Child Maltreatment is when a family member or caretaker neglects a child’s basic needs or inflicts physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse. Neglect is the most common type, followed by physical and then sexual and emotional abuse. To illustrate the scope and consequences of child maltreatment, we present the most accurate and recent available data. Nonetheless, they omit many cases that never come to the attention of the authorities.

Each year, among the 995,647 children in our area...

- 25,925 reports of child abuse or neglect are filed with children's services
- 11,227 children are victims of abuse or neglect
- 4,626 reports of child neglect are substantiated or indicated
- 4,825 reports of child physical abuse are substantiated or indicated
- 1,819 reports of child sexual abuse are substantiated or indicated
- 872 reports of child emotional abuse are substantiated or indicated
- 4,700 children are placed in custody
- >17,900 children live in homes where intimate partner violence is occurring*
- 1,925 children take shelter in a local domestic violence shelter**

Comparing Child Maltreatment to Other Children's Health Issues in West Medicaid MC Region

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Some quick notes about these figures

- Victim and report figures are for cases that are substantiated or indicated. Sometimes a single victim has multiple reports. Many reports remain unsubstantiated for lack of evidence.
- Do not compare data from county to county, because local agencies often use different procedures for entering data.
- Do not compare figures to data published previously: the methods and definitions have changed.
- * Rounded conservative estimate based on the 95% lower confidence limit of survey data
- **Figure only includes shelters in this area.
- "n/a" indicates there are no shelters in this area.

Family Violence is COMMON, CONSEQUENTIAL and CHANGEABLE!