

## Basic Facts

- **Child maltreatment (CM) is any act or series of acts of commission or omission by a parent or other caregiver that results in harm, potential for harm, or threat of harm to a child from birth through 17 years of age. It includes:**
  - ◇ Physical abuse
  - ◇ Sexual abuse
  - ◇ Neglect / negligence
  - ◇ Emotional ill-treatment
- **Consequences of child maltreatment include impaired lifelong physical and mental health, and impact social development and occupational outcomes.**
- **Preventing child maltreatment is possible and requires a multisectoral approach.**
- **Effective prevention programs support parents and teach positive parenting and child development (e.g. Triple P, Nurse Family Partnership, and Period of PURPLE Crying).**
- **Parents and caregivers are more likely to provide safe and healthy homes for their children when they have support of family, friends, neighbors and the community.**

## Reported Incidents

In 2012, DHS's Child Protective Services received 69,096 reports of child abuse and neglect (CA/N); nearly 30,850 reports were referred for investigation.

- 6,332 referrals were founded for abuse or neglect— involving 10,054 victims.
- 12.1 percent of victims were infants; nearly half of the victims were under 6 years old (Table 1).
- Physical/sexual abuse accounted for 13.6 percent of incidents; nearly 45 percent of the incidents were for threat of harm; and about 40 percent of them were neglect. Some victims might have experienced more than one type of maltreatment (Figure 1).

## Deaths

- From 2003 to 2012, 88 child fatalities were due to physical abuse. Among the 88 deaths, 15 children died from shaken baby syndrome.
- 28.4 percent of deaths occurred among infants; more than half of the victims were under 3 years old (Table 1).
- 61% of children were killed by their biological parents; 23% of children were killed by a boyfriend/girlfriend of the child's parent.

Threat of harm type by percent	
Domestic Violence	53%
Neglect	23%
Sexual Abuse	14%
Physical Abuse	8%
Mental Injury	1%

To report child abuse/neglect or get help, contact the local DHS child welfare office, or local law enforcement agency.

**Table 1. Number of victims by age, Oregon**

Year	Fiscal Year 2012		Calendar Years 2003-2012	
	Reported Child Maltreatment	%	Deaths due to physical abuse	%
<1	1,219	12.1	25	28.4
1	781	7.8	13	14.8
2	740	7.4	15	17.0
3	752	7.5	3	3.4
4	688	6.8	8	9.1
5	703	7	7	8.0
6	607	6	3	3.4
7	539	5.4	3	3.4
8	520	5.2	2	2.3
9	460	4.6	3	3.4
10	436	4.3	2	2.3
11	431	4.3	2	2.3
12	419	4.2	0	0.0
13	435	4.3	1	1.1
14	410	4.1	0	0.0
15	369	3.7	1	1.1
16	330	3.3	0	0.0
17	215	2.1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,054</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Data sources: 2012 Child Welfare Data Book, prepared by Children, Adults, and Families Division, DHS; 2003-2012 deaths: Oregon Violent Death Reporting System

**Figure 1. Types of Child Abuse/Neglect, Oregon, 2012**

