THE ECONOMICS OF CHILD ABUSE
A STUDY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Through the lens of child abuse, we explore the economic impact of child abuse on society. Each year, we continue to incur the same cost 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
6,500+
Child abuse cases reported in the Bay Area since 2010.

$226.5 MILLION
Total of child abuse costs to the San Francisco community for the last 509 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?
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.

WHO PAYS?
In addition to children and their families, we all pay the cost of child abuse.

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

Citations available @ http://safeandsound.org/citations

FACT
ENDING CHILD ABUSE PROTECTS CHILDREN AND THE ECONOMY.

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%