

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN VIRGINIA

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

How many children were reported as victims of maltreatment in Virginia?

During SFY 06, there were **47,130** children reported as possible victims of abuse and/or neglect in reports completed by Virginia's city and county departments of social services.

Were all these reports founded?

In SFY 06, there were **7,330** children involved in founded reports that were placed in the Investigation Track. Founded means that a review of the facts gathered during an investigation met the preponderance of the evidence standard.

In addition, **29,432** children were involved in reports placed in the Assessment Track. This means that a Child Protective Services worker completed a family services needs assessment with these families and developed a written safety plan if needed.

How many children died as a result of child abuse/neglect?

31 children died as a result of abuse or neglect during SFY 06.
28 of these children were birth through age 4.

What were types of maltreatment?

In some reports, more than one type of maltreatment may have occurred. Of all the instances of maltreatment in completed founded investigations and assessments where needed services were identified:

- **57.3%** of the maltreatment was due to physical neglect, a failure to provide food, clothing, shelter or supervision to the child to the extent that the child's health was endangered.
- **26.0%** of the maltreatment was due to physical abuse.
- **13.2%** of the maltreatment was due to sexual abuse.
- **2.3%** of the maltreatment was due to medical neglect.
- **1.5%** of the maltreatment was due to mental abuse/neglect.

Who were the children?

AGE

- **49%** of all victims of child abuse and neglect were children aged 7 or younger.
- **72%** of all victims were children aged 12 and under.

RACE

- **57%** of all victims were white.
- **34%** of all victims were black.
- **8%** of all victims were multiracial.
- Less than of **1%** all victims were Asian.

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- The number of completed CPS reports increased in SFY 06 to 31,943 from 30,507 in SFY 05.
- The number of founded investigations increased in SFY 06 to 4,741 from 4,661 in SFY 05.
- The number of unfounded investigations decreased in SFY 06 from 6,575 to 7,093 in SFY 05.
- The number of family assessments increased in SFY 06 to 20,337 from 18,753 in SFY 05.

Central Registry Searches			CPS Hotline	
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Searches</u>	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Calls</u>
2002	117,895	753	2002	64,404
2003	135,167	807	2003	64,256
2004	136,539	643	2004	71,300
2005	151,293	820	2005	79,200
2006	155,967	786	2006	82,200