



IDENTIFYING CHILD ABUSE AND HOW THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING SERVED?

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Objectives

- Child Maltreatment
- Indicators of Abuse and Neglect
- Reporting
- Services

Child Maltreatment

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Physical

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Neglect

Abandonment

Emotional

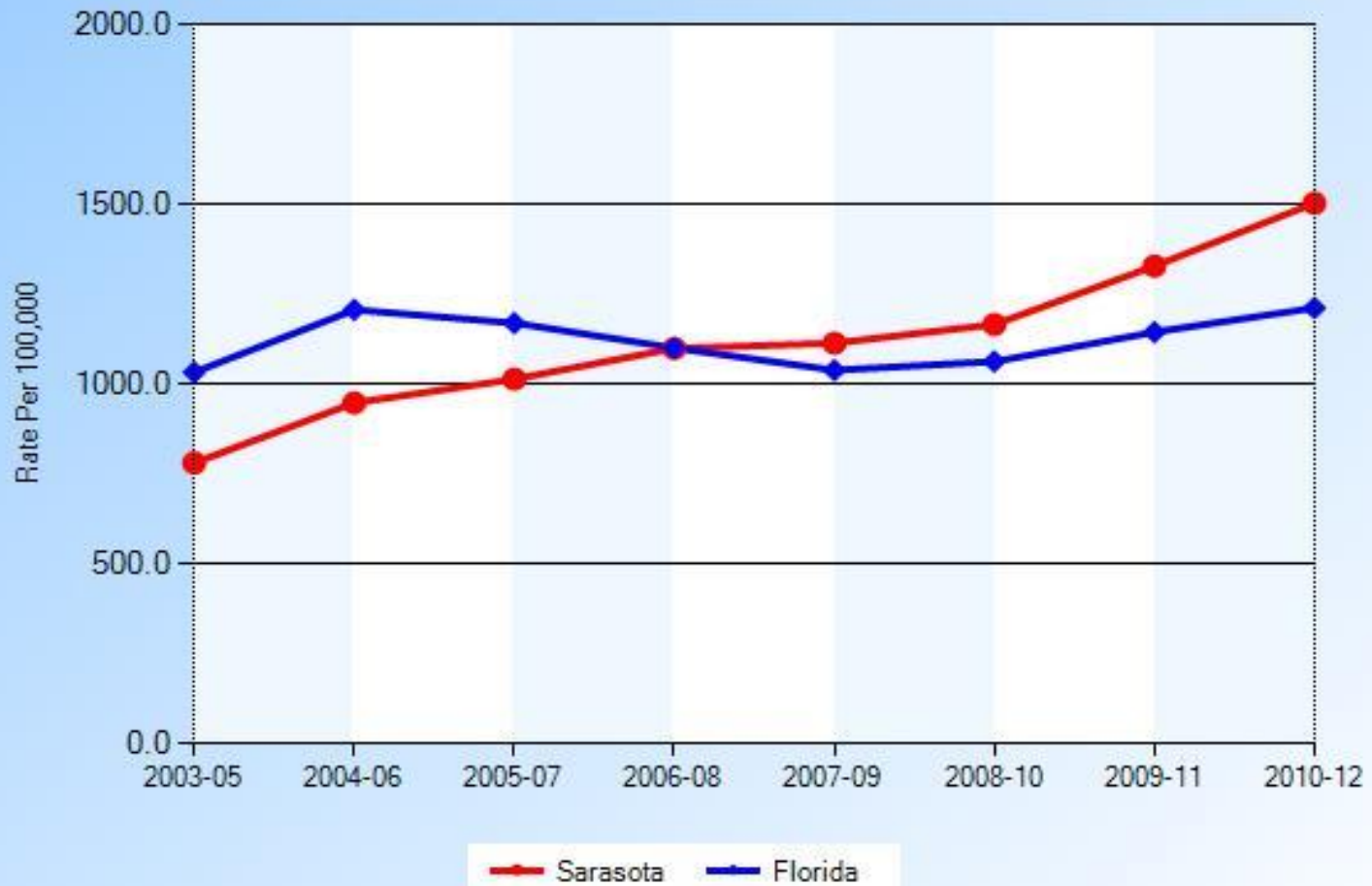
Guiding Principles

- **Parents Rights**
- **Intervention must be Federal and State Law guided.**
- **CAPTA – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act 1974**
- **ASFA- Adoption and Safe Families Act 1997 Promotes: Safety, Permanency, Child and Family Well-being.**

