



Measuring Child Maltreatment: Multi-National Perspectives on Surveillance

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)
USA

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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Overview
- How is NCANDS data used?
- A sample of reports from the NCANDS data.
- What mental health data does NCANDS contain?
- A sample of reports using the mental health data elements.

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NCANDS OVERVIEW

- Federally sponsored data collection effort
- Sponsored by The Children's Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.
- Established in 1988 by the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
- All submissions are voluntary by States

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NCANDS OVERVIEW

- Data are submitted by all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico on an annual basis using the Federal fiscal year as the submission period.
- Data are collected at the case level for children who received an investigation or assessment by a CPS agency .
- States that cannot submit case-level data submit aggregated counts for key indicators.
- The NCANDS data set can be obtained from: National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect at Cornell University www.ndacan.cornell.edu

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NCANDS HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **1988** - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
- **1988-1990** - Representatives from 42 States provided input to design the data collection and analysis system.
- **1991** - A working paper was published of 1990 data submitted to NCANDS.
- **1996** - The first working paper containing case-level data was Published using 1993 data.
- **2000** - Transition to modified data files
- **2001** - Case-level data used
- **2003** - FFY data collection
- **2008** - 47 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia submitted case level data.

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NCANDS HISTORICAL TIMELINE

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WHAT DATA ARE SUBMITTED TO NCANDS?

- 146 Child File fields are grouped within a record by category:
 - Report
 - Child
 - Maltreatment
 - Child & Caregiver Risk Factors
 - Services
 - Staff
 - Perpetrator
 - Additional Fields

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SUBMISSION FORMAT

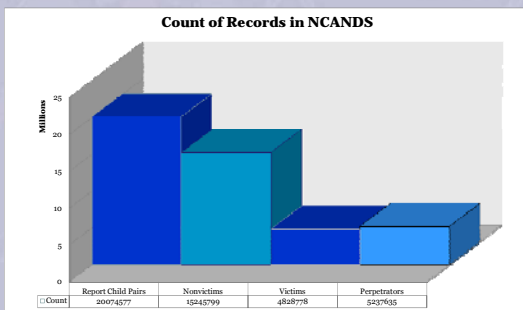
- Child file (case-level data) are submitted by report-child pair
 - A given child may appear in the Child File in more than one report.
 - The combination of the report ID and the child ID creates a report-child pair (R-C pair, identical to a single record).

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Data in NCANDS 2003-2008

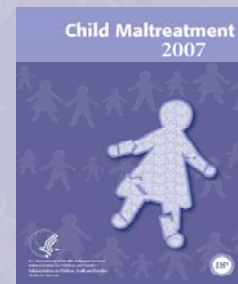


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ANNUAL CHILD MALTREATMENT REPORT



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ANNUAL CHILD MALTREATMENT REPORT

The report has several components:

- Summary—key points: Highlights from the Report
- 7 chapters—data and analyses
 - Introduction, Reports, Children, Fatalities, Perpetrators, Services, Additional Research
- 5 appendices—additional resources

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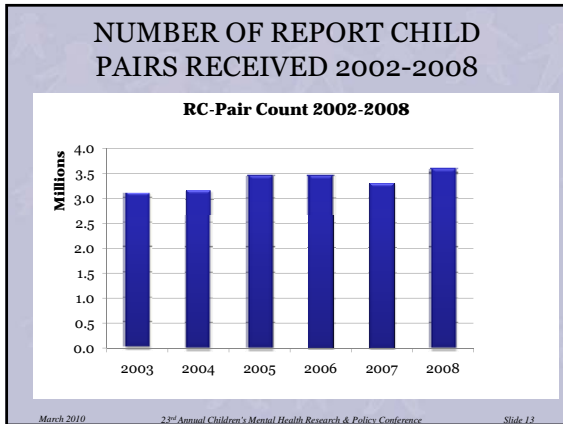
WHERE ARE NCANDS DATA USED?

