

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN VIRGINIA July 1, 2015– June 30, 2016

### How many children were reported as victims of abuse or neglect in Virginia?

During State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016, there were **51,327** children reported as possible victims of abuse or neglect in **33,877** completed reports which were accepted by Virginia's city and county departments of social services.

### Who reported suspicions of abuse or neglect to departments of social service?

The majority of children were reported to departments of social services by school personnel (21.5%), law enforcement/legal (18.4%), relatives/parents (14.4%), anonymous/other (11.0%), mental health (10.9%), medical community (8.8%), social services staff (4.0%) and child care providers (.90%).

### What were the outcomes of these reports?

There were **6,459** children in founded investigations. Founded means that a review of the facts gathered during an investigation met the preponderance of the evidence standard.

There were **9,255** children involved in unfounded investigations.

There were **35,613** children involved in reports that received a family assessment. This means that a Child Protective Services worker completed a family services needs assessment with these families and developed a written safety plan and provided or arranged for services, if needed.

### What were the types of maltreatment in *founded* investigations?

In some reports, more than one type of maltreatment may have occurred. Of all the instances of maltreatment in completed founded investigations:

- **56.0%** 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.
- **27.9%** of the maltreatment was due to physical abuse.
- **9.8%** of the maltreatment was due to sexual abuse.
- **2.7%** of the maltreatment was due to mental abuse/neglect.
- **2.4%** of the maltreatment was due to medical neglect.

### Who were the children in *founded* investigations?

#### AGE\*\*

- **33.5%** of all victims were children younger than 4
- **42.6%** of all victims were children aged 4 -11
- **20.9%** of all victims were children aged 12-17

\*\*The age of 3.0% of the victims was unknown.

#### RACE\*\*\*

- **64.9%** of all victims were white
- **35.2%** of all victims were black
- **1.3%** of all victims were Asian

\*\*\*The race of .8% of the victims was American Indian, Native Hawaiian or unknown. This category allows for multiple responses per child and thus, may exceed 100%.

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### How many children died as a result of child abuse/neglect in SFY 2016?

- There were 128 investigations of child deaths due to suspected abuse or neglect that involved 129 children. (One investigation involved two children)
- Thirty-seven children died as a result of abuse or neglect.
- Thirty-one (84%) of these children were age 4 years or younger.
- Seventeen cases are pending as of 12-16-2016.

### Child Fatalities- SFY 2012 to SFY 2016<sup>1</sup>

Fiscal Year	Founded Fatalities	Unfounded Fatalities	Other (pending or appealed)	Total
<b>2016</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>129</b>
2015	52	74	5	131
2014	47	74	3	124
2013	36	70	0	106
2012	38	72	0	110

### Completed reports SFY 2012 to SFY 2016

Fiscal Year	Founded Investigations	Unfounded Investigations	Family Assessments	Total Completed CPS Reports
<b>2016</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>6,482</b>	<b>23,282</b>	<b>33,877</b>
2015	4,173	6,733	22,114	33,020
2014	4,312	6,728	21,867	32,907
2013	3,863	6,251	23,747	33,861
2012	4,103	6,464	24,911	35,478

### Children in completed reports SFY 2012 to SFY 2016

Fiscal Year	Founded	Unfounded	Family Assessment	Total
<b>2016</b>	<b>6,459</b>	<b>9,255</b>	<b>35,613</b>	<b>51,327</b>
2015	6,592	9,467	33,809	49,868
2014	6,792	9,608	33,736	50,136
2013	6,205	8,848	36,293	51,346
2012	6,365	8,974	37,336	52,675

### Ages of children in founded investigations from SFY 2012 to SFY 2016

Fiscal Year	Younger than 4 years of age	Ages 4 to 11	Ages 12-17	Unknown
<b>2016</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>3%</b>
2015	32%	43%	21%	4%
2014	30%	43%	22%	5%
2013	30%	43%	23%	4%
2012	31%	42%	23%	5%

<sup>1</sup> Data collected from Local Departments of Social Services as of 12-6-2016; previous years updated.