

WISCONSIN CHILD WELFARE FACT SHEET

Child Abuse and Neglect

Over **42,500** child abuse and neglect reports in 2002

At least **9,000** Wisconsin children are victims of substantiated abuse and neglect every year

12 children died from abuse and neglect in 2002

Costs of Child Abuse

\$789 million a year or **\$2.16 million** a day is the estimated cost of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin.

- **\$501.8 million** in **direct costs**: *Hospitalization, Chronic Health Problems, Mental Health Care System, Child Welfare Services, Law Enforcement, Judicial System*
- **\$287.2 million** in **indirect costs**: *Special Education, Mental Health and Health Care, Juvenile Delinquency, Lost Productivity to Society, Adult Criminality*

Foster Care

	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Milwaukee</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Kids in Foster Care (2003)	6,600	3,500	53%

Foster Care Payments

	<u>Age 2</u>	<u>Age 9</u>	<u>Age 16</u>
Wisconsin	\$302	\$329	\$391
Mid West Average (Excluding WI)	\$479	\$498	\$557

Child and Family Service Review (CFSR)

State failed 10 out of 14 standards including:

- Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect
- Children have permanency and stability in their living situations
- Children receive services to meet their physical and mental health needs

Sources: Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund 2001-03 Biennial Report (CAN Statistics and Cost of Child Abuse), *KidsFirst* Initiative: Part 2 Safe Kids (Foster Care Payments), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Final Report Wisconsin Child and Family Service Review (CFSR)