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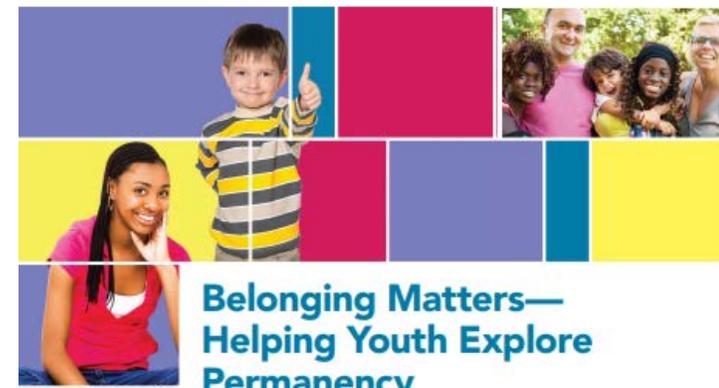
# What's New

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# Bulletins for Professionals

## ■ Belonging Matters – Helping Youth Explore Permanency



### Belonging Matters— Helping Youth Explore Permanency

If you are a child welfare or adoption professional working with youth in foster care, you have an important role in ensuring that young people explore adoption or other permanency options and understand the necessity of developing permanent connections for support and resilience as they near adulthood. Professionals need to help young people in transition fully explore and process what the different options may mean for them so they can make an informed decision—one that represents their best interests and sets them up for success.

Discussions with youth about permanency should take place over time, with close youth engagement and input. Child Welfare Information Gateway conducted a series of interviews with young people—those adopted from foster care and those who aged out of the system—to help illuminate the beliefs and concerns that motivate a desire for either achieving legal permanency or emancipating without it and the emotions behind them.

The following are tips based on the shared experiences of youth formerly in foster care, along with links to resources that may help you in your work. Names have been changed to protect identities.

#### WHAT'S INSIDE

Help youth understand what family, belonging, and permanency mean.

Help youth explore their permanency options—what they want and why.

Don't allow independent living to be glamorized.

Recognize that family loyalties may affect youths' desire to pursue permanency.

Encourage birth family connections.

Everyone's story is unique. Know the youth you work with. Listen. Advocate.

Be honest and direct with the youth you serve.

References



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# Factsheet

## Long-Term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect



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### Long-Term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect

Aside from the immediate physical injuries children can experience through maltreatment, a child's reactions to abuse or neglect can have lifelong and even intergenerational impacts. Childhood maltreatment can be linked to later physical, psychological, and behavioral consequences as well as costs to society as a whole. These consequences may be independent of each other, but they also may be interrelated. For example, abuse or neglect may stunt physical development of the child's brain and lead to psychological problems, such as low self-esteem, which could later lead to high-risk behaviors, such as substance use. The outcomes for each child may vary widely and are affected by a combination of factors, including the child's age and developmental status when the maltreatment occurred; the type, frequency, duration, and severity of the maltreatment; and the relationship between the child and the perpetrator. Additionally, children who experience maltreatment often are affected by other adverse experiences (e.g., parental substance use, domestic violence, poverty), which can make it difficult to separate the unique effects of maltreatment (Rosen, Handley, Cicchetti, & Rogosch, 2018).

#### WHAT'S INSIDE

Physical health consequences

Psychological consequences

Behavioral consequences

Societal consequences

Federal research on adverse childhood experiences

Preventing and reducing the long-term consequences of maltreatment

Conclusion

References



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# Numbers & Trends

## Child Maltreatment 2017: Summary of Key Findings



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This factsheet presents data from *Child Maltreatment 2017*, a report based on data submissions by State child protective services (CPS) agencies for Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2017. The full *Child Maltreatment 2017* report is available on the Children's Bureau website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2017>. The report includes comparison statistics for the last 5 years. These statistics indicate an increase in the overall rates of child victimization as well as an increase in the overall rates of children who received a response from a CPS agency.

States voluntarily provide data on child abuse and neglect to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) that are used for the annual Child Maltreatment report. States have their own definitions of child abuse and neglect based on standards set by Federal law.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, States' screening policies and responses to maltreatment may differ, as does what each State reports to NCANDS.

<sup>1</sup> For more information about State definitions, refer to Child Welfare Information Gateway's Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/statutes/define/>.

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#### WHAT'S INSIDE

How many allegations of maltreatment were reported and investigated?

Who reported child maltreatment?

Who were the child victims?

What were the most common types of maltreatment?

How many children died from abuse or neglect?

Who abused and neglected children?

Who received services, and what did they include?

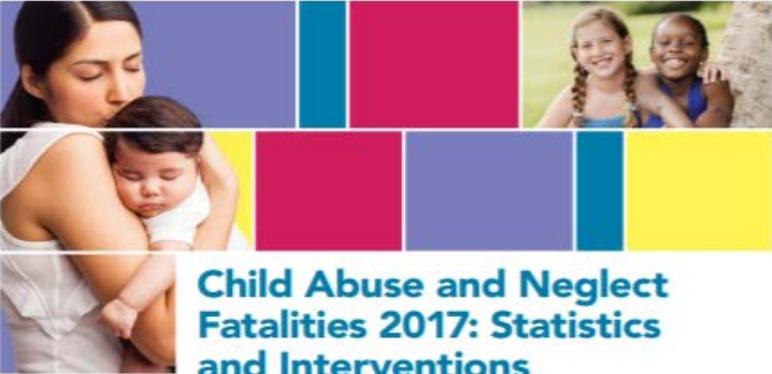


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# Numbers & Trends

## Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities 2017: Statistics and Interventions



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### Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities 2017: Statistics and Interventions

Despite the efforts of the child protection system, child maltreatment fatalities remain a serious problem.<sup>1</sup> Although the untimely deaths of children due to illness and accidents are closely monitored, deaths that result from physical abuse or severe neglect can be more difficult to track. This factsheet describes data on child fatalities and how communities can respond to this critical issue and, ultimately, prevent these deaths.

Unless otherwise noted, statistics in this factsheet are taken from the Children's Bureau's *Child Maltreatment 2017* (see <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2017>) and refer to Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2017. Statistics refer to the year in which the deaths were determined to be from maltreatment; in some cases, this may have been different from the year in which a child actually died.

<sup>1</sup> This factsheet provides information regarding child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect by a parent or a primary caregiver. Other child homicides, such as those committed by acquaintances and strangers, and other causes of death, such as unintentional injuries, are not discussed here. For information about leading causes of child deaths nationally from 1999 to 2015, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/nicpc/leadcaus10\\_us.html](http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/nicpc/leadcaus10_us.html). Statistics on child homicide from 1980 to 2011 can be obtained from the U.S. Department of Justice at <http://tjqs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2221> and <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=4863>.

**WHAT'S INSIDE**

- How many children die each year from child abuse and neglect?
- What groups of children are most vulnerable?
- How do these deaths occur?
- Who are the perpetrators?
- How do communities respond to child fatalities?
- How can these fatalities be prevented?
- Summary
- Additional resources
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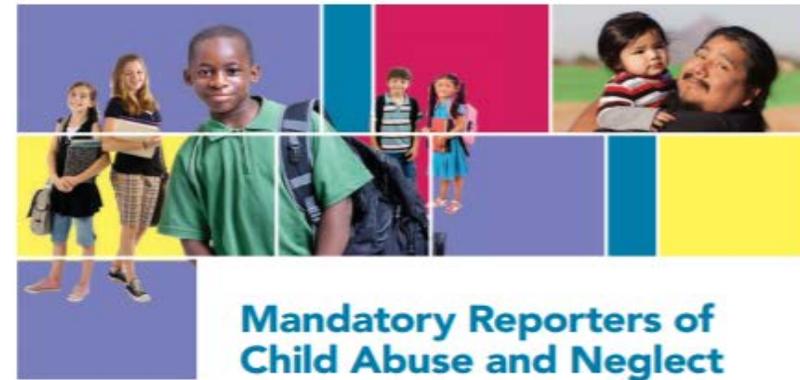
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# State Statutes

## ■ Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse & Neglect



### Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect

The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) requires each State to have provisions or procedures for requiring certain individuals to report known or suspected instances of child abuse and neglect.<sup>1</sup> For this publication, information regarding mandatory reporting laws was collected for all States. The results indicate that all States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands identify in statute the professionals and other persons who are required to report instances of suspected child maltreatment. These statutes also address reporting by other persons, the responsibilities of institutions in making reports, standards for making a report, and confidentiality of the reporter's identity.

<sup>1</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 5106a(b)(2)(B)(i)

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- Professionals required to report
- Reporting by other persons
- Institutional responsibility to report
- Standards for making a report
- Privileged communications
- Inclusion of the reporter's name in the report
- Disclosure of the reporter's identity
- Summaries of State laws

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- Partnering With Youth for Permanency Planning

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- Educational Stability: School Transportation
- Educational Stability: Joint Collaboration
- Considering Siblings in Permanency Planning
- Developing Culturally Competent Adoption Services
- How to Report Suspected Child Maltreatment
- Working With Children, Youth, and Families After Permanency
- Identification of Physical Abuse

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■ In the meantime, let's stay in contact

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