THE ECONOMICS OF CHILD ABUSE
A STUDY OF THE BAY AREA

Through the costs of child abuse extend far beyond the scope of just the individual victim and family, as well as the victim’s medical costs, and the community continues to incur the same cost each year until we are able to reduce and ultimately end child abuse.

WE ALL PAY THE PRICE FOR CHILD ABUSE.

CASE IN POINT

Every 9 minutes, a child abuse case is reported in the Bay Area.

FACT

Child abuse incidents are vastly underreported and could cost the community as much as $6.5 BILLION.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Child abuse survivors need more assistance from CHILD WELFARE services.

Survivors are more likely to fall into the CRIMINAL JUSTICE system.

Survivors of abuse need extra support in EDUCATION.

Survivors require more physical and mental HEALTHCARE.

Survivors have more difficulty holding down a job, impacting ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY.

WHO PAYS?

The OPPORTUNITY

If we directed half of what we pay for child abuse into prevention, it would increase:

- Economic Prosperity & Equality
- Healthy & Thriving Communities
- Safe & Happy Children

and reduce child abuse by up to 48%.

ENDING CHILD ABUSE PROTECTS CHILDREN AND THE ECONOMY.

Let’s Cut The CostOfAbuse, Once And For All.
http://safeandsound.org/costofabuse

FACT

3.6+ MILLION cases of child abuse reported in the U.S. every year.

$2 BILLION cost to the Bay Area community for the 5,775 verified cases last year.

64,000 reports of child abuse in the Bay Area every year.

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$20,000 every day.

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