Measuring Child Maltreatment: Multi-National Perspectives on Surveillance

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

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 - FYF data collection

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

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.
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

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).

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

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.
**Types of Abuse: Neglect**

- Medical Neglect
- Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities
- Physical Abuse
- Psychological or Emotional Maltreatment
- Sexual Abuse
- Other Abuse or Maltreatment

**Maltreatment Types**

- 5- Psychological or emotional maltreatment, 5%
- 4- Medical neglect, 2%
- 3- Physical abuse, 15%
- 2- Neglect or deprivation of necessities, 9%
- 6- Other, 11%

**Children Receiving Mental Health Post Investigation Services**

- Medical Neglect: 16.7%
- Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities: 55.2%
- Physical Abuse: 16.0%
- Psychological or Emotional Maltreatment: 4.6%
- Sexual Abuse: 0.6%
- Other: 5.6%

**Child Risk Factors**

- Child Victim Risk Factors
  - Alcohol abuse
  - Substance abuse
  - Emotional disturbed
  - Behavior problems
  - Learning disability
SELECTED VICTIM RISK FACTORS

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% of victims with Selected Risk Factors

Emotionally Disturbed
Behavior Problems
Learning Disability

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SELECTED CARETAKER RISK FACTORS

• Alcohol abuse
• Substance abuse
• Emotionally disturbed
• Domestic violence

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CARETAKER DRUG OR ALCOHOL ABUSE RISK FACTOR

• Post investigation Services
  – Counseling Services
  – Mental health Services

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CHILD RECEPTOR SERVICES
RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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% of Victims and Non-victims Receiving Mental Health Services

VICTIMS WITH MENTAL HEALTH RISK FACTORS

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% of Victims with Mental Health Risk Factors Receiving Mental Health Services

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