

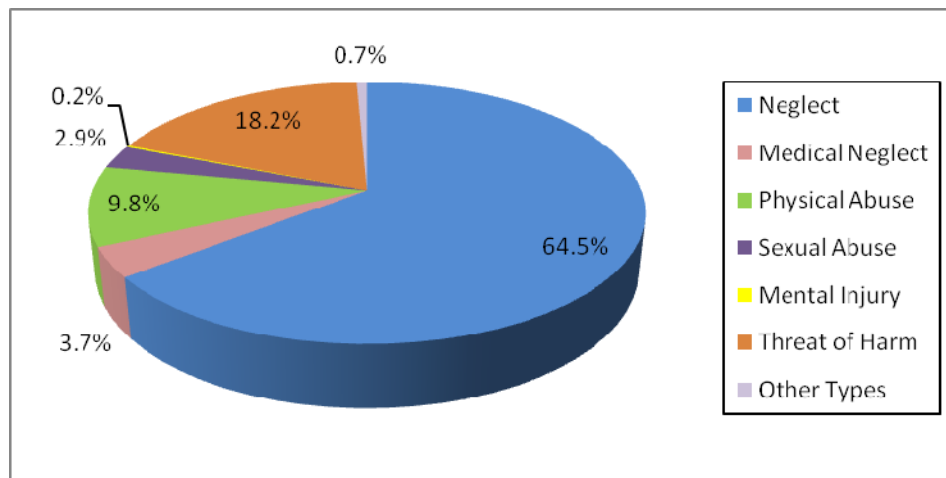


South Carolina: The Bare Facts about Child Abuse and Neglect

- ~ 21,000 reports/ year for suspected child abuse and neglect are made to DSS and Law Enforcement
- ~ 1 out of 3 reports/ year are indicated for abuse and/ or neglect¹
- In each indicated case of child abuse and neglect, ~ 2 child victims are involved
- ~ 1 out of 1100 child victims of abuse and/ or neglect dies²
- **Bottom line: 1 out of 80 children age 0-16 is a victim of child abuse and neglect**

The Impact of Child Abuse and Neglect

Indicated Reports by Maltreatment Type³



A Comparison of Child Abuse and Neglect and Other Pediatric Illnesses/ Conditions: Putting a Health Perspective to the Problem

In South Carolina:

- Child abuse is:
 - 6 times more common than Type I Diabetes
 - 9 times more common than Pediatric Cancer
 - 11 times more common than Sickle Cell Anemia
- Asthma is the only chronic childhood illness more prevalent than child abuse and neglect (6 times)
- Obesity as a health risk factor for adult morbidity and mortality occurs 7 times more often than child abuse and neglect
 - However, child maltreatment increases the occurrence of obesity 1.5 times

¹ 2007 South Carolina KidsCount

² 2004 SC State Child Fatality Advisory Committee

³ 2007 DSS Maltreatment Categories for Founded Determinations