is seriously impaired or seriously endangered as a result of the inability, refusal, or neglect of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to supply the child with necessary food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education or supervision.

DCS collects and analyzes this data to create an annual Child Fatality Report (Report).

This Report, abridged in the Executive Summary (Summary), illustrates changes or trends in the number of fatalities from the previous year. The Summary also includes a synopsis of data for all substantiated child abuse or neglect fatalities for that State Fiscal Year (SFY), including demographic information pertaining to the victims, perpetrators, and households impacted by these fatalities. The report augments the demographics with a description of the maltreatment that led to the child's death.

Through analysis of the report, DCS identifies the risk factors that are common elements related to abuse and/or neglect fatalities. This information can aid in the development of prevention, educational and service programs specific for the communities affected and the State as a whole. The data is also used to evaluate, review, and modify DCS policy, practice and procedure where warranted. The data assembled in the report is collected from multiple sources, including DCS records, death certificates, coroners' reports, autopsy reports, and law enforcement records.

Each fatality identified undergoes a multi-layered review process that occurs at both the county and state level. A team of professionals from the local county reviews the assessed fatality alleged to be the result of abuse and/or neglect. A local multi-disciplinary team examines the evidence and recommendations provided by the local DCS staff regarding each death. After the local team reviews the assessment, a team of DCS personnel provides a supplementary review of each case.



General SFY 2015 Child Abuse and Neglect Comments

This Report focuses on the deaths that were substantiated as a direct result of caregiver maltreatment or neglect during SFY 2015. Each child who was a victim of child abuse or neglect should be remembered and mourned. The circumstances of these deaths need to be studied so every Hoosier can understand the factors that led to these tragic child deaths, and apply these painful lessons toward preventing the deaths of other children. Whether from maltreatment, poor judgment and/or lack of information and resources, many child deaths are preventable.

The Report is compiled using data from the DCS database. The database categorizes fatalities by the major category of death, and provides detailed information about cause of death to gain a clearer picture of the types of abuse and neglect that ultimately resulted in the child's death.



DCS Annual Child Fatality Report Executive Summary

In SFY 2015, 77 child fatalities were substantiated for abuse or neglect via the fatality review process. Of the total fatalities, 32 (42%) were due to abuse, and 45 (58%) were due to neglect. Four of these children (5%) had prior history with DCS*.

**Prior history is defined as: the victim had prior substantiated history as a victim.*

In the case of abuse, 85 percent of these children were three years of age or younger, and in the case of neglect, 73 percent of these children were three years of age or younger. This finding demonstrates a consistent trend (nationally and in Indiana) that young children are at the highest risk of abuse or neglect.

This Report also finds head trauma was the primary injury in cases of abuse fatalities, and asphyxia is the primary contributor in neglect fatalities.

A pattern of stress factors was also revealed, with insufficient income and unemployment being a risk factor in 94 percent of neglect cases and 74 percent of abuse cases. Additionally, substance abuse was a risk factor in 46 percent of neglect cases and 17 percent of abuse cases. The Report finds domestic violence was a risk factor in 20 percent of neglect cases and 19 percent of abuse cases. These findings indicate continued societal/community level issues that affect parents, and can contribute to an increased risk of child abuse or neglect in the home*.

**Perpetrators are not asked about specific stress factors. Information is obtained through the interview process. Perpetrators can exhibit multiple stress factors, yet may not reveal all of their stress factors.*

Another pattern revealed in the report is abuse or neglect inflicted by the biological parent(s). The report shows, 84 percent of neglect fatalities and 68 percent of abuse fatalities were committed by the biological parent(s).

Additionally, 10 percent of these neglect fatalities and 26 percent of the abuse fatalities were committed by the parent's intimate partner or another relative.



Fatalities Due to Abuse

A two month old child died as a result of a Herniation of the brain due to an acute Subdural Hematoma. Medical reports indicated the hematoma likely evolved over time or was from multiple non-accidental injuries. Neither parent provided an explanation for the injuries, and both were primary caregivers during the time period in which the injuries would have occurred. Both parents were convicted of neglect of a dependent resulting in death and were incarcerated from March of 2015 to June of 2016. DCS substantiated medical neglect and death due to physical abuse against both parents.

- A one year old child died due to Acute Alcohol Intoxication and Extensive Burn Wounds over the body. The child had burns over 11.5% of their body and a blood alcohol level of 0.145%. The child also suffered from malnutrition. It was determined that the child was burned approximately one month prior to the death. No medical treatment was sought for the burns. Mother's boyfriend initially stated that the child was burned accidentally when water being heated for a sibling's formula fell onto the child from the stove, then later indicated the child was accidentally burned when he placed the child into a bathtub that was too hot. Both caregivers indicated mother was not home when the injuries occurred. The mother of the child was charged with criminal neglect of a dependent and false informing. The criminal case is currently pending. Mother's boyfriend was charged with criminal neglect of a dependent, battery, and false informing. His criminal case is also pending. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering, malnutrition, medical neglect and death due to neglect against the mother. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against mother's boyfriend.
- A 17 year old child died as a result of Fractures of the Cervical Spine and Skull with Intracranial Hemorrhages. Initially the child's death was presumed to be a suicide due to statements made by the parents; however, the child died from non-accidental trauma, and autopsy revealed that the child was still alive when the child's neck was broken. Mother and father were the only other individuals living in the home where the child died, and mother was confined to a wheelchair. Mother and father twice attempted suicide approximately three weeks after the child's death. Father died and mother recovered from her wounds and is currently in a care facility due to her medical condition. Law Enforcement suspended their investigation into the matter upon the father's death. It is assumed that the father was responsible for the physical injuries to the child, as the mother did not have the physical capability to inflict such injuries. DCS substantiated medical neglect and death due to physical abuse against the father.
- A four year old child died from Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries. The child had been staying with his father for an extended visit at the time of the child's death. The father admitted to hitting the child in the head with his belt and also punching and kicking the child. The father was convicted of murder, neglect of a dependent and battery. He was sentenced to 83 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the father.
- A three year old child died from Battered Child Syndrome; multiple inflicted blunt force trauma injury areas on the body of multiple ages, complications of acute and chronic infected intraabdominal injuries, and asphyxia via smothering could not be ruled out as a



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contributory factor. Mother admitted that step-father often took the child and the child's sibling into the bedroom to punish them. Mother stated she would hear loud smacking and banging noises followed by the children crying. Mother admitted observing marks, bruises, and vomiting as a result of these daily punishments by step-father. The mother and step-father were both charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death and neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily injury. The step-father pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 35 years in prison. The mother pleaded guilty to both charges as well. She is pending sentencing. DCS substantiated medical neglect, environment life and health endangering and death due to physical abuse against the step-father and medical neglect, environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.

- A three year old child died from Multiple Blunt Force Injuries. The child was in the care of mother's boyfriend while mother was at work. During this time, the child sustained numerous injuries which the boyfriend stated the child obtained from playing at home. Doctors indicated the boyfriend's explanation for the injuries was not possible due to the type and severity of the injuries. Mother's boyfriend was charged with murder, neglect of a dependent resulting in death, neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily injury and battery resulting in death. He pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily injury and was sentenced to 12 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to abuse against mother's boyfriend.
- A 15 year old child died from a Pharmacological Overdose of Oxycodone and Diazepam. Mother had made previous threats to harm herself and the child. Mother and the child were found deceased in the family home with gunshot wounds during a fire. It is believed the mother gave the child fatal amounts of oxycodone and diazepam without the child's knowledge. Upon the child's death, mother shot the child, started the home on fire, then killed herself. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the mother.
- A one year old child died from Non-accidental Blunt Force Head Injuries. While the mother was working, her boyfriend admitted he became very angry and violently shook the child and waited 45 minutes before seeking medical care for the child. The mother admitted to having prior knowledge that the boyfriend was abusive towards the child; however, she continued to live with the boyfriend and leave the child in his care. The boyfriend was charged with neglect of a dependent, aggravated battery, and battery. The boyfriend pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse, environment life and health endangering, and medical neglect against the boyfriend. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering against the mother.
- A one year old child died of Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries to the head. Mother and her boyfriend, both routine caregivers, reported the child had passed out two days prior to being rushed to the hospital, but neither caregiver had sought any medical care for the child. Neither caregiver provided any explanation as to how the child could have sustained the head injuries or other bruises to the body. There were no criminal charges



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filed in this case. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse and medical neglect against mother and the mother's boyfriend.

- An 11 month old child died as a result of Homicidal Asphyxia, by the child's mother. Mother admitted she asphyxiated the child and that she kicked, slapped, and shook the child as well. Mother was convicted of murder, neglect of a dependent, aggravated battery, and battery. She was sentenced to 80 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the mother.
- A one year old child died as a result of a Ruptured Stomach with chemical peritonitis, fracture of the cervical spine, and extensive scalp hemorrhages. Mother admitted to whipping the child with a belt four to five times per day for the past month due to behavioral issues. The father admitted that the child only drank milk and water the last few days before the child's death, and that the child's hair was falling out because the child had laid in the child's own urine for extended periods of time, and that he did not seek help for the child because he feared mother would go to jail. Both the mother and father were charged with murder, neglect of a dependent and battery. Both are awaiting trial. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse, medical neglect, malnutrition and environment life and health endangering against both the mother and father.
- A three month old child died from Craniocerebral Trauma, multiple skull fractures, multiple brain bleeds, and brain swelling. The child had old and new injuries, including rib fractures with varying stages of healing. The mother was at work while the father was home alone with the victim and siblings when the child was found unresponsive. Father was arrested and pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent resulting in death. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Mother was not charged criminally. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse, medical neglect and environment life and health endangering against the father. DCS substantiated physical abuse, medical neglect and environment life and health endangering against the mother.
- A nine month old child died as a result of Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries. Mother's boyfriend was babysitting while mother was at work when the child became unresponsive. Mother and her boyfriend admitted that the child's appetite had recently decreased, they knew the child had substantial bruising, and had been sleepy prior to death. The child's injuries were obtained over a period of time and had the caregivers sought medical care, the child's prognosis would have been better. Mother was charged with murder, aggravated battery and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. Mother pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent resulting in death and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. The boyfriend was charged with murder, aggravated battery, and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. The boyfriend was found guilty of murder and neglect of a dependent resulting in death after a bench trial and is scheduled for sentencing. DCS substantiated death due to neglect, medical neglect, and environment life and health endangering against the mother. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse, medical neglect, and environment life and health endangering against the mother's boyfriend.
- A one year old child died from Multiple Blunt Force Injuries. While spending the weekend at a relative's home, the child shared a bed with the relative's friend who also fre-



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quented the home while the child was there. The family friend admitted he punched the child several times in the middle of the night and then did nothing to render aid to the child when the child was injured. He was charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death and battery. He pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent resulting in death and was sentenced to 29 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the family friend.

