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Child Abuse In Kansas

As the Kansas Chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America, the Kansas Children’s Service League (KCSL) has received recent inquiries regarding child abuse and neglect.

The number of child abuse and neglect cases in Kansas that were screened in for investigation increased by 8% from 2010 to 2011. Of those, 34.7% were physical abuse cases and 11.4% were sexual abuse cases.

In the largest number of cases, the perpetrator is the parent. Nationwide in 2009, eighty percent of child abuse perpetrators were parents (including stepparents), 6.3 percent were relatives other than parents, and 4.3 percent were unmarried partners of parents.

A very small percentage of child abuse cases result in fatalities. In Kansas, unmarried partners of parents were responsible for 50% (5) of the child homicides that occurred in 2009.

The data below provides the most recent statistics for Kansas and nationwide.

State of Kansas Child Abuse and Neglect Information
Based on Kansas SRS data

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<th>FY 2010</th>
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<td>Reported Child Abuse and Neglect</td>
<td>56,291</td>
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<td>28,066</td>
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<td>Substantiated Child Abuse and Neglect</td>
<td>1,438</td>
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CINC Reports Screened In For Assessment FY 2011  
Based on Kansas SRS data  
Physical Abuse:                        34.7%  
Lack of Supervision:                18.8%  
Emotional Abuse:                     15.5%  
Physical Neglect:                      14.6%  
Sexual Abuse:                           11.4%  
Abandonment                                .7%  
Medical Neglect:                         4.4%  

Perpetrators by Relationship to Victims, 2009 National Data  
Based on Child Maltreatment, 2009, Duplicate Count*  
Parent                                       80.9%  
Relatives other than parents      6.3%  
Unmarried partners of parents  4.3%  

Of the perpetrators who were parents:  
Biological parents:                   84.7%  
Step parents:                               4.0%  
Adoptive Parents                        .7%  
Unknown                                    10.6%  

Perpetrators by Relationship to Victims, 2009 Kansas Data  
Based on Child Maltreatment 2009, Duplicate Count  
Parent                                       60.0%  
Relatives other than parents     16.2%  
Unmarried partners of parents  Not reported  

*Duplicate perpetrators: Counting a perpetrator each time the perpetrator is associated with maltreating a child in one or more reports. This is also known as a report-child-perpetrator triad. In other words, if a report-child pair record had three perpetrators, then three report-child-perpetrator triad records were created. The complete Child Maltreatment report for 2009 can be found at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/cm09.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/cm09.pdf)

At KCSL, we recognize that the most successful and evidence based approach to preventing child abuse/neglect is by strengthening the protective factors for a child’s parents which includes:

- Building a close bond between a child and their parents as early in life as possible
- Teaching parents about their child’s stages of development so parents know what is reasonable to expect
- Recognizing the impact stress has on their life and knowing how to manage through difficult times successfully
- Creating healthy and positive social connections so that a natural support network is available to their family
- Helping parents find sustainable resources to meet the basic needs of their children such as housing and food

Kansas children and families need a nurturing and supportive community to help them be the best they can. We are most successful when as Kansans we work together to help those in need.