

# CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

## WITHIN FOSTER CARE

When a child is taken out of an abusive, dangerous, or neglectful situation and placed within foster care, it is not always an immediate happy ending. Although not too common, child maltreatment still does exist within foster care, and it is important to watch for signs of maltreatment in order to be addressed.

*SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO LOVE YOU WILL HURT YOU AS WELL.*

### TYPES OF ABUSE



#### Physical Abuse

Willful bodily injury inflicted upon a child.



#### Emotional Abuse

Unjustifiable mental suffering inflicted upon a child that endangers the child's health.



#### Neglect

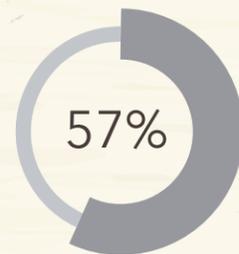
The failure of a parent or caretaker to provide a child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision.



#### Sexual Abuse

Victimization of a child by sexual assault or exploitation.

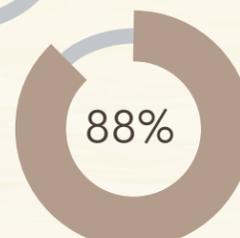
### GENERAL ABUSE BY THE NUMBERS



57% of all children in foster care are at a high risk of abuse or neglect.

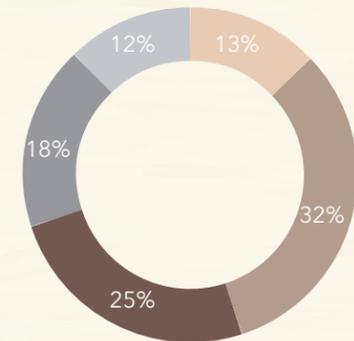


Over 28% of all children in foster care homes are abused or neglected.



88% of reported abuse cases are not properly investigated.

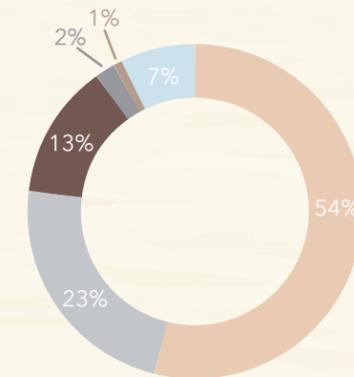
### DEMOGRAPHICS OF ABUSED CHILDREN



BY AGE

- Less than 1
- Ages 1 to 5
- Ages 6 to 10
- Ages 11 to 14
- Ages 15 to 17

- Latino
- White
- African-American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Other/Unknown

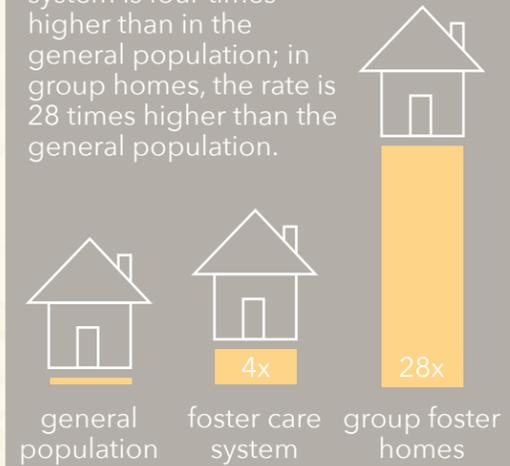


BY ETHNICITY

### SEXUAL ABUSE IN FOSTER CARE

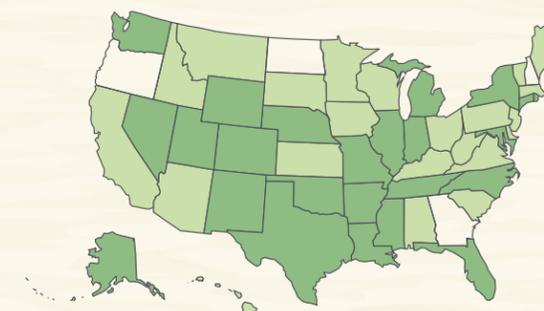
As many as 75% of all children in the foster care, will experience sexual abuse.

A study by John Hopkins University found that the rate of sexual abuse within the foster care system is four times higher than in the general population; in group homes, the rate is 28 times higher than the general population.

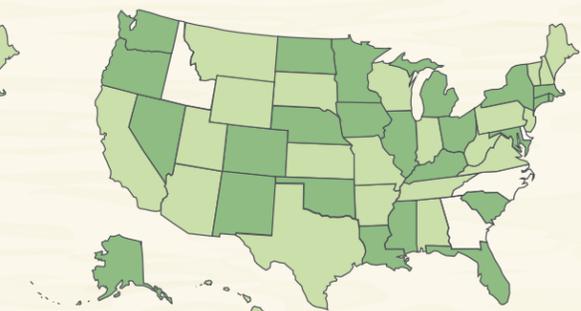


### PREVALENCE OF ABUSE IN THE US

- States with lower rates of child abuse/neglect
- States with higher rates of child maltreatment
- States with no data on child maltreatment



2008



2012

Despite the shocking statistics showing the prevalence of maltreatment in the foster care system, some states have proven to have extremely low rates of child abuse. States such as South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming consistently report extremely low rates of child maltreatment in the foster care system. The maps above indicate which states report low rates, or even no prevalence of maltreatment at all, and which states report higher rates, comparing the data of 2008 with that of 2012.