- A three month old child died from Blunt Force Trauma to the Head. While mother was at work, the child was being cared for by her maternal aunt and maternal uncle. The child became unresponsive due to acute injuries and neither caregiver was able to provide an explanation for the injuries the child sustained. There were no criminal charges filed in this matter. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the maternal aunt and maternal uncle.
- A one year old child died from Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries. While the child's mother was at work, father who lived out of town, visited the child and the victim's twin sibling. Father stated the child's injuries were sustained when he accidentally dropped the child and the child's head hit on the side of the crib. This explanation was not a plausible cause of the child's acute injuries. Father was charged with murder, battery and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. The father was found not guilty on all charges by a jury at trial. DCS substantiated death due to abuse and environment life and health endangering against the father.
- A two month old child died from Blunt Force Injury to the Head. Father was watching the child while mother was at work. Father admitted he shook the child because the child would not stop crying and father was upset the mother was at work. Mother admitted she was concerned about father's level of frustration with the infant. Father was charged with aggravated battery and battery resulting in death. Father pleaded guilty to battery, but mentally ill and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Mother was not charged criminally in the child's death. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the father. DCS substantiated death due to neglect and environment life and health endangering against the mother.
- A one year old child died from Blunt Force Injuries to the Head. The child was taken to his babysitter's home daily when mother went to work. While at the babysitter's home, EMS was called because the child had allegedly choked. However, the child was found to have inflicted head trauma and there was no evidence of choking. The babysitter denied shaking or hurting the child. The babysitter was arrested and charged with battery resulting in death. The babysitter was found guilty of battery after a jury trial and was sentenced to 28 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the babysitter.
- A two month old child died from Blunt Force Trauma to the Head. The child was in the grandmother's boyfriend's care and the boyfriend had a severe history of drug abuse and domestic violence. Grandmother's boyfriend was arrested and charged with murder, neglect of a dependent, aggravated battery and battery resulting in death. Grandmother's boyfriend pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent causing death and was sentenced to



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20 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against grandmother's boyfriend. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother and maternal grandmother.

- A one year old child died from Multiple Injuries to the head, torso, and extremities, including blunt force injuries and partial-thickness burns. The child was being cared for by mother's boyfriend who admitted to injuring the child. Mother's boyfriend was arrested and charged with aggravated battery and murder. He pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the mother's boyfriend.
- A three year old child died as a result of Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries due to Assault. Mother's boyfriend was babysitting when the child was injured. Mother returned home to find the child had bruising on the face, head, arms and legs and mother waited four hours before seeking medical care for the child. Mother's boyfriend admitted to slamming the child's head into the corner of a wall at least ten times and repeatedly biting the child. Mother's boyfriend was arrested and charged with murder, neglect of a dependent resulting in death and battery. The case is pending. Mother was arrested and charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death and neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury. Mother pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent. Her sentencing is pending. DCS substantiated medical neglect, death due to neglect and environment life and health endangering against the mother. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against mother's boyfriend.
- A one year old child died from Complications of Blunt Force Trauma to the Abdomen. Mother and her boyfriend reported the child had been vomiting and not feeling well during the 24 hours preceding death. Neither caregiver admitted to causing the child's injuries. A witness indicated the day the child sustained his injuries, the mother's boyfriend was babysitting the child, and he whipped the child for discipline. The mother's boyfriend was convicted of murder, aggravated battery and battery resulting in death, and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. The mother was found guilty of neglect of a dependent resulting in death and neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against mother's boyfriend. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering, medical neglect, and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A four year old child died from Inflicted Closed Head Trauma. The child resided with the mother but was visiting the father's home when the incident occurred. Father admitted the child was bothering him while he was watching television, so he struck the child with his hand knocking the child down four stairs where the child's head hit on the floor. The father was arrested and charged with aggravated battery and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. The father was found guilty of both charges at trial and sentenced to 40 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against the father.
- A three month old child died from Blunt Force Injuries of the Head. The child was left alone with the father while the child's mother went to work. Reportedly, the child was fine when mother left for work. There was no explanation provided for the child's inju-



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ries. No charges have been filed and no one has been arrested. Father has not been fully cooperative with law enforcement and was not supposed to be living in the home. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse on the father.

- A three year old child died from a Gunshot Wound. Father stabbed mother in the face and then shot the child and one of the child's siblings in the head. Father then committed suicide. No criminal charges were filed because father was deceased. DCS substantiated death due to environment life and health endangering, and death due to physical abuse against father.
- A six year old child died from a Gunshot Wound. Father stabbed mother in the face and then shot the child and one of the child's siblings in the head. Father then committed suicide. No criminal charges were filed because father was deceased. DCS substantiated death due to environment life and health endangering, and death due to physical abuse against father.
- A four month old child died from Blunt Force Trauma to the Head. Father admitted he dropped the child and did not seek medical attention for the child once he realized the child was injured. When father realized the child was dead, he set fire to the child's bedroom in an attempt to cover up how the infant died. Father has a history of child abuse that mother was aware of, yet she allowed father to care for the child. Father was arrested and charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death, arson, battery and obstruction of justice. Father was found guilty of all charges at jury trial and was sentenced to 72 years in prison. Mother was arrested and charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death and obstruction of justice. Mother pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent resulting in death and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against father. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against mother.
- A two month old child died of Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries. Father watched the child while mother was at work. Father provided a number of explanations to how the child could have sustained the numerous injuries. Father admitted mother had previously confronted him about bruises he left on the child and he admitted to handling the child roughly. Father was charged with murder, neglect of a dependent resulting in death, and battery with death on a person less than 14 years of age. Father was sentenced to 60 years in prison on the charge of murder and 17 and a half years on the charge of battery resulting in death. Mother was not charged criminally. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against mother as well as death due to physical abuse against father.
- A three year old child died from Blunt Force Trauma. Mother, mother's boyfriend, and a babysitter were using methamphetamine when mother went into the child's room to check on the children and found the child deceased. Mother's boyfriend and the babysitter wrapped the child in saran wrap and then placed the child into a cardboard box and set the child on fire. Mother's boyfriend pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 50 years in prison after admitting he killed the child. Mother was charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death, two counts of neglect of a dependent, obstruction of



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justice, altering the scene of death, and abuse of a corpse. Mother accepted a plea deal and was sentenced to twenty-two and a half years in prison. DCS substantiated death due to physical abuse against mother's boyfriend.

- A two month old child died from Closed Head Blunt Force Traumatic Injury. Mother left the child with the father while she went to the mall. Father admitted to becoming frustrated with the child and aggressively shaking him and then failing to seek medical care for the child. Father was charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death, was found guilty, and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. DCS substantiated medical neglect and death due to physical abuse against father.
- A one year old child died from Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries due to Assault. Father was watching the child while mother was at work. Father stated he observed mother punching the child in the stomach, causing the child to gasp for air. Father did not seek medical care for the child. Mother and father were both arrested and charged with murder and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. Mother pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent with serious injury and was sentenced to 16 years in prison. Father was found guilty of murder and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. He was sentenced to 65 years for murder and two years for neglect. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering, medical neglect and death due to physical abuse against the mother and father.



Fatalities Due to Neglect

A three month old child died from Positional Asphyxia after being placed to sleep on a couch with his mother. The mother admitted to having used marijuana and alcohol earlier in the evening prior to co-sleeping with the infant. The mother was charged with and pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.

- A two month old child died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The child was sleeping in an adult bed with his mother and his mother's boyfriend at the time of death. Both the mother and her boyfriend were under the influence of alcohol and the mother also tested positive for marijuana. The mother was convicted of neglect of a dependent and sentenced to two and a half years in prison with six months executed and two years of probation. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against both the mother and her boyfriend.
- A two month old child died from Sudden Unexpected Infant Death while co-sleeping with his mother. During the assessment, methamphetamine was found on the headboard of the bed where the mother and child had been sleeping. The mother submitted to a drug screen at the time of the death with results being positive for methamphetamine. No criminal charges were filed in this matter. DCS substantiated death due to neglect against the mother due to an environment that was life and health endangering for the infant.
- A three year old child died as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident with the cause of death being listed as Herniation of the brain due to Closed Head Injury. The child was in a vehicle being driven by her father during a court ordered visit with him. The child was not in a car seat or wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident. Blood draws revealed that father was positive for marijuana at the time of the accident. The father was charged with possession of marijuana. DCS substantiated death due to neglect and environment life and health endangering against the father.
- A one year old child died as a result of Complications from Anoxic Brain Injury due to Drowning. The child had been outside with siblings and her father prior to being found face down in a duck pool in the yard. The mother had called the children into the house to eat dinner and the father had gone to talk to a neighbor who needed assistance. During that time the child was not supervised and was able to access the duck pool. No criminal charges were filed as a result of this matter. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against the mother and the father.
- A twenty-two day old child died from Positional Asphyxia with a contributing factor of Acute Mixed Drug Intoxication. The mother of the child fell asleep in a reclining position on a couch while breast feeding the child. When the mother awoke, she found the child unresponsive with her face between the mother's chest and arm. The mother submitted to a drug test at the time of the death which was positive for benzodiazepines and Tramadol. Upon autopsy it was found that the child had both pseudoephedrine and nortramadol in her system. The pediatrician for the child was aware mother was breast-feeding, but not aware that she was taking Tramadol. No criminal charges were filed in this matter. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.



