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Juvenile Sexual Offender Data Review

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Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economic Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.

Introduction

- Assignment

- Review a listing of juvenile sexual offenders in an effort to determine their contact/case history with the Department

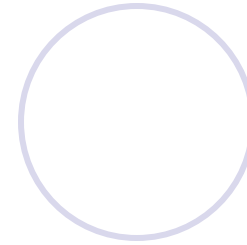
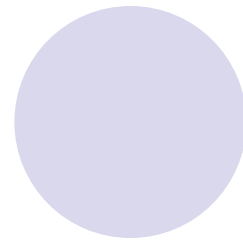
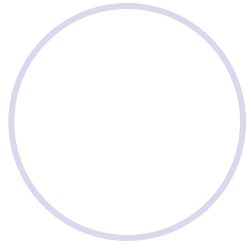
- Data Collection

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement provided the Department with a listing of 99 names. The listing was then checked against records housed in the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)

- Problems

- Name and date of birth matching
- One child with many cases
- One child with many cases and many roles

Context



- In 2009 the Department received 163,930 abuse reports involving approximately 250,000 children
 - 19% resulted in a most serious finding of **Verified**
 - 27% resulted in a most serious finding of **Some Indicators**
 - 46% resulted in a most serious finding of **No Indicators**
 - 8% resulted in a most serious finding of **Other** (duplicate case, no contact made, ect...)

General Data Overview

- 99 names provided by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
 - 80 names returned a Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) Person Identification Number
 - 62 names returned specific allegations of abuse/abandonment/neglect

General Data Overview

- 62 names with specific allegations of abuse/abandonment/neglect
 - 225 total investigations
 - 197 In-Home
 - 28 Institutional

General Data Overview

- 225 investigations
- 234 specific allegations

Allegations Record Totals		Allegations Record Totals		Allegations Record Totals	
Allegation	Count	Allegation	Count	Allegation	Count
Abandonment	3	Failure to Protect	1	Physical Injury	33
Alcohol Exposed Child	9	Family Violence Threatens Child	12	Sexual Abuse	7
Asphyxiation	2	Foster Care Referral	1	Sexual Abuse - Other Child	1
Beatings	9	Inadequate Clothing	2	Sexual Battery (Incest)	1
Bizarre Punishment	5	Inadequate Food	5	Sexual Battery (Not Incest)	2
Bruises/Welts	7	Inadequate Shelter	1	Sexual Exploitation	2
Child-on-Child	1	Inadequate Supervision	43	Sexual Molestation	2
Cuts/Punctures/Bites	1	Inadequate Supervision - Parent Absent	1	Substance Exposed Child	11
Deadly Weapon Injury	2	Medical Neglect	6	Substance Misuse	16
Environmental Hazards	22	Mental Injury	6	Threatened Harm	10
Excessive Corporal Punishment	6	Parent Needs Assistance	4	Total	112

General Data Overview

- 234 specific allegations
 - 224 findings
 - 51 individual children

Allegation Finding	Total
No Indicator (42 children)	128 (57%)
Some Indicator (23 children)	48 (21%)
Verified (23 children)	48 (21%)
Total	224

General Data Overview

● Removals

- 20 children
- 45 removals
- Average removal duration of 333 days
- 3 children currently in care
 - 2 adoption eligible
 - 1 independent living

Allegations in Removal Cases	
Abandonment	3
Alcohol Exposed Child	1
Beatings	1
Deadly Weapon Injury	1
Environmental Hazards	2
Inadequate Supervision	5
Parent Needs Assistance	2
Physical Injury	1
Substance Exposed Child	2
Substance Misuse	2
Threatened Harm	1
Blank	24