- NCANDS data are a critical source of information for many publications, reports, and activities of the Federal Government and other groups
 - Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Report
 - The AFCARS report (TAR)
 - Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)
 - Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention State Grants (CBCAP)
 - Fourth National Incidence Study (NIS-4)
 - National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being
 - Statistical Abstract of the United States
 - America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being
 - House Committee on Ways and Means Greenbook
 - Nonfatal Maltreatment of victims less than 1 year old. Child Morbidity and Mortality report CDC.

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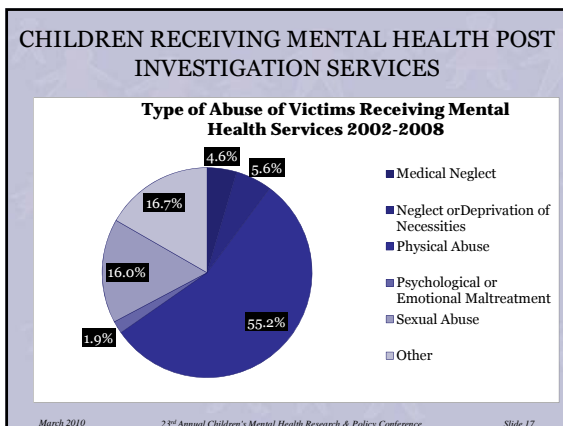
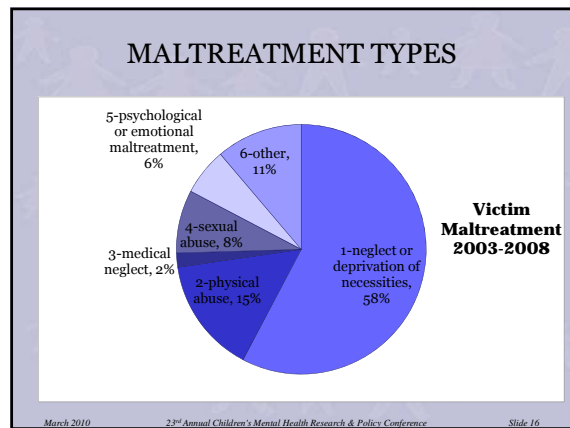


Mental Health Components of NCANDS Data

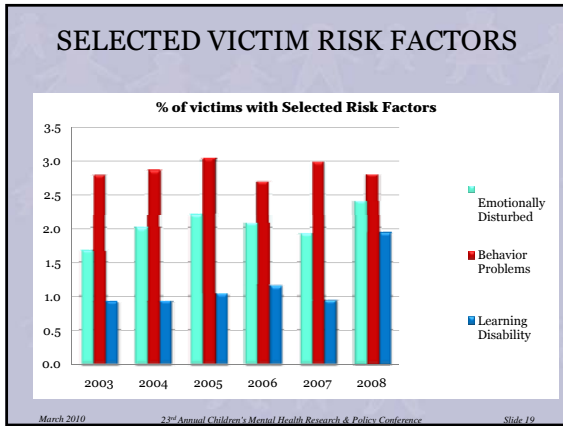
- Note: All data tables and charts contain only data for states that reported the specific data item.