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- A one month old child died as a result of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome with a contributing factor of co-sleeping with adults. Both parents were under the influence of substances while co-sleeping with the infant. The mother tested positive for hydrocodone, Xanax and marijuana and the father tested positive for marijuana, Xanax and alcohol. The mother did have a prescription for the hydrocodone but did not have a prescription for Xanax. The father admitted to having an issue with alcohol use. No criminal charges were filed as a result of this matter. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against both parents.
- A ten month old infant died as a result from a Gunshot Wound to the Head. The child's father was cleaning a handgun in the same room as the infant and failed to ensure that the gun was not loaded. The gun discharged traveling through the father's leg and striking the child in the head. No criminal charges were filed as a result of this matter. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the father due to not properly following safety protocol while handling the gun.
- An eleven month old child died as a result of Sudden Unexplained Infant Death after co-sleeping with her mother. The mother admitted to using and was positive for Methadone and Xanax. The mother did not have a prescription for either medication. No criminal charges were filed as a result of this matter. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A two month old child was presumed dead from unknown causes. The child's father stated that she had died and that he had taken her body to a dumpster and disposed of it. Law Enforcement was not able to recover the child's body. Older siblings of the child stated that the father had previously put pillows or blankets over the child's face to stop the child from crying. The father admitted that on the day the child died he put a pillow over her face. The father was charged with murder and neglect of a dependent resulting in death. At trial, he was found guilty of neglect of a dependent resulting in death. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the father.
- A sixteen year old child died from Complications of a Seizure Disorder. Blood drawn at the time of the child's death revealed that the child had no seizure medication in her system. The child had developmental delays and was reliant on her mother to ensure she received the proper medication. No criminal charges were filed in this matter. DCS substantiated medical neglect and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A one year old child died from Multiple Blunt Force Injuries secondary to a being struck by a motor vehicle as a pedestrian. The child's primary caregiver and the caregiver's father, who assisted with child care, left the child unsupervised outdoors. The child wandered into the street and was struck by a vehicle. No criminal charges were filed in this matter. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against both the primary caregiver and father of the primary caregiver.
- A two year old child died after Drowning in the family's backyard pool while the parents were not at home. The parents failed to secure adequate supervision for the child when



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they left the home. No criminal charges were filed in this matter. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against both parents.

- A four month old child died from Asphyxia due to Unsafe Sleeping Conditions. The parents could not state what occurred prior to the death of the child. The pack and play in which the child slept contained several items which are hazardous to sleeping infants, including a large comforter and a pillow. Both parents tested positive for methamphetamine at the time of the child's death. The father also tested positive for Oxycodone. Criminal charges of neglect have been filed against both parents with the trial pending. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against both parents.
- A six year old child died from Blunt Force Trauma to the Head as a result of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Accident. The child resided with mother, father, and two siblings. When the child attempted to cross the road to get to his friend's home, he was struck by a truck and killed. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision, environment life and health endangering, and death due to neglect against father.
- A four year old child died as a result of Blunt Force Trauma to the Head after the child was hit by a bulldozer. The child's guardian moved the child off of the bulldozer and several yards away from a hornet's nest he was attempting to bury. While burying the nest, the guardian discovered he had run over the child. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against the guardian.
- An eleven year old child with Down Syndrome died of Asphyxiation when the child's head and neck became stuck in between the slats of a defective crib. Based on the condition of the crib, both parents would have been aware of its defect. The child was at home with his father while the mother was at work. Both parents acknowledged that father has health issues that make caring for the child difficult due to the child's behaviors. Father did not check on the child during a four hour time period. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated death due to neglect against both the mother and father.
- A five year old child died of Asphyxia after suffocating inside a plastic mattress cover. Mother and her boyfriend left the home the morning of the fatal incident for admission to the hospital, so mother could have surgery. When boyfriend returned from the hospital, he found the child not breathing, zippered inside of the plastic mattress cover. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against the mother and the mother's boyfriend.
- An eight year old child died from Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries after the child was ejected from an overcrowded backseat of a vehicle during a multivehicle car accident. The child was one of four individuals sitting in the backseat of the vehicle and he was not wearing a seat belt. Upon impact, the child was ejected from the car through the windshield. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against father.



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- A three month old child died from Positional Asphyxiation after being found unresponsive in her parents' bed. The parents submitted to a random drug screen, for which mother was positive for THC and cocaine. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A four year old child died after Drowning in a pond in the back of the family's property. The child was playing in the yard when the family dog ran out of the yard and the child followed after the dog and into the woods behind the family residence. Law enforcement found the child unresponsive in a pond approximately twenty yards from the family's home. No charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against mother.
- A twenty-six day old child died of Asphyxiation due to Co-Sleeping with his parents. The child was sleeping with mother and father when father found the child unresponsive. Both mother and father submitted to a drug screen the night of the incident, father was positive for THC, as he indicated he would be. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the father.
- An eight day old child was found deceased in his parents' bed from Sudden Unexplained Infant Death with bed-sharing and unsafe sleeping environment as contributing factors. Mother and father reported that the mother had the twin sibling cradled in her right arm, father had the now deceased child cradled in his left arm, so the twins were lying next to each other in between the parents, where the family slept. Parents submitted to random oral drug screens and were positive for THC. No charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against father.
- A three month old child died from Complications of Closed Head Blunt Force Injuries after being involved in a car accident. The child's mother unstrapped the child from his car seat to breast feed him. Father continued to drive while mother breast fed the child in the back seat. Father fell asleep while driving and the vehicle left the road and hit a tree. No charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against mother and father.
- A two month old child died from Sudden Unexplained Death of an Infant. Mother indicated she had been co-sleeping with the child. Mother submitted to a random oral drug screen which returned positive results for THC. No charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against mother.
- A twenty-two day old child died from Respiratory Arrest due to Positional Asphyxia due to Co-sleeping. Father fell asleep on the sofa with the child while the child was sleeping face down on father's chest. The father submitted to a random drug screen which returned positive results for cocaine, opiates, amphetamine, benzodiazepines, and marijuana. The father was charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death and several



Fatalities Due to Neglect (Cont'd)

drug related charges. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the father.

- A seventeen year old child died from Suicide at a residential treatment center. The child was admitted to the residential treatment center due to depression and substance abuse. The child locked the door to her room and hung herself with a belt by putting pressure on her neck. The residential worker assigned to conduct safety checks on the child every thirty minutes admitted that no safety checks were conducted on the child for approximately two hours. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against the residential center worker.
- A fourteen year old child died as a result of a Seizure Disorder. No seizure medication was found in the child's system and prescription records showed the child's monthly seizure medication had not been filled for over two months prior to his death. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated medical neglect and death due to neglect against the mother and the father.
- A three year old child drowned in a creek where he and his family members were swimming and boating. The child was on the back of the family's pontoon boat without a life jacket while the rest of the family was swimming in the creek at the front of the boat. The child fell into the water and drowned. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision, environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A one month old died from an Overdose of Opiates. Mother was breastfeeding the child. Mother and father submitted to random drug screens. Mother was positive for heroin, Morphine, Xanax, and Methadone. The child's toxicology screen was positive for a high level of opiates. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A five year old child died from a Gunshot Wound to the Head. Father went to lay a gun on a table and as he was doing so, the gun fired and struck the child in the head. Father was arrested and charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death, reckless homicide and firearm used in commission of an offense. Father plead guilty to reckless homicide and firearm used in commission of an offense. Father was sentenced to twenty-two years in prison. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the father.
- A three month old child died from Sudden Unexplained Infant Death while sleeping in bed with mother and father. Mother and father admitted to daily marijuana usage in the home and did so while caring for the children. Mother and father admitted to smoking a gram of marijuana right before going to bed on the day of the incident. There were no criminal charges filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering against mother and father and death due to neglect against the mother.



Fatalities Due to Neglect (Cont'd)

- A three month old child died Sudden Unexpected Infant Death after co-sleeping with his father. Father had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath when questioned by authorities and also admitted to using marijuana. Father tested positive for marijuana on a drug screen. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the father.
- A six month old child died from Blunt force Injuries to the Head. The child had two subdural hematomas and multiple brain bleeds along with retinal hemorrhaging. Mother did not seek timely medical care for the child. The infant died three days later from blunt force injuries to the head. No criminal charges were filed in the death of the child. DCS substantiated medical neglect and death due to neglect against mother.
- A one day old child died from Prematurity. The mother admitted to using crack cocaine heavily throughout her pregnancy with the child along with alcohol and marijuana. The mother admitted the last time she used crack cocaine prior to the child's birth, she began to have cramping and bleeding. The child was born at 23 weeks gestation due to maternal cocaine use. The child weighed one pound two ounces when born. Mother and the child tested positive for cocaine. No criminal charges were filed against the mother. DCS substantiated drug exposed infant and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A five year old child drowned after being left unattended in the bathtub. Toxicology found lorazepam in the child's system. Enough lorazepam was in the child's system to cause sedation. No criminal charges were filed regarding the child's death. DCS substantiated death due to neglect, lack of supervision and environment life and health endangering against the father.
- A one year old child drowned in his family's pool. Mother was at work when the incident occurred and father was working in the garage while periodically checking on the children, who were inside the home. No criminal charges were filed regarding the child's death. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against the father.
- A three year old child drowned in a pond behind her grandparent's home. The grandmother was inside the home and the grandfather was outside supervising the children and also working on a vehicle. No criminal charges were filed against the grandparents. DCS substantiated lack of supervision, environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the grandfather.
- A one month old child died from Compression Asphyxia after mother fell asleep with the child in her arms. Mother admitted she took more prescription medication than allowed, along with cold medicine, which caused her to fall asleep. Father was aware of mother's abuse of prescription medication. Mother was arrested and charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death. Father was arrested and charged with neglect of a dependent, dependent placed in dangerous situation. Mother was found guilty at trial and was sentenced to twenty years in prison. Father plead guilty and was sentenced to one year of probation. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.



