

# CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: A LOOK AT THE NATIONAL NUMBERS

## REPORTS AND REFERRALS

During FY2017, Child Protective Service agencies received an estimated **4.1 million referrals** involving **7.5 million children**.

**676,000 children** were confirmed to be victims of abuse and neglect and received services such as in-home family support and foster care.

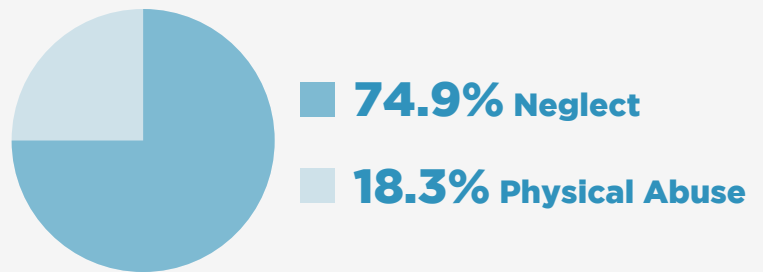


## WHO MADE THE REPORTS?

- 65.7%** Professionals  
*Teachers, police officers, lawyers, social service staff*
- 19.4%** Education personnel
- 18.3%** Legal and law enforcement personnel
- 11.7%** Social services personnel

## MOST COMMON TYPES OF ABUSE

As in prior years, the greatest percentages of children suffered from **neglect and physical abuse**.

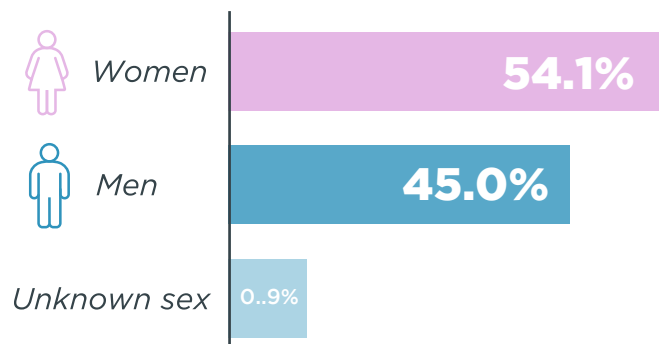


## WHAT AGE GROUP EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST RATE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT?

Children in their **first year of life** had the highest rate of victimization at **25.3 per 1,000 children**.

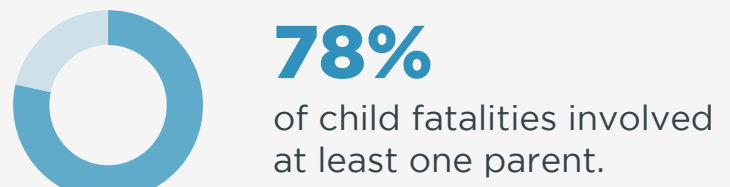
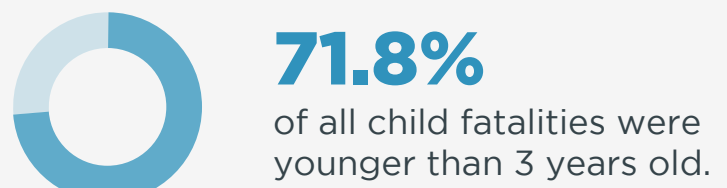
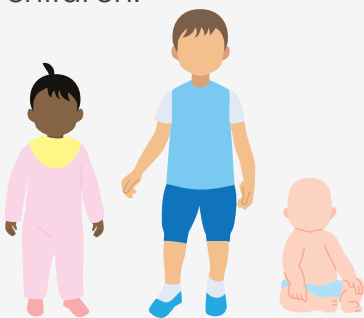
## THE PERPETRATORS

A perpetrator is the person who is responsible for the abuse or neglect of a child. **83.4%** of perpetrators were between the ages of 18 and 44 years and **more than half of perpetrators were women**.



## FATALITIES

A nationally estimated **1,7520 children** died from abuse and neglect at a rate of 2.32 deaths per 100,000 children.



## GET INVOLVED: PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Everyone has a role to play in ensuring children are safe and protected. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call **1-800-4-A-CHILD** or get involved in the following ways:

**BE A POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR A CHILD**



**BECOME A FOSTER PARENT**



**DONATE FUNDS OR YOUR TIME**



**“As communities, it is our responsibility to protect children from abuse, neglect, mistreatment and harm. All children deserve to thrive in an environment that promotes healthy brain development; cultivates emotional, cognitive and behavioral abilities; and builds resilience.”**

-James Roberson, Vice President of Program Services, KVC Hospitals

KVC works to prevent and heal child abuse and neglect in multiple states and provides services for children and families in crisis including in-home family therapy, foster family support, adoption and more. **Learn more and get involved at [www.kvc.org](http://www.kvc.org).**

\*Data is from the 2017 Child Maltreatment report released by the Children's Bureau (Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.