



**Prevent Child Abuse**  
Kentucky™

# Child Abuse Prevention Month

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 pm - 2:00pm ET**

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1-800-CHILDREN  
Parent Helpline

# PCAK Mission

- To prevent the abuse and neglect of Kentucky's children.
- By Providing
  - Community Programs
  - Public Education
  - Advocacy

# Objectives

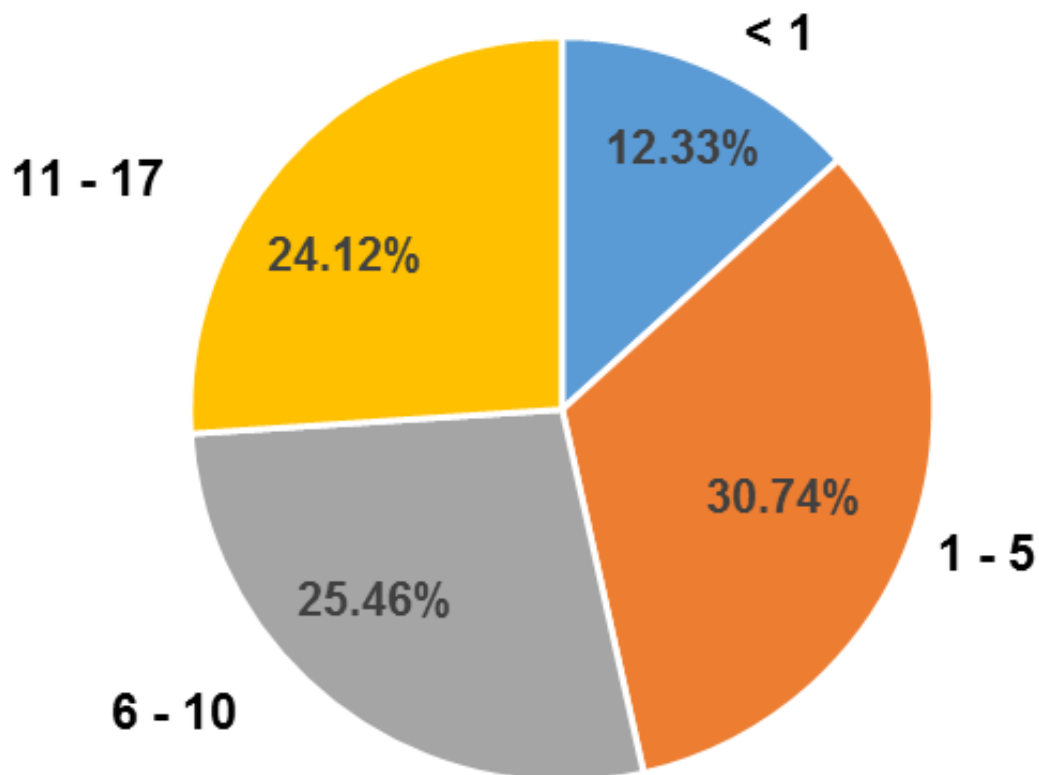
- Acknowledge the issue of child abuse in KY.
- Learn examples of how Libraries may be involved in April's Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Gain access to resources and PCAK Partners.
- Determine next steps towards planning for the 2018 Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign.

# Did You Know?

## 2016 DCBS TWIST Data

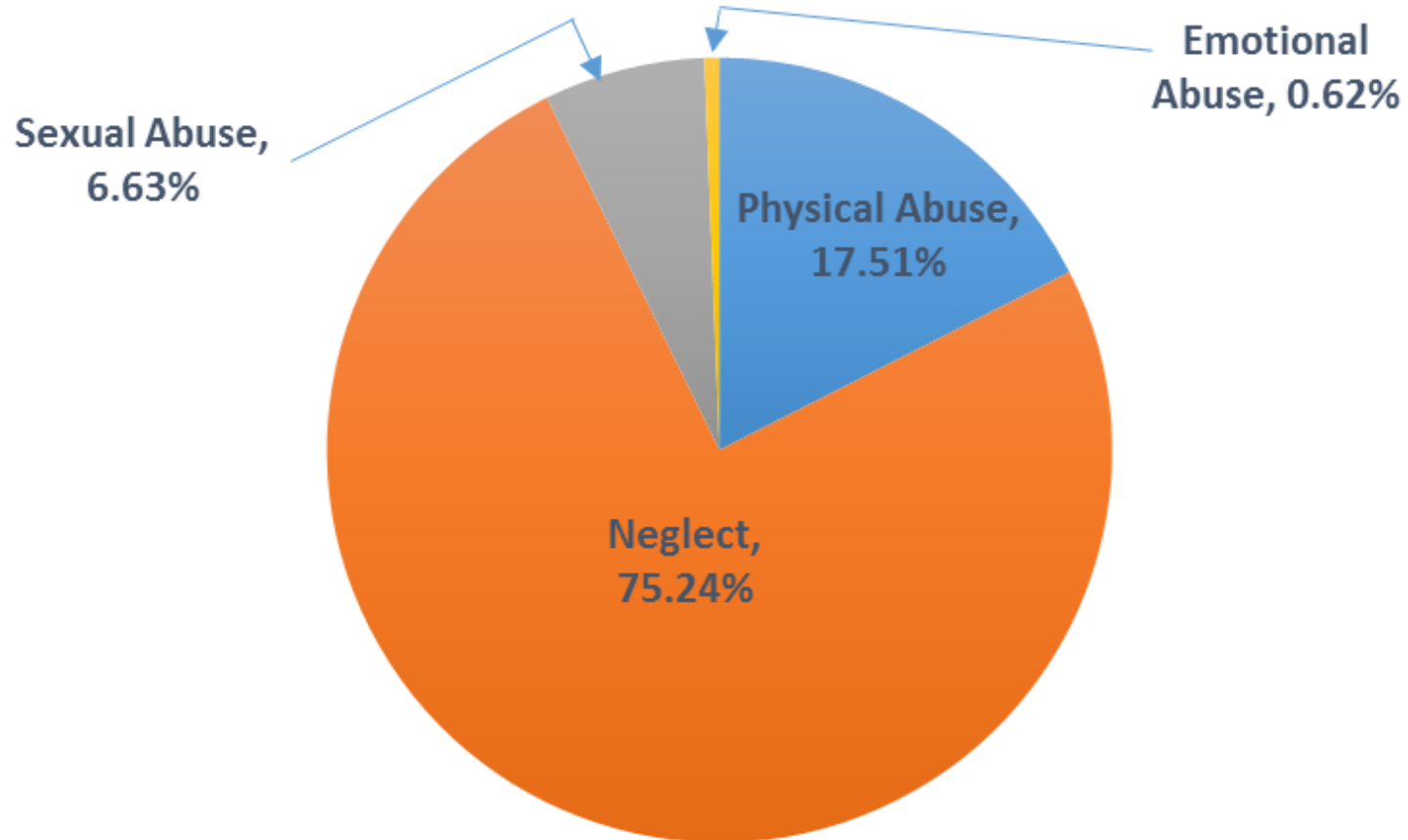
- **75,710** children were involved in reports meeting criteria for investigation
- **22,090** children were confirmed victims
  - ~ 60 children are confirmed as victims each day in Kentucky.
- **44** cases reviewed by the Child Fatality Review Panel regarding children who died and **72** cases where children came close to death (2015 data due to timing of reports.)
  - ~ 1 child will die or come close to death every **3** days in Kentucky

# Victims Substantiated by Age

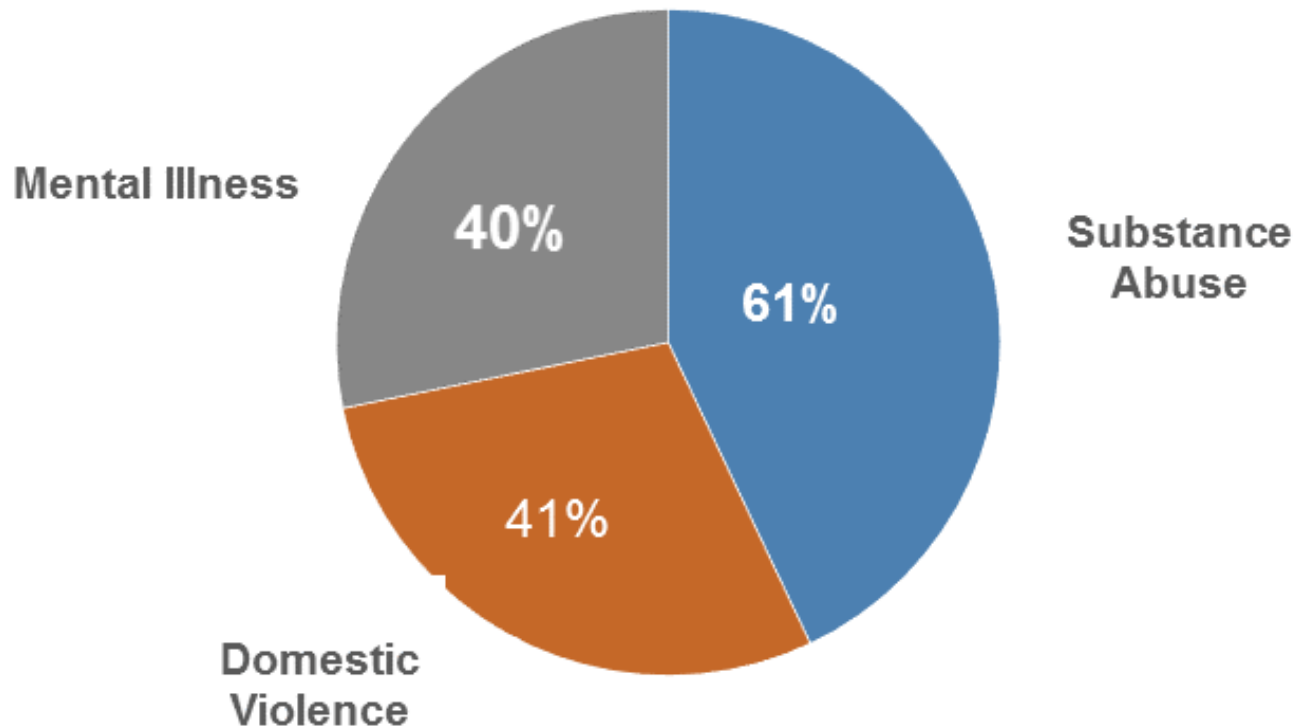


**Children <6 years old = 43.07%**

# Child Maltreatment by Type



# Substantiated Child Maltreatment Risk Factors



# What is child abuse?

Child abuse is defined as a non-accidental injury or a pattern of injuries to a child. Child abuse includes non-accidental physical injury, physical neglect, sexual abuse and emotional abuse.





# Kentucky Unified Juvenile Code

## KRS 620.030

### Basic principles:

- A child has a fundamental right to be safe and to be nurtured
- A child has a basic right to be raised by his/her own parents, whenever possible

### Mandated Reporting

- Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected or abused shall immediately make a report.
- In addition, the following persons may be required to submit more a more detailed report, including but not limited to: teacher, school personnel, child- caring personnel, etc.
- Also states, Any supervisor who receives from an employee a report...shall promptly make a report to the proper authorities for investigation.
- Reports will be assessed and investigated
- Social services provided to children experiencing maltreatment

# REPORTING CHILD ABUSE NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY

A Guide for People Who Work  
With Kentucky Children

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT  
FOR  
COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES



Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Child Abuse and  
Neglect  
Reporting Hotline  
1-877-597-2331

# April

# Child Abuse Prevention Month

During April, we want to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect, increase the community's capacity to strengthen families, educate children on their right to be safe and expand policy makers' understanding of child abuse prevention.

How will you participate in efforts to strengthen families, thereby preventing child abuse and creating healthier communities?

# Activities for Libraries

- Be involved in the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign. This campaign, using the national symbol for child abuse prevention, reminds us to do all we can to ensure every child has a safe and healthy childhood. The blue pinwheel symbolizes happiness, and is used to raise awareness about the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Involvement in the campaign is easy and fun! Be creative!
- Plant a Pinwheels for Prevention garden. Involve families & children in the community.
- Have a pinwheel coloring contest using the PCAK Pinwheel coloring sheet.

# Activities for Libraries

- Host a story hour focused on child abuse prevention.
- Distribute child abuse prevention resources and tip sheets for caregivers who might deal with parenting challenges.
- Include child abuse prevention information, CAPM community event details, parenting resources and prevention training opportunities in your community newsletter.

# Activities Libraries

- Host/sponsor an art contest in your community. Display the work at your library.
- Partner with community members to host a Child Abuse Prevention Walk. Have someone briefly speak about child abuse prevention month, and off you go to help bring awareness to preventing child abuse.
- Participate in [Wear Blue Day, Friday, April 6th](#). Post group photos wearing your blue on social media, using [#WearBlue4KYKids](#).
- Host a Dress Down Day for staff and raise money for Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky's programs across the state.

# Activities for Libraries

- Provide Mid-Morning Coffee and Donuts for those working to keep kids safe— invite local law enforcement and child protective service staff, to honor them in the work they do to keep families safe.
- Host a community forum to discuss issues facing families, setting up goals and ways to address these issues.
- Host a parent and caregiver celebration day. Celebrate all the good things that come with being a parent, the milestones met in child development, encouraging and empowering parents to keep up the good work.

# Activities for Libraries

- Display books and materials related to child abuse prevention for adults, youth and children.
- Display books on positive parenting.
- Host story hours for children on body safety.
- Provide training to all Library staff on child abuse prevention. For a menu of options, visit: <https://www.pcaky.org/trainings>
- Work with PCAK Partners in Prevention in community prevention and training efforts: <https://www.pcaky.org/partners-in-prevention>




# Photos



**Go Blue Day!**  
Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Event

Robertson County Public Library  
Wednesday - April 12, 2017  
606-724-5746

10:30 a.m. - Story Hour for Preschoolers with Ms. Christy  
11:30 a.m. - Free Lunch  
Noon - Story with RCS Preschoolers & Headstart  
Puppet Show by the RCS FCCLA  
12:30 p.m. - Reading Garden Mini-March & Balloon Launch



Come meet Ruby, the newest "volunteer-in-training" at the RCPLibrary

Strong, nurturing communities that are supportive of families can get involved and play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect and promoting child and family well-being.  
Stop by the RCPL to see how you can help!

National Library Week is April 9-15<sup>th</sup>



## Downloads and Tip Sheets

- CPS and CDV Reports by County CY 2016 3.16.17
- Data Facts CPS Calendar Year 2016
- Ages and Stages: A Parent`s Guide to Discipline Brochure
- Are You Safe Poster Download (White)
- As a Parent, What Can I Do to Reduce the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse?
- Child Sexual Abuse Risk Reduction Protocol for Youth-Serving Organizations
- Hold Them, Hug Them, Love Them, But Never Shake a Baby
- How to Choose a Safe Caregiver
- How Well Do you Know Your Love Interest Brochure
- Internet Safety Toolkit
- Preventing Child Neglect Brochure
- Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Brochure
- Recognizing Child Sexual Abuse – Know the Facts
- Tool to Keep Children Safe
- What Everyone Should Know About Preventing Child Abuse Brochure
- When a Child Talks About Sexual Abuse...





# Resources

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## Ages & Stages: A Parent's Guide to Discipline

**1-800-CHILDREN**  
(244-5373)

Confidential helpline of support, encouragement, information and local referrals for parents and caregivers. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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**SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE**

Listen to your child. Watch your child's behavior and reactions. Make sure you know your love interest well before you let him or her be alone with your child. If it's safe, ask for help and talk honestly with your:

- friends
- family
- spiritual leader
- health care provider
- family support worker
- or anyone you trust

Call 1-800-CHILDREN to find out about support groups and other parent resources in your area. Protect your children from registered sex offenders living in Kentucky. For a complete list visit [kysenstate.ky.gov](http://kysenstate.ky.gov).

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### How well do you know your love interest?

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## Preventing Child Sexual Abuse


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## What Everyone Should Know About

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Lapel Pins



Pinwheels



Bookmarks



Posters



Yard Signs



Lapel Stickers



<https://www.pcaky.org/posters>

<https://www.pcaky.org/pcak-merchandise>



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**GOVERNOR & FIRST LADY**  
**MATT BEVIN & GLENNA BEVIN**

ALONGSIDE PREVENT CHILD ABUSE KY  
AS WE PLANT PINWHEELS TO SPREAD  
AWARENESS FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

**March 22nd**

2:00PM - 3:30PM EST

**CAPITOL AVENUE, FRANKFORT**  
**ON FRONT CAPITOL LAWN**

\*RAIN OR SHINE\*





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5K Run/Walk



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**Register Now!**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

**Kentucky Horse Park**

**Run. Walk. Donate.**  
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**Kids' Activities**  
(Including a 1K!)

**Family Fun**

**Prizes and More!**

12:00 p.m. • Registration  
12:30 p.m. • Kids' 1K Race  
1:00 p.m. • 5K Race

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Please contact Kendra Lopez at [klopez@pcaky.org](mailto:klopez@pcaky.org) or (859) 225-8879 with questions.

<https://5k.pcaky.org/>

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THE

**22nd Annual  
Kids Are Worth It!®  
Conference**

**SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2018  
Crowne Plaza, Louisville**

<https://www.pcaky.org/event/kids-are-worth-it-conference>

# Questions/Comments?



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