Fatalities Due to Neglect (Cont'd)

- A three month old child died from Compression Asphyxia at his babysitter's home. The babysitter put the child to sleep in a car seat without buckling the child and left him unattended for several hours. The babysitter was charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death and is pending jury trial. DCS substantiated lack of supervision, environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the babysitter.
- A three month old child died from Positional Asphyxiation due to Co-sleeping after being found unresponsive in his mother's bed along with mother and mother's boyfriend. Law enforcement found methamphetamine ingredients and paraphernalia in the home. Mother and mother's boyfriend were administered drug screens and both tested positive for methamphetamine. No criminal charges were filed regarding the child's death. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against mother and mother's boyfriend.
- A three year old child died from a Gunshot Wound to the Head. Father kept two guns, one loaded, in boxes on the floor of the master bedroom closet. Mother was home with the child but in the bathroom, when she heard a pop. There were no criminal charges filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against mother and father.
- A one month old child died from Diffuse Alveolar Hemorrhages of Both Lungs due to Possible Infection or Overlay. When intoxicated, mother slept with the child on a couch and woke up several hours later to find the child unresponsive. Mother was noted to emit a strong smell of alcohol on her breath and an alcohol test determined mother was under the influence of alcohol. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A six year old child drowned in a hotel pool. The child had been swimming off and on all evening in the hotel pool and always wore a life jacket when swimming due to not being a strong swimmer. Mother was supervising the child and child's siblings when the child went to a separate area of the hotel pool, removed her life jacket and drowned. There were no criminal charges filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against the mother.
- A two year old child died after Drowning in a bathtub at home. Father was bathing the child when he left the child alone in the bathtub to prepare a bottle for the child's sibling. Mother was in a bedroom with the sibling when father entered the room to retrieve the bottle for the sibling. When father returned, the child was face down in the water. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of this child. DCS substantiated lack of supervision and death due to neglect against mother and father.
- A three month old child died from Sudden Unexplained Infant Death with a contributing factor of sleeping with mother. Mother stated she was "probably drunk" and then "passed out" while sleeping with the child on a couch the evening before she found the child unresponsive. No criminal charges were filed regarding the death of the child. DCS substantiated environment life and health endangering and death due to neglect against the mother.



County of Occurrence for Abuse and Neglect Fatalities

(For SFY 2015)

County Name	Abuse	Neglect	Total
Allen	0	8	8
Bartholomew	0	1	1
Clark	2	1	3
Clinton	0	1	1
Delaware	1	1	2
DuBois	1	1	2
Elkhart	2	1	3
Fountain	1	0	1
Grant	0	2	2
Hancock	1	0	1
Howard	0	1	1
Johnson	2	2	4
Lake	4	3	7
LaPorte	0	2	2
Madison	0	2	2
Marion	7	3	10
Marshall	0	1	1
Martin	0	1	1
Monroe	1	1	2
Morgan	0	1	1
Newton	0	1	1
Orange	2	3	5
Porter	2	0	2
Saint Joseph	2	1	3
Scott	0	1	1
Spencer	0	1	1
Switzerland	0	1	1
Tippecanoe	1	2	3
Vanderburgh	0	1	1
Vigo	1	0	1
Wells	1	0	1
White	1	1	2
Totals	32	45	77



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Assessment Statistics of Investigations by Other Agencies—All Children

(For SFY 2015)

	State Fiscal Year 2015		
	Abuse	Neglect	Total
All Child Fatalities	32	45	77
Coroner Cases	32	44	76
Autopsies Performed	32	39	71
Scene investigated by coroner.	15	12	27
Scene investigated by Law Enforcement.	30	35	65
Scene investigated by fire investigator.	2	0	2
Emergency Medical Services was on scene.	25	41	66

* The table above summarizes for all children information of coroner involvements, autopsies performed, and agency investigations.



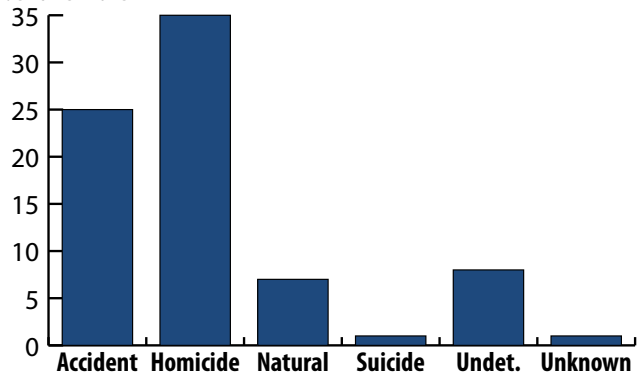
Manner and Major Category of Death—All Children

(For SFY 2015)

Manner of Death

Manner of Death	Count	%
Accident	25	32%
Homicide	35	45%
Natural	7	9%
Suicide	1	1%
Undetermined	8	10%
Unknown	1	1%
Total	77	100%

Number of Children



Manner of Death by Age

Age - Manner of Death		
Under one - Accident	9	12%
Under one - Homicide	14	18%
Under one - Natural	5	6%
Under one - Undetermined	7	9%
Under one - Unknown	1	1%
1 - Accident	3	4%
1 - Homicide	10	13%
2 - Accident	1	1%
2 - Undetermined	1	1%
3 - Accident	4	5%
3 - Homicide	5	6%
4 - Accident	2	3%
4 - Homicide	2	3%
5 - Accident	2	3%
5 - Homicide	1	1%
6 - Accident	2	3%
6 - Homicide	1	1%
7 - Accident	1	1%
10 to 12 - Accident	1	1%
13 to 17 - Homicide	2	3%
13 to 17 - Natural	2	3%
13 to 17 - Suicide	1	1%
Total	77	100%

Major Category of Death

Major Category of Death	Count	%
From a medical condition	8	10%
From an external cause of injury	68	88%
Unknown	1	1%
Total	77	100%

*The categories above were established by the National MCH Center for Child Death Review and were determined by DCS based on cause of death.

The "Manner of Death" displayed on this page was obtained from state death certificates.

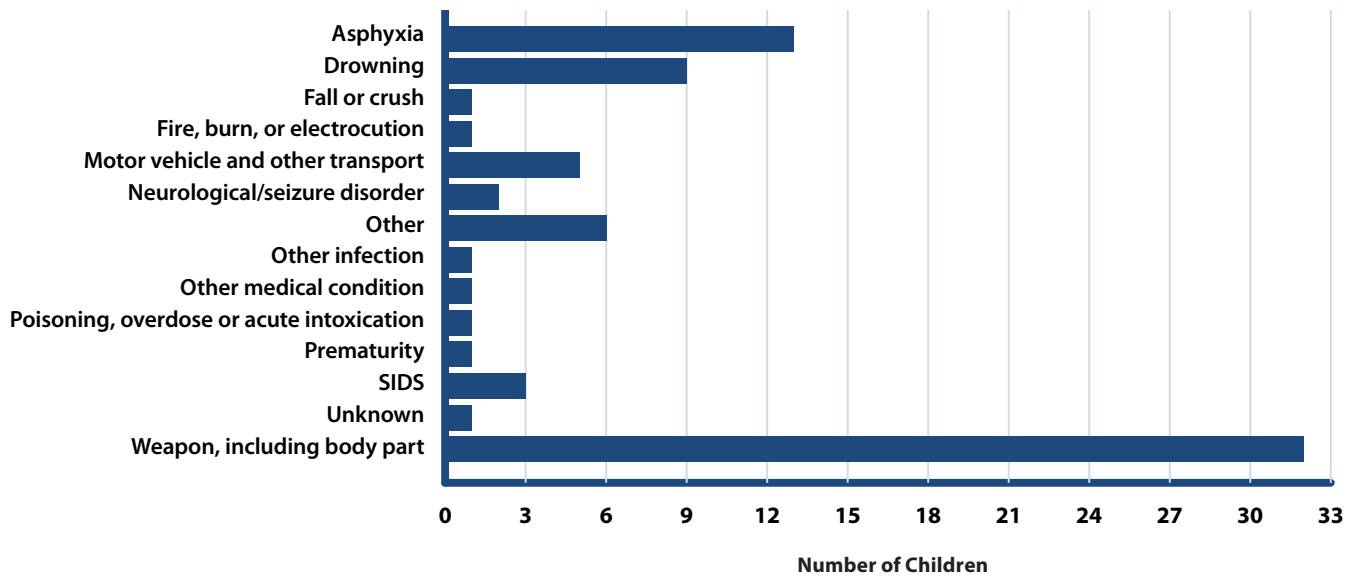


Cause of Death—All Children

(For SFY 2015)

Cause of Death

Primary Cause of Death	Count	%
Asphyxia	13	17%
Drowning	9	12%
Fall or crush	1	1%
Fire, burn, or electrocution	1	1%
Motor vehicle and other transport	5	6%
Neurological/seizure disorder	2	3%
Other	6	8%
Other infection	1	1%
Other medical condition	1	1%
Poisoning, overdose or acute intoxication	1	1%
Prematurity	1	1%
SIDS	3	4%
Unknown	1	1%
Weapon, including body part	32	42%
Total	77	100%