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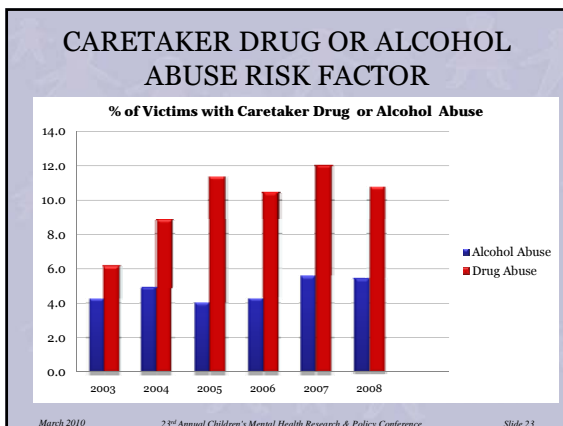
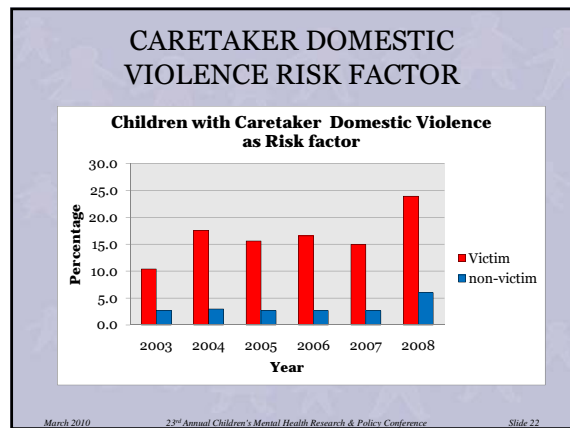
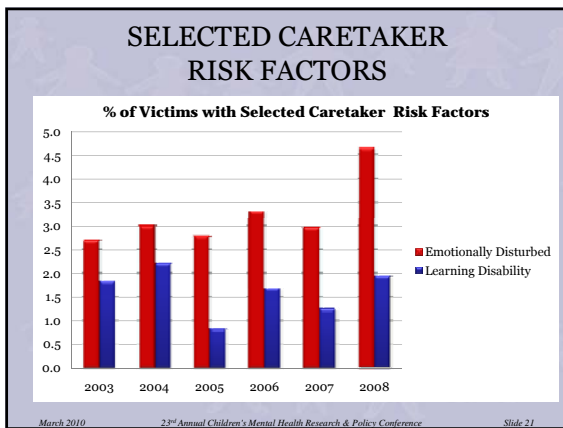
- ### TYPES OF ABUSE NEGLECT
- Medical Neglect
 - Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities
 - Physical Abuse
 - Psychological or Emotional Maltreatment
 - Sexual Abuse
 - Other Abuse or Maltreatment
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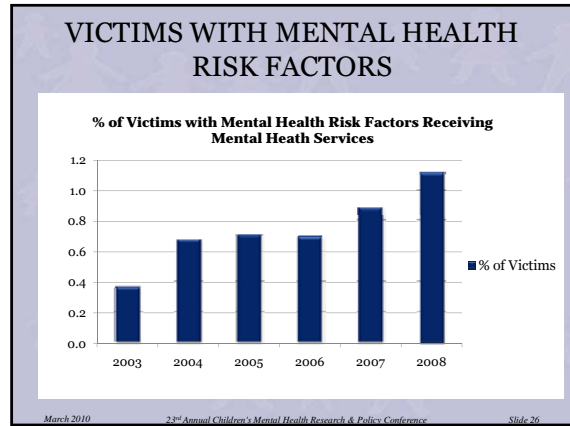
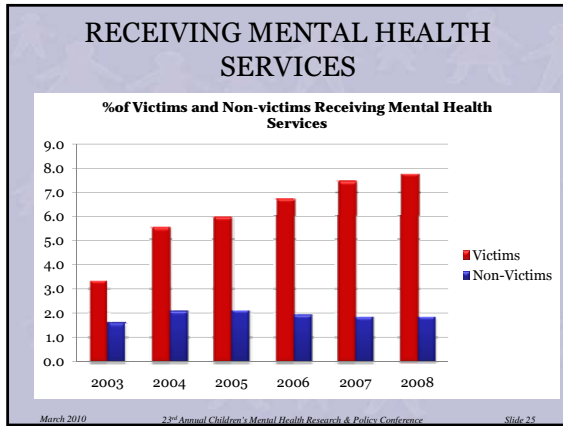
- ### CHILD RISK FACTORS
- Child Victim Risk Factors
 - Alcohol abuse
 - Substance abuse
 - Emotional disturbed
 - Behavior problems
 - Learning disability
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- ### VICTIM CARETAKER RISK FACTORS
- Alcohol abuse
 - Substance abuse
 - Emotionally disturbed
 - Domestic violence
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- ### CHILD RECEIVING SERVICES
- Post investigation Services
 - Counseling Services
 - Mental health Services
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