

Conceptualizing Child Maltreatment: What is it and how can we fix it?

Family Impact Seminar

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Terse Overview

- What is child maltreatment?
 - Conceptualization & Key Terms
- Child Maltreatment Statistics
- Consequences of Child Maltreatment
 - Including Foster & Kinship Care
- Current Treatment & Prevention Efforts
- Areas for continued growth in Kentucky



Why are we here?

Salient Takeaways

- **Understand** what child maltreatment is;
- **Recognize** the real consequences of child abuse and neglect CAN;
- **Identify** promising Kentucky practices for the prevention and treatment of CAN;
- And, **appreciate** the need to continue to invest in promising practices to address CAN.



What is Child Maltreatment?

- ④ Also referred to as child abuse and neglect (CAN)
 - Two types of maltreatment: abuse and neglect
- ④ **Child abuse:** deliberate acts or threats of harm committed against a child.
 - Physical abuse
 - Emotional abuse
 - Sexual abuse

What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

Child neglect: failure to meet the child's basic needs.

Basic needs include:



Housing



Clothing



Education



Medical Care



Supervision

National Statistics on Child Maltreatment



7.4%

The percent increase of children who received an investigation or alternative response from 2010 (3,023,000) to 2014 (3,248,000).

Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2016). *Child maltreatment 2014*.

State Statistics on Child Maltreatment



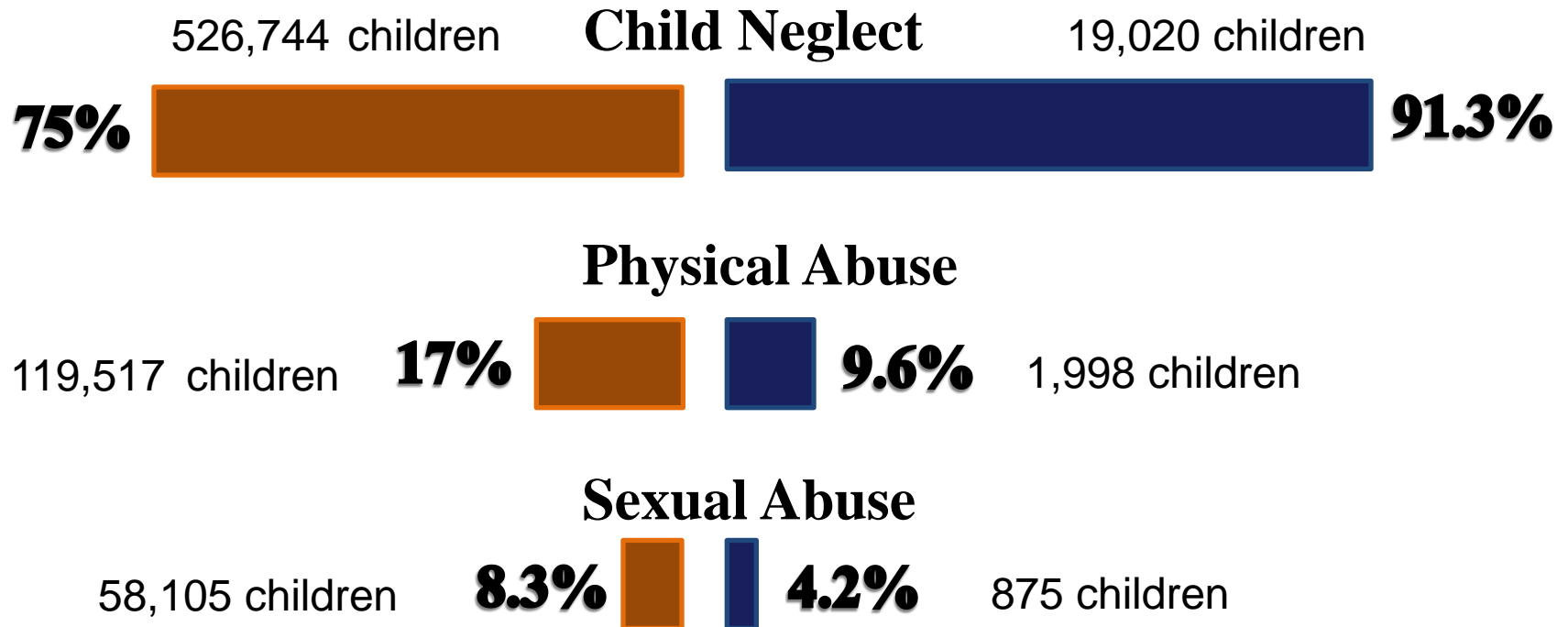
16.3%

The percent increase of children who received an investigation or alternative response from 2010 (61,643) to 2014 (71,674).