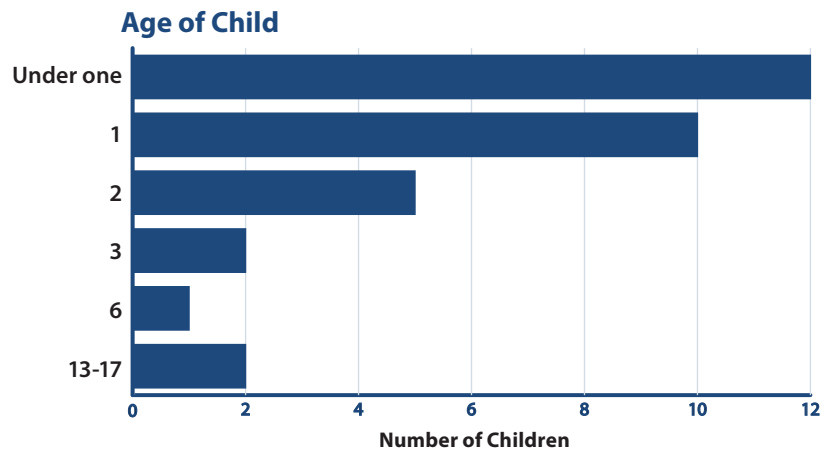


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Abuse Statistics—Demographic Characteristics of the Child

(For SFY 2015)

Age of Child	Count	%
Under one	12	38%
1	10	31%
2	5	16%
3	2	6%
6	1	3%
13 to 17	2	6%
Total	32	100%



Race of Child

Race of Child	Count	%
American Indian	1	3%
Multi-racial	1	3%
Black, African-American	7	22%
White	23	72%
Total	32	100%

Ethnicity of Child

Ethnicity of Child	Count	%
Not Hispanic or Latino	25	78%
Hispanic or Latino	7	22%
Total	32	100%

Gender of Child

Gender of Child	Count	%
Female	15	47%
Male	17	5%
Total	32	100%



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Abuse Statistics—Characteristics of the Case

(For SFY 2015)

Cause of Death

Primary Cause of Death	Count	%
Asphyxia	1	3%
Fire, burn, or electrocution	1	3%
Poisoning, overdose or acute intoxication	1	3%
Weapon, including body part	29	91%
Total	32	100%

Detailed Information of Cause of Death

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Detailed Information of Cause of Death	Count	%
Firearm	2	6%
Person's body part	27	84%
Poisoned: Deliberate	1	3%
Scald	1	3%
Suffocation	1	3%
Total	32	100%

Type of Abuse

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Type of Abuse	Count	%
Abusive head trauma	23	45%
Asphyxiation/suffocation	1	2%
Beating/kicking	18	35%
Bone fracture - ribs	1	2%
Chronic Battered Child Syndrome	1	2%
Deliberate poisoning	1	2%
Gunshot wounds	2	4%
Scalding/burning	4	8%
Total	51	100%

*A child may have experienced more than one type of abuse.



Abuse Statistics—Characteristics of the Household

(For SFY 2015)

Location of Incident

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Location of Incident	Count	%
Child's home	27	84%
Relative's home	4	13%
Unlicensed day care home	1	3%
Total	32	100%

Other Children in Household

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Other Children in Household	Count	%
No	11	34%
Yes	21	66%
Total	32	100%

Caregiver Employment Status

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 1	Count	%
Employed	18	56%
On disability	1	3%
Retired	0	0%
Stay-at home	0	0%
Unemployed	10	31%
Unknown	3	9%
Total	32	100%

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 2	Count	%
Employed	8	27%
On disability	0	0%
Retired	0	0%
Stay-at home	0	0%
Unemployed	15	50%
Unknown	7	23%
Total	30	100%

Caregiver Education Level

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 1	Count	%
Less than high school	0	0%
High school	12	38%
College	1	3%
Post graduate	0	0%
Unknown	19	59%
Total	32	100%

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 2	Count	%
Less than high school	2	7%
High school	8	28%
College	0	0%
Post graduate	0	0%
Unknown	19	66%
Total	29	100%

*Not all children had a secondary caregiver.

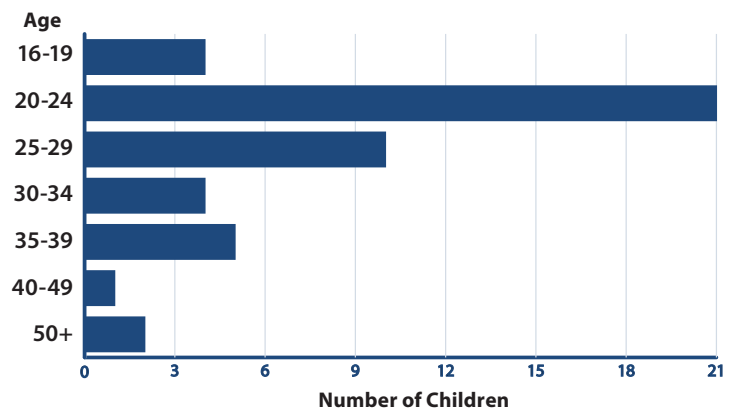


Abuse Statistics—Characteristics of the Perpetrator

(For SFY 2015)

Age of the Perpetrator

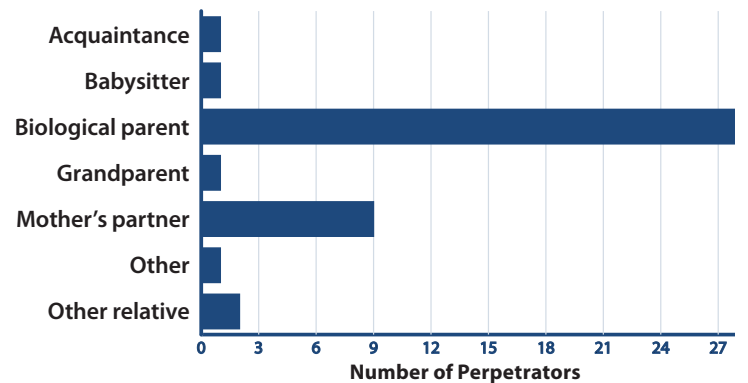
State Fiscal Year 2015		
Age	Count	%
16-19	4	9%
20-24	21	45%
25-29	10	21%
30-34	4	9%
35-39	5	11%
40-49	1	2%
50+	2	4%
Total	47	100%



*A child's death may have been caused by more than one perpetrator.

Relationship of Perpetrator to Child

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Relationship	Count	%
Acquaintance	1	2%
Babysitter	1	2%
Biological parent	32	68%
Grandparent	1	2%
Mother's partner	9	19%
Other	1	2%
Other relative	2	4%
Total	47	100%



*A child's death may have been caused by more than one perpetrator.

Gender of Perpetrator

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Gender	Count	%
Female	18	38%
Male	29	62%
Total	47	100%

*A child's death may have been caused by more than one perpetrator.



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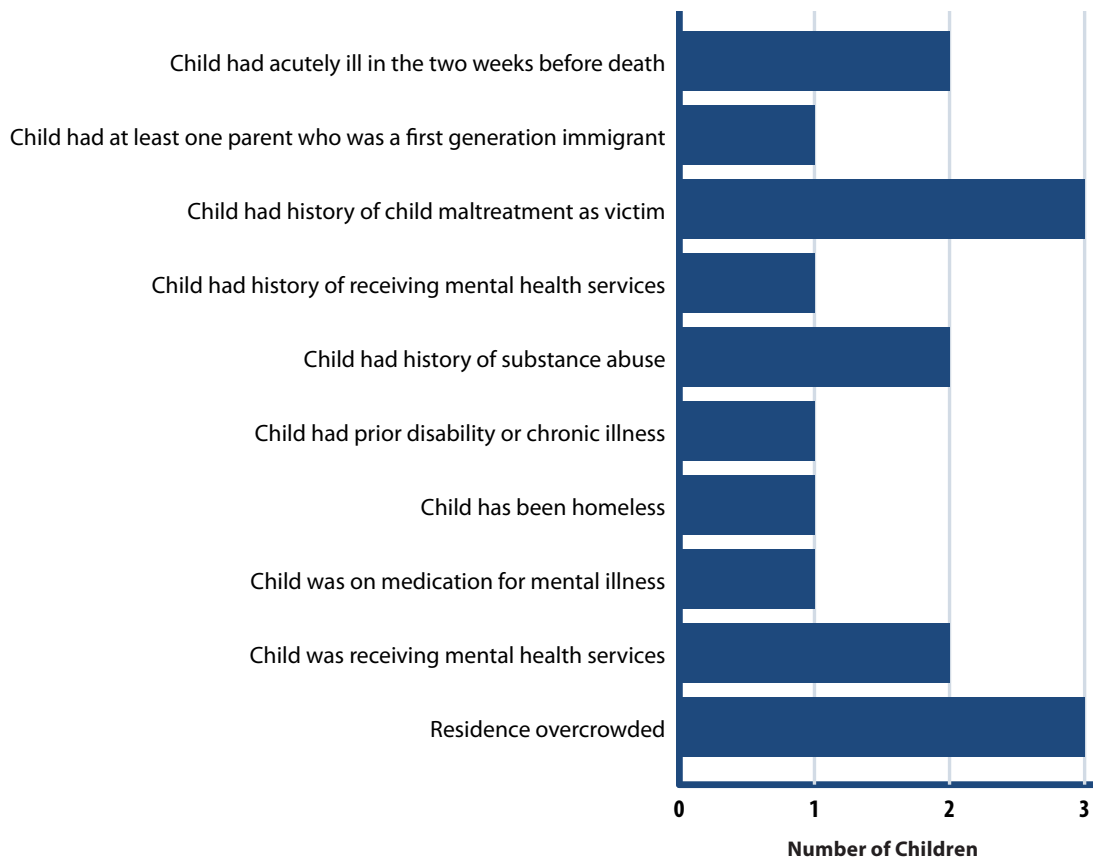
Abuse Statistics—Victim Stress Factors

(For SFY 2015)

Victim Stress Factors

State Fiscal Year 2015	
Stress Factor	Count
Child had acutely ill in the two weeks before death	2
Child had at least one parent who was a first generation immigrant	1
Child had history of child maltreatment as victim	3
Child had history of receiving mental health services	1
Child had history of substance abuse	2
Child had prior disability or chronic illness	1
Child has been homeless	1
Child was on medication for mental illness	1
Child was receiving mental health services	2
Residence overcrowded	3
Total	17

*A child may have more than one stress factor, if any.



