Child Abuse and Neglect in Georgia, 2013

Child Maltreatment in Georgia

Nationally, 3.5 million referrals were made to Child Protective Services (CPS), which includes 6.4 million children.

679,000 Unique victim counts of child abuse and neglect nationally

114,270 Children received a CPS report in Georgia

Child Victims in Georgia

19,062

Georgia Fatalities

90

103 of the total 502 Georgia child fatalities had a reported history of child maltreatment.

1,520 Children’s deaths were attributed to maltreatment, nationally.

Types of Maltreatment

Physical Abuse 2,207 victims*
The non-accidental physical injury of a child.

*Victim counts for Georgia in 2013

Sexual Abuse 806 victims*
Child exploitation for sexual gratification of an adult or older child.

Psychological (Emotional) Abuse 5,591 victims*
Excessive or aggressive behavior that places unreasonable demands on a child, usually occurs as verbal abuse.

Neglect 12,793 victims*
Failure to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, supervision or failure to meet emotional or psychological needs; neglect is the most common form of child abuse.

36% of victims were 3-years old or younger.

From 2009 to 2013, overall rates of victimization declined in Georgia by 18% from a total of 23,249 victims to 19,062 victims. 1

Georgia ranked 42nd in the nation for child well-being in 2014. 3
Cost of Child Maltreatment

The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in Georgia in 2012 ranges from $2 Billion to $3 Billion.

The national estimated total of direct costs of child maltreatment for 2012 is more than $33 billion and for indirect costs it is more than $44 billion.

Special Education: $826,174,734
Early Intervention: $247,804,537
Emergency/Transitional Housing: $1,606,866,538
Mental Health and Health Care: $270,864,199
Juvenile Delinquency: $3,416,149,283
Adult Criminal Justice System: $32,724,767,699
Lost Worker Productivity: $7,834,164,589

Resources in your Community

1-800-CHILDREN Helpline
Prevent Child Abuse Georgia’s helpline is an information and referral toll-free phone number for people who are concerned about the healthy development of children and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Callers will be connected to appropriate resources in their communities Monday through Friday from 8 am to 6 pm.

To Report Child Maltreatment
Suspected child abuse or neglect can be reported to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). Please call 1-855-GACHILD (1-855-422-4453) or email a completed mandated reporter form to cpsintake@dhr.state.ga.us. Reports are taken 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have an emergency, please call 911 or your local police department.

Mandated Reporter Training
For in-person training, please contact the Director of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, Julia Neighbors, at jneighbors@gsu.edu; for free online mandated reporter training visit www.preventchildabusega.org.


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