2014 Substantiated Maltreatment (By Type)

National Estimates

Kentucky Estimates



2014 Statistics on Child Fatalities

Nationally

An estimated **1,580** children died of abuse and neglect at a rate of **2.13** per 100,000 children in the national population.

2014 Statistics on Child Fatalities

Kentucky

15 children in Kentucky died of abuse and neglect at a rate of **1.48** per 100,000 children in the state population.



Consequences of Child Maltreatment

Caveat: The impact of child abuse and neglect is often discussed in terms of physical, psychological, behavioral, and societal consequences.

The consequences are uniquely interconnected...



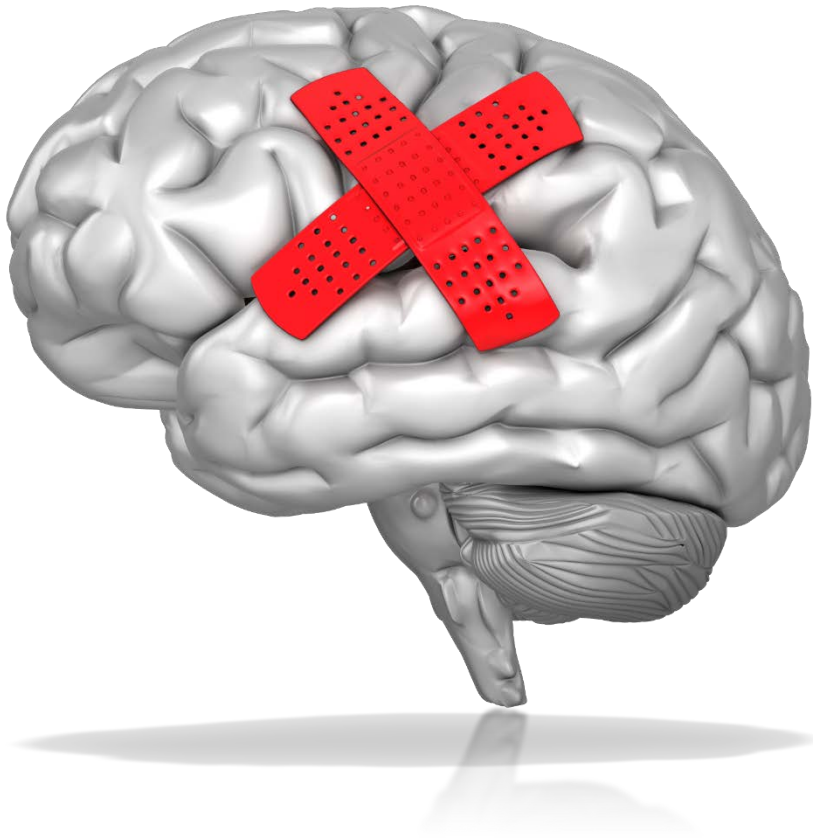
Unique Consequences: Physical

Short Term: Bruises, cuts, broken bones, etc.

Long Term: Abusive head trauma, impaired brain development, poor physical health.



Unique Consequences: Psychological



- Difficulties during infancy
- Poor mental and emotional health
- Cognitive difficulties
- Social difficulties

Unique Consequences: Behavioral

- Juvenile delinquency and adult criminality
- Alcohol and other drug abuse
- Abusive behavior



Unique Consequences: Placement

Foster Care

National = 402,378

Kentucky = 7,825

Cost per day = \$74.51 (KY)

Average Cost Per Child**

\$52,476.20

Kinship Care

National = 2.4 million youths

Kentucky = 107,730 in a household where a relative is the head of household.

23,878 of these youth are in a house where NO parent is present.

At the end of the day...

Nationally, the cost of child maltreatment is estimated at \$124 billion each year (Direct Costs)

ROR: \$47 in benefits to society for every \$1 in program costs



Promising Practices: Kentucky

- START
Teams/Differential
Response
- Title IV-E Waiver
Programs and
Evaluation
- FPP and Diversion
(KVC)
- First Step Programs, etc.



Moving Forward:

Areas of Growth for **Kentucky**

- Continue to implement and evaluate innovative strategies
- Ensure an adequate workforce to provide needed services to families
- Culturally appropriate interventions
- Invest in policies that provide parental education

QUESTIONS?

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