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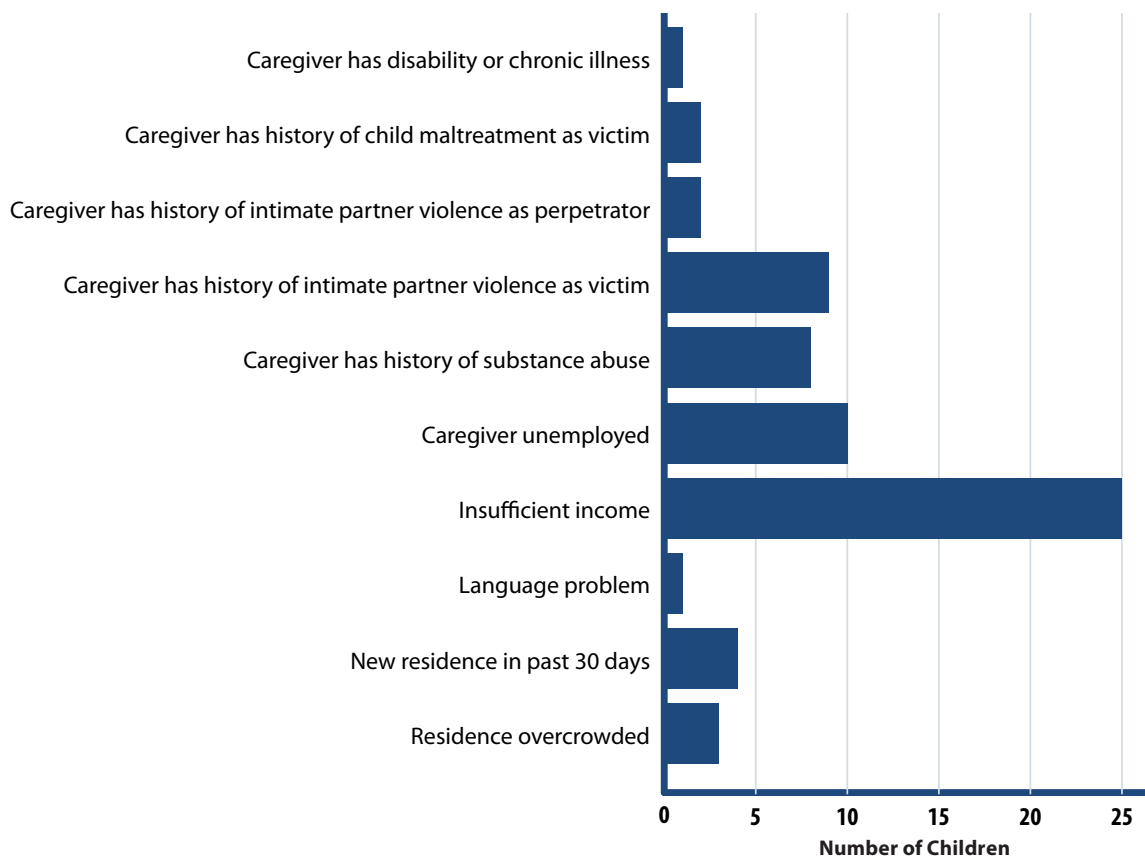
Abuse Statistics—Caregiver Stress Factors

(For SFY 2015)

Caregiver 1 Stress Factors

State Fiscal Year 2015	
Stress Factor	Count
Caregiver has disability or chronic illness	1
Caregiver has history of child maltreatment as victim	2
Caregiver has history of intimate partner violence as perpetrator	2
Caregiver has history of intimate partner violence as victim	9
Caregiver has history of substance abuse	8
Caregiver unemployed	10
Insufficient income	25
Language problem	1
New residence in past 30 days	4
Residence overcrowded	3
Total	65

A caregiver may have had more than one stress factor, if any.



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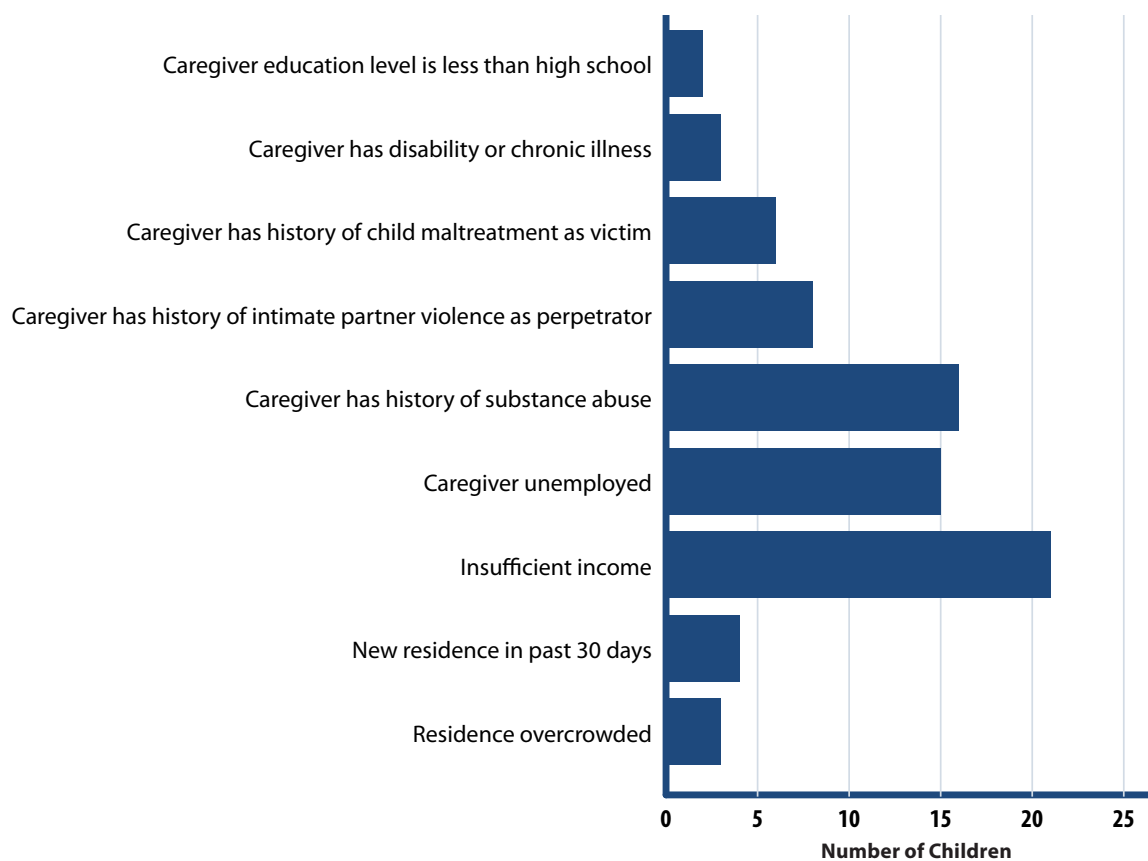
Abuse Statistics—Caregiver Stress Factors (Cont'd)

(For SFY 2015)

Caregiver 2 Stress Factors

State Fiscal Year 2015	
Stress Factor	Count
Caregiver education level is less than high school	2
Caregiver has disability or chronic illness	3
Caregiver has history of child maltreatment as victim	6
Caregiver has history of intimate partner violence as perpetrator	8
Caregiver has history of substance abuse	16
Caregiver unemployed	15
Insufficient income	21
New residence in past 30 days	4
Residence overcrowded	3
Total	78

A caregiver may have had more than one stress factor, if any.

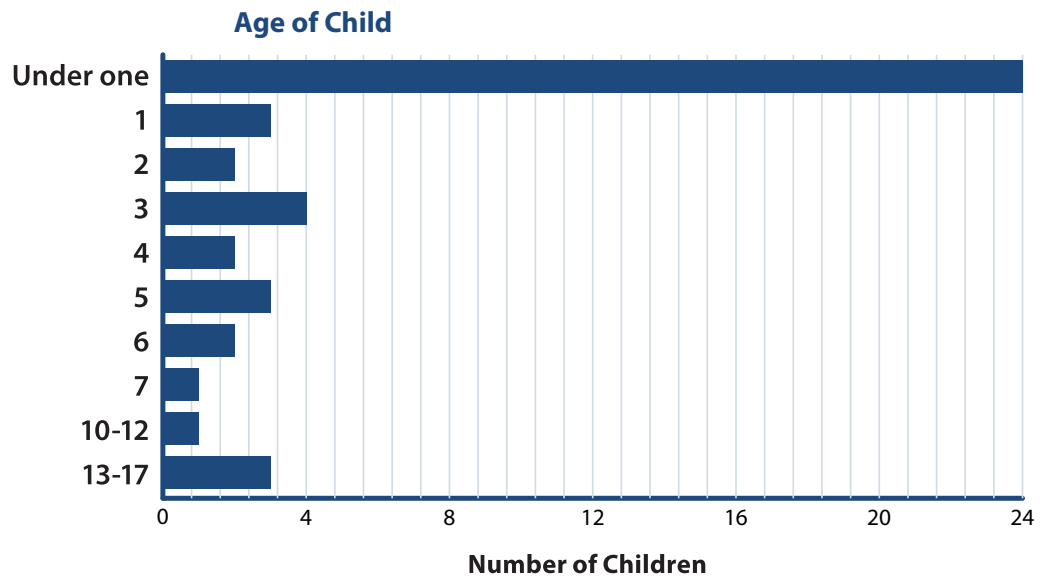


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Neglect Statistics—Demographic Characteristics of the Child

