

THE ECONOMICS OF CHILD ABUSE

A STUDY OF THE BAY AREA

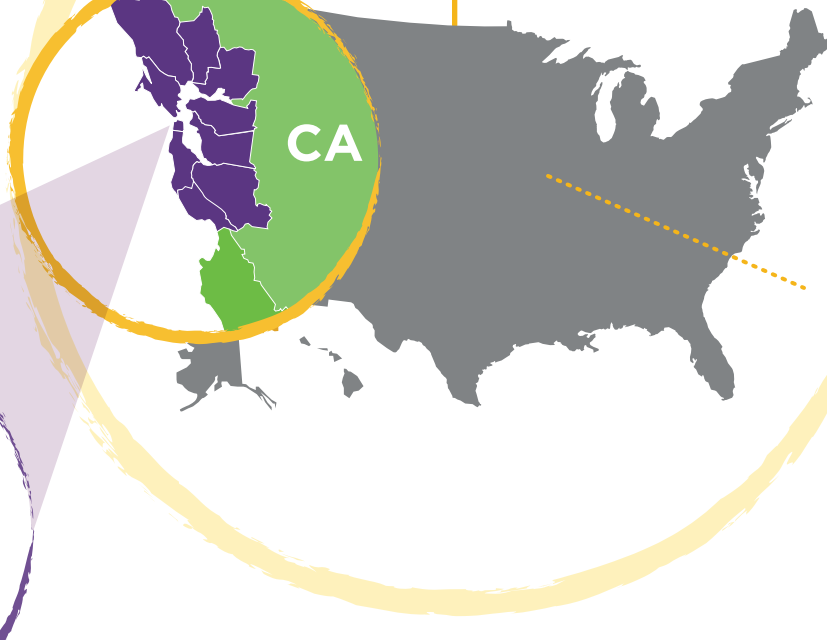
FACT

Though the costs of child abuse are accrued over the course of the victim's life, the community will continue 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.



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

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

\$2 BILLION

This is the cost to the Bay Area community for the 5,775 verified cases last year.

FACT

CHILD ABUSE INCIDENTS ARE VASTLY UNDERREPORTED

and could cost the community as much as

\$6.5 BILLION



WHAT ARE THE COSTS?



WHO PAYS?

Child abuse survivors need more assistance from **CHILD WELFARE** services

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

Survivors often need extra support in **EDUCATION**

Survivors require more physical and mental **HEALTHCARE**

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

In addition to children and their families, **we all pay** the cost of child abuse



THE OPPORTUNITY

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



and reduce child abuse by up to

48%

FACT

ENDING CHILD ABUSE PROTECTS CHILDREN AND THE ECONOMY.

Let's Cut The #CostOfAbuse, Once And For All.

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