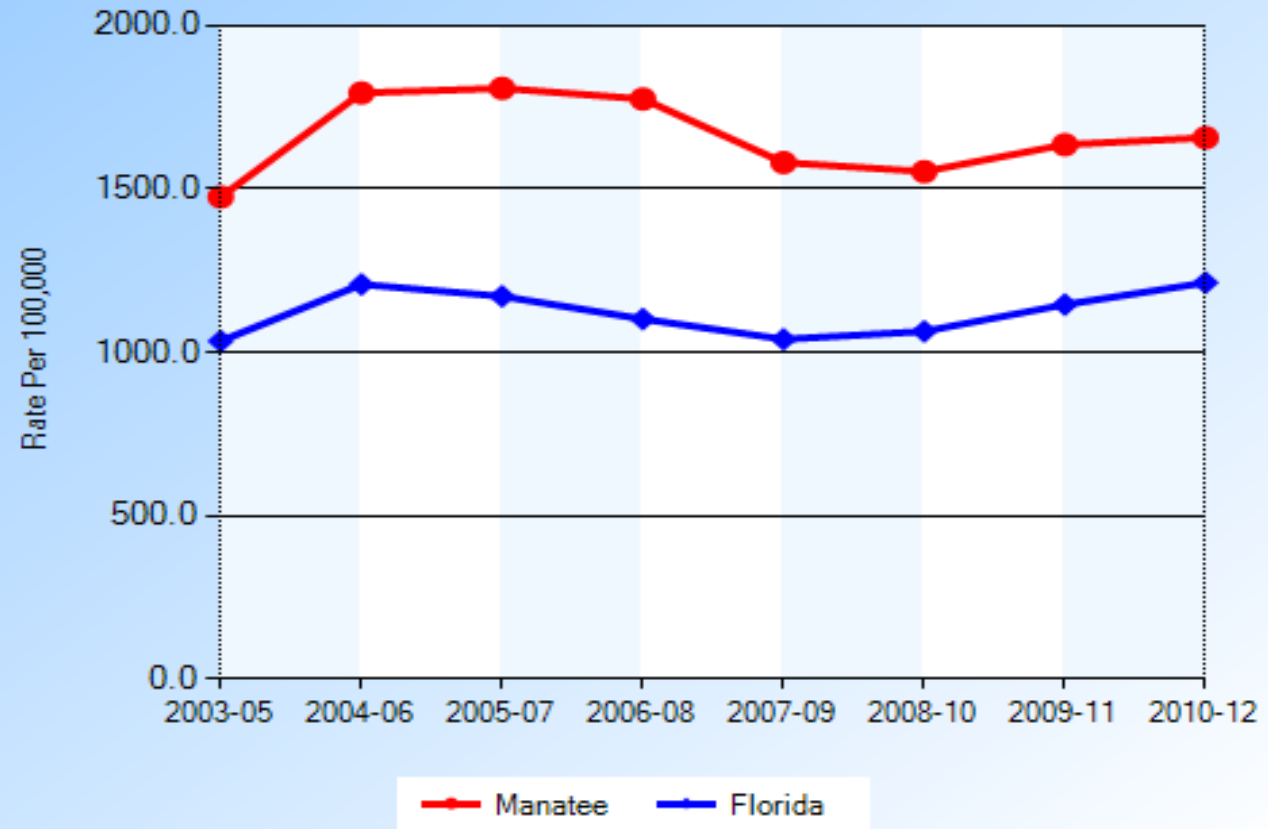
Statistics-2012 study

- 1 out of 7 girls and 1 out of 25 boys is sexually abused in the US before age 18.
- 94% of these children was victimized by someone they knew.
- Florida is the 2nd deadliest state for children.
- Est. 1,640 children in the US died as a result of abuse and/or neglect in 2012.
- 27% of victims were maltreated by their mother, 17.1% were by father.
- 33.6% of victims were less than 4 years old.
- 51% were girls
- 47.2% of victims were White; 29.4% were African-American; 17.2% were Hispanic.

Children experiencing child abuse ages 5-11, 3-Year Rolling Rates



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Year	Sarasota		Florida	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
2003-05	531	781.4	47,619	1033.7
2004-06	666	948.6	56,699	1207.4
2005-07	733	1014.6	55,893	1170.7
2006-08	790	1100.0	52,974	1101.2
2007-09	794	1114.7	50,102	1039.4
2008-10	818	1166.8	50,392	1063.6
2009-11	920	1329.2	53,452	1145.4
2010-12	1,030	1503.9	55,913	1212.6

Children experiencing child abuse ages 5-11, 3-Year Rolling Rates

Year	Manatee		Florida	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
2003-05	1,054	1475.2	47,619	1033.7
2004-06	1,324	1793.5	56,699	1207.4
2005-07	1,366	1807.6	55,893	1170.7
2006-08	1,359	1775.0	52,974	1101.2
2007-09	1,215	1580.2	50,102	1039.4
2008-10	1,190	1552.8	50,392	1063.6
2009-11	1,253	1635.2	53,452	1145.4
2010-12	1,273	1656.4	55,913	1212.6



Defining Abuse and Neglect

- **Abuse**- “Any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental or sexual injury or harm that causes or is likely to cause a child’s physical, mental or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Abuse of a child includes acts or omissions. “ (Ann. Stat. S39.01)

Defining Abuse and Neglect

- **Neglect-** “Occurs when a child is deprived of, or is allowed to be deprived of, necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical treatment; or a child is permitted to live in an environment when such deprivation or environment causes the child’s physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired or to be in danger of being significantly impaired. “ (Ann. Stat. S39.01)

Defining Abuse and Neglect

- Emotional Abuse- “Mental injury means an injury to the intellectual or psychological capacity of a child as evidenced by a discernible and substantial impairment in the ability to function within the normal range of performance and behavior.” (Ann. State. S39.01)



Sexual Abuse

- **Sexual Abuse**- “inappropriate adolescent or adult sexual behavior with a child. It includes fondling a child’s genitals, making the child fondle the adult’s genitals, intercourse, incest, rape, sodomy, exhibitionism, sexual exploitation, or exposure to pornography. It may be committed by a person under the age of 18 when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the perpetrator is in the a positon of power or control of the child.” (Ann. Stat. S 39.01)

Abandonment

- Abandonment- “occurs when the parent or legal custodian of a child or, in the absence of a parent or legal custodian, the caregiver, while being able , makes no provision for the child’s support and has failed to establish or maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the child. “ (Ann. Stat. S39.01)

Indicators of Abuse/Neglect

- Know the Signs of Child Abuse [Kirby Productions](#)



REPORTING CHILD ABUSE



Federal and State Legislation

- **CAPTA – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act 1974-specific to sexual abuse and failing to provide medical treatment.**
- **ASFA- Adoption and Safe Families Act 1997 Promotes: Safety, Permanency, Child and Family Well-being**
- **FERPA- Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 1974- relevant to educators for reporting and able to access school records.**
- **Florida State Law ; Chapter 39;each state is individual**

WHO-WHAT-WHEN-HOW?

- Mandated reporters-MUST REPORT NAME
 - Health and Mental Health
 - Teachers/School officials
 - Social Workers
 - Daycare
 - Judges
 - Law Enforcement
 - Residential Care worker

WHO-WHAT-WHEN-HOW?

- Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, as defined in this chapter, or that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide supervision and care shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the department in the manner prescribed in subsection (2).
- (b) Any person who knows, or who has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused by an adult other than a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, as defined in this chapter, shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the department in the manner prescribed in subsection (2).
- (c) Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is the victim of childhood sexual abuse or the victim of a known or suspected juvenile sexual offender, as defined in this chapter, shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the department in the manner prescribed in subsection (2). **DO NOT HAVE TO REPORT NAME**



How To Make A Report

- PHONE 800-96ABUSE (800-962-2873)
- FAX 800-914-0004
- WEB Report- not recommended
- Spanish, Creole
- False Reporting



SERVICES

- Community Based Care Origin
- Infrastructure-Agency collaborations
- DCF Role



Judicial and Non Judicial Cases

Judicial

- DCF has determined that case must be made judicial due to the degree of cooperation and/or level of maltreatment.
- Child(ren) may or may not have been removed.
- Court, appointed roles, timeline
- Case Plan
- Case Manager Role

Non Judicial

- Children are not removed and there is no court intervention.
- Case Plan
- Roles involved, timeline

Service Providers

- First Step
 - Manatee Glens
 - Coastal Behavioral Health
 - Jewish Family Services
 - 40 Carrots
 - Salvation Army
 - SPARCC
 - HOPE
 - Early Learning Coalition
 - BAANK
 - The Florida Center
 - Healthy Start
 - Healthy Families
 - Domestic Violence Intervention Programs
 - All Faith's Food Bank
 - Manatee and Sarasota Memorial Hospital
 - DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota County Health Department
- WATCH
- Children's Medical Services
 - School Boards
 - Manatee Children's Services
 - Child Protection Center
 - Family Partnership Center
 - Whole Child Manatee
 - Mothers Helping Mothers
 - The Sarasota Y
 - Early Steps
 - Children First
 - Healing Transitions
 - Bayside Behavioral Health
 - Kinship Services
 - Harvest House

Permanency For Children

- Goals
 - Reunification
 - Adoption
 - Permanent Guardianship
 - Fit and Willing Relative

Desoto County

Monthly Children Served (Undup) 80

Children Primary Jurisdiction 65

Children Residing in Out of Home Care 46

Children Residing in Licensed Out of Home Care 19

Manatee County

Monthly Children Served (Undup) 627

Children Primary Jurisdiction 550

Children Residing in Out of Home Care 421

Children Residing in Licensed Out of Home Care 161

Sarasota County

Monthly Children Served (Undup) 436

Children Primary Jurisdiction 369

Children Residing in Out of Home Care 240

Children Residing in Licensed Out of Home Care 103

ALLEGATIONS FOUND AS VERIFIED codes/allegation	December-14	
Substance Exposed	21	
Family Violence Thrtn Harm	20	
Physical Injury	15	
Sexual Abuse	6	
Inadequate Supervision	6	
Environmental Hazards	6	
Failure to Protect	5	
Threatened Harm	4	
Abandonment	2	
Bizarre Punishment	1	
Burns/Scalds	1	
Medical Neglect	0	
Failure to Thrive	0	
Death	0	
Manatee County	87	

2013-2014

County	D/A Abuse by Parent	Inadequate Supervision, Medical, Physical Neglect	Incarceration of Parents	Domestic Violence	Child Behavior/ Abandonment	Inadequate Housing
Desoto	26	6	11	12		17
Manatee	125	55	47	45	42	
Sarasota	122		29	29	33	30

Resources and Credits

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration on Children, Youth and Families
- Child Protection Center
- Department of Children And Families
- Child Welfare Information Gateway
- Children's Bureau