(For SFY 2015)

Age of Child	Count	%
Under one	24	53%
1	3	7%
2	2	4%
3	4	9%
4	2	4%
5	3	7%
6	2	4%
7	1	2%
10-12	1	2%
13-17	3	7%
Total	45	100%



Race of Child

Race of Child	Count	%
Multi-racial	5	11%
Black, African American	8	18%
White	32	71%
Total	45	100%

Ethnicity of Child

Ethnicity of Child	Count	%
Hispanic or Latino	4	9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	41	91%
Total	45	100%

Gender of Child

Gender of Child	Count	%
Female	17	38%
Male	28	62%
Total	45	100%



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Neglect Statistics—Characteristics of the Case

(For SFY 2015)

Cause of Death

Primary Cause of Death	Count	%
Asphyxia	12	27%
Drowning	9	20%
Fall or crush	1	2%
Motor vehicle and other transport	5	11%
Neurological/seizure disorder	2	4%
Other	6	13%
Other infection	1	2%
Other medical condition	1	2%
Prematurity	1	2%
SIDS	3	7%
Unknown	1	2%
Weapon, including body part	3	7%
Total	45	100%

Detailed Information of Cause of Death

Detailed Information of Cause of Death	Count	%
Asphyxia	12	27%
Drowning	9	20%
Fall or crush	1	2%
Motor vehicle and other transport	5	11%
Neurological/seizure disorder	2	4%
Other	6	13%
Other infection	1	2%
Other medical condition	1	2%
Prematurity	1	2%
SIDS	3	7%
Unknown	1	2%
Weapon, including body part	3	7%
Total	45	100%



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Neglect Statistics—Characteristics of the Case (Cont'd)

(For SFY 2015)

Type of Neglect	Count	%
Child died due to asphyxia due to unsafe crib	1	1%
Child died due to bed sharing with impaired caregiver	14	16%
Child died due to being struck by a car	1	1%
Child died due to car accident after being removed from car seat in moving vehicle	1	1%
Child died due to negligent sleep environment caused by impaired caregivers	1	1%
Child died due to prematurity due to mother's drug use while pregnant	1	1%
Child died due to suicide when not properly supervised	1	1%
Child died from compression asphyxia after being placed in unbuckled car seat for 2-4 hours	1	1%
Child died in ATV accident, where child was driving and not wearing helmet	1	1%
Child died in motor vehicle accident and was not wearing a safety belt	1	1%
Child died in motor vehicle accident where parent failed to use car seat	1	1%
Child died while being breastfed by impaired mother	1	1%
Child died while sleeping on couch with impaired caregiver	2	2%
Child drowned in bathtub	2	2%
Child drowned in pond	2	2%
Child drowned in pool	4	5%

Type of Neglect	Count	%
Child drowned in river	1	1%
Child suffocated in mattress cover	1	1%
Child was run over by bulldozer	1	1%
Child was shot by adult who failed to handle a firearm safely	2	2%
Child was shot by self due to unsecured firearm	1	1%
Child's body was never found	1	1%
Failure to provide necessities - appropriate supervision	13	15%
Failure to provide necessities - caregiver allowed child to drive ATV without necessary safety precautions and supervision	1	1%
Failure to provide necessities - caregiver did not ensure child used safety belt	1	1%
Failure to provide necessities - caregiver did not use car seat	2	2%
Failure to provide necessities - failure to supervise suicidal child	20	24%
Failure to provide necessities - necessary medication	2	2%
Failure to provide necessities - safe sleeping environment	20	24%
Failure to seek/follow treatment - parent failed to provide medication for child's seizure disorder	2	2%
mother used heroin while breastfeeding and child died from opiate overdose	1	1%



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Neglect Statistics—Characteristics of the Household

(For SFY 2015)

Location of Incident

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Location	Count	%
Child's home	29	64%
father's home	1	2%
Friend's home	2	4%
Hospital	1	2%
Hotel pool	1	2%
Licensed day care center	1	2%
Other recreation area	1	2%
Relative's home	3	7%
Roadway	4	9%
Unlicensed day care home	1	2%
wooded area	1	2%
Total	45	100%

Other Children in Household

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Other Children in Household	Count	%
No	15	33%
Yes	40	67%
Total	35	100%

*A child may have experienced neglect in more than one location.

Caregiver Employment Status

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 1	Count	%
Employed	16	36%
On disability	1	2%
Retired	0	0%
Stay-at home	7	16%
Unemployed	16	36%
Unknown	5	11%
Total	45	100%

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 2	Count	%
Employed	17	45%
On disability	1	3%
Retired	1	3%
Stay-at home	0	0%
Unemployed	14	37%
Unknown	5	13%
Total	38	100%

Caregiver Education Level

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 1	Count	%
Less than high school	3	7%
High school	16	36%
College	3	7%
Post graduate	0	0%
Unknown	23	51%
Total	45	100%

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Caregiver 2	Count	%
Less than high school	3	8%
High school	11	29%
College	1	3%
Post graduate	0	0%
Unknown	23	61%
Total	38	100%

*Not all children had a secondary caregiver.



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Neglect Statistics—Characteristics of the Perpetrator

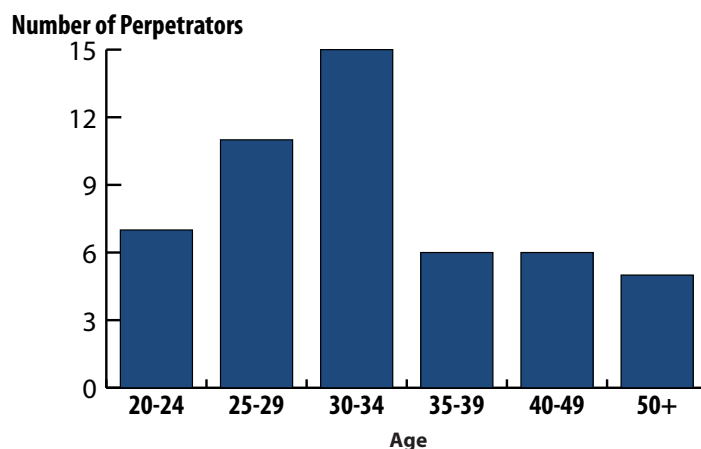
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Age of Perpetrator

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Age	Count	%
20-24	7	14%
25-29	11	22%
30-34	15	30%
35-39	6	12%
40-49	6	12%
50+	5	10%
Total Perpetrators	50	100%

*A child's death may have been caused by more than one perpetrator.

Age of Perpetrator

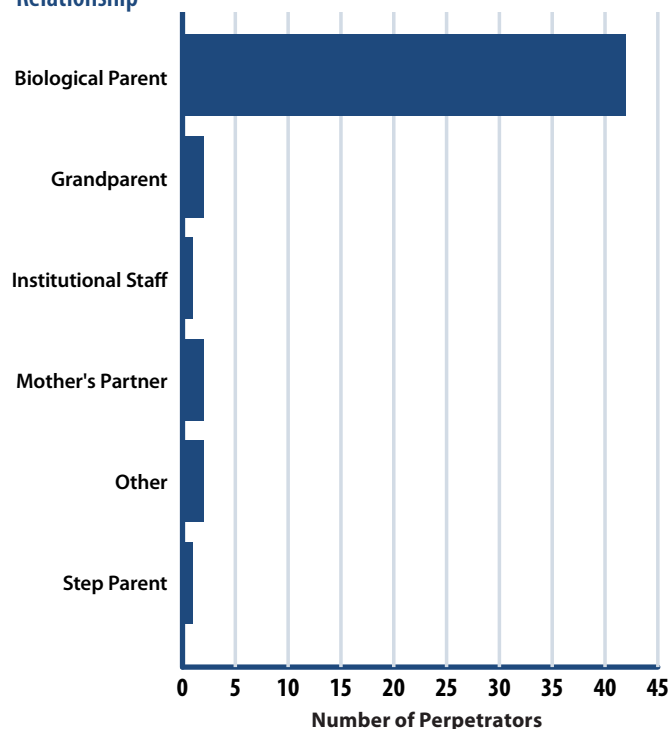


Relationship of Perpetrator to Child

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Relationship	Count	%
Biological Parent	42	84%
Grandparent	2	4%
Institutional Staff	1	2%
Mother's Partner	2	4%
Other	2	4%
Step Parent	1	2%
Total	50	100%

