

Where to Find Child Abuse Data for Your State or Local Community

The following provide different sources of data about children and child abuse in your State. This information can be useful in making a compelling case for action in your community.

Child Maltreatment 2001

This annual publication is the primary vehicle through which the Federal government reports on child abuse and neglect statistics gathered through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). NCANDS is recognized as the official source for State and national data related to child abuse and neglect. NCANDS data are reported by State child protective services (CPS) agencies to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Appendix D of *Child Maltreatment 2001* also includes contact information for the person responsible for each State's data collection activities. *Child Maltreatment 2001* is available free of charge from the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, 1-800-394-3366, or online at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/publications/cm01/outcover.htm.

KIDS COUNT Data Book

The annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book* (www.aecf.org/kidscount), funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, provides State and national data on the educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children. The Casey Foundation also funds a nationwide network of state-level KIDS COUNT projects that provide a more detailed, community-by-community picture of the condition of children (www.aecf.org/kidscount/contacts.htm).

Prevent Child Abuse America 50 State Survey

The National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research, a program of Prevent Child Abuse America, has been collecting detailed information from all 50 States and the District of Columbia on the number and characteristics of child abuse reports, the number of child abuse fatalities, and changes in the funding and scope of child welfare services since 1986. The center provides an annual summary of these data to Prevent Child Abuse America's Chapter network, CPS agencies, advocates, policy-makers, researchers, and the public at-large. By providing these data, the center can document the scope of child abuse and neglect and its effective prevention strategies, and begin to establish child abuse and neglect prevention as a public policy priority at the national, State and local levels. See www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/research_docs/2000_50_survey.pdf for more information.

State Web Sites

Statistical information on children and families often can be located on your State's Web site. Through the Web site, you will be able to identify the department designated for addressing the needs of at-risk children and families (e.g., Department of Human Resources, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Children and Family Services, etc.).