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Relationship



Gender of Perpetrator

State Fiscal Year 2015		
Gender	Count	%
Female	25	50%
Male	25	50%
Total	50	100%

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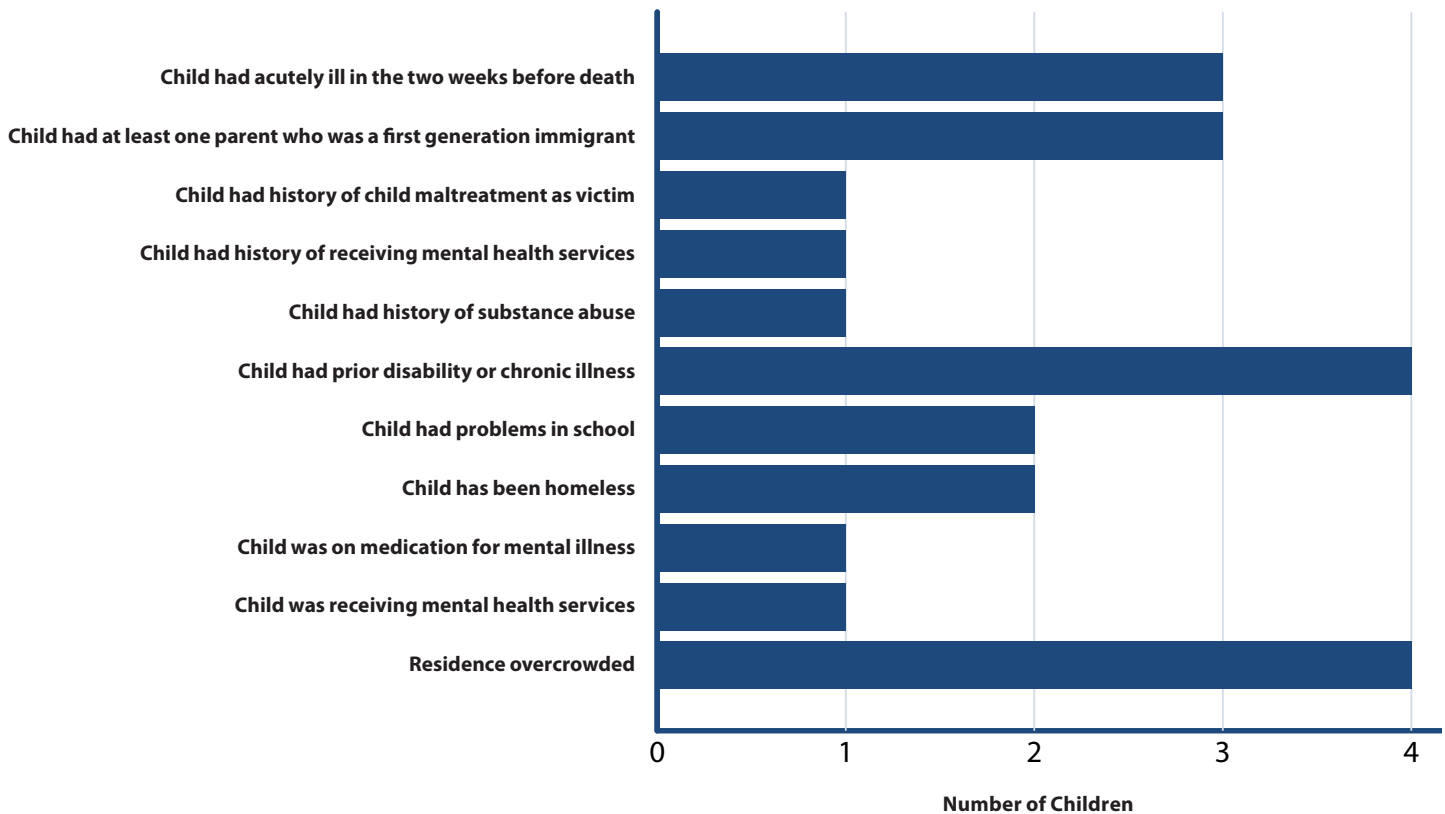
Neglect Statistics—Victim Stress Factors

(For SFY 2015)

Victim Stress Factors

Stress Factor	Count
Child had acutely ill in the two weeks before death	3
Child had at least one parent who was a first generation immigrant	3
Child had history of child maltreatment as victim	1
Child had history of receiving mental health services	1
Child had history of substance abuse	1
Child had prior disability or chronic illness	4
Child had problems in school	2
Child has been homeless	2
Child was on medication for mental illness	1
Child was receiving mental health services	1
Residence overcrowded	4
Total	23

*A child may have more than one stress factor, if any.



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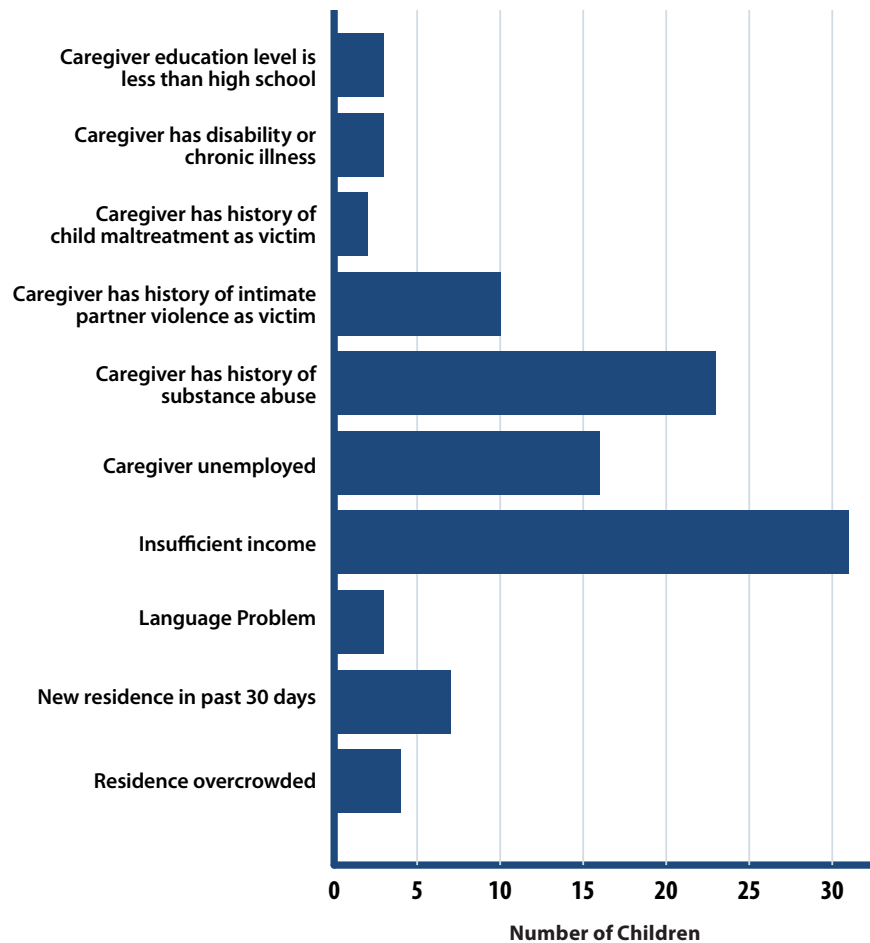
Neglect Statistics—Caregiver Stress Factors

(For SFY 2015)

Caregiver 1 Stress Factors

State Fiscal Year 2015	
Stress Factor	Count
Caregiver education level is less than high school	3
Caregiver has disability or chronic illness	3
Caregiver has history of child maltreatment as victim	2
Caregiver has history of intimate partner violence as victim	10
Caregiver has history of substance abuse	23
Caregiver unemployed	16
Insufficient income	31
Language problem	3
New residence in past 30 days	7
Residence overcrowded	4
Total	102

A caregiver may have had more than one stress factor, if any.



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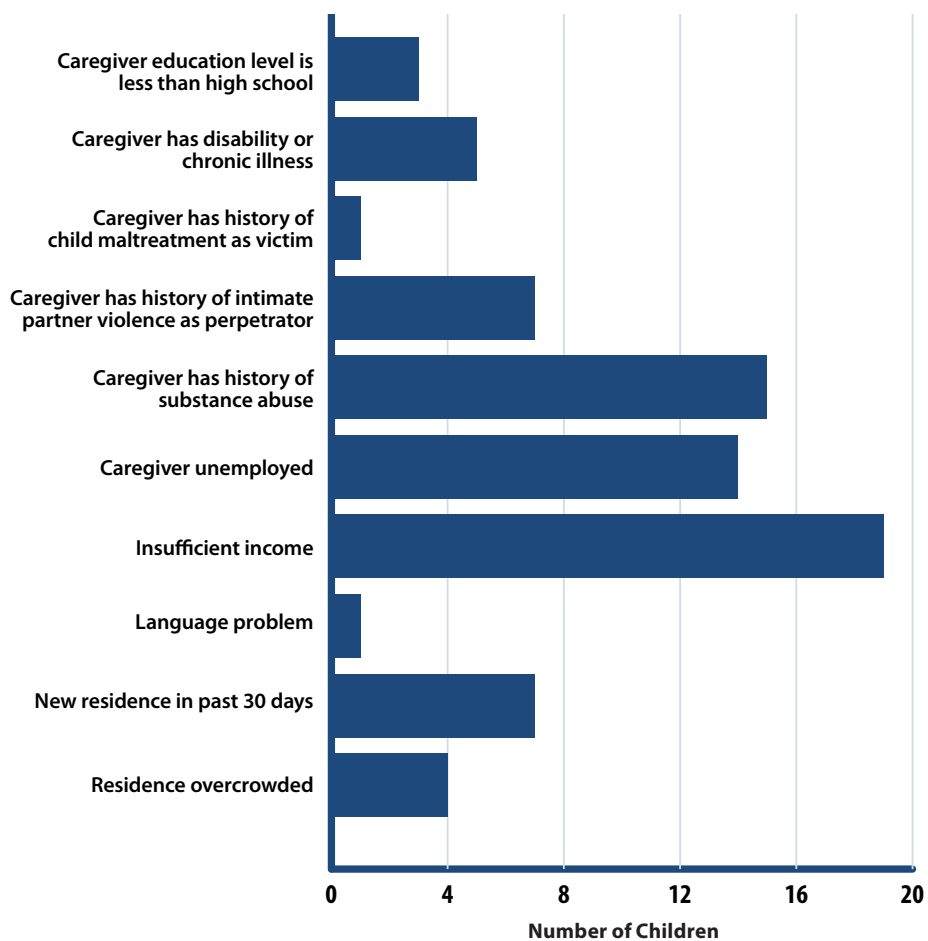
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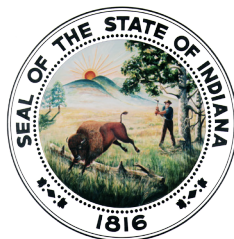
Caregiver 2 Stress Factors

State Fiscal Year 2015	
Stress Factor	Count
Caregiver education level is less than high school	3
Caregiver has disability or chronic illness	5
Caregiver has history of child maltreatment as victim	1
Caregiver has history of intimate partner violence as perpetrator	7
Caregiver has history of substance abuse	15
Caregiver unemployed	14
Insufficient income	19
Language problem	1
New residence in past 30 days	7
Residence overcrowded	4
Total	76

A caregiver may have had more than one stress factor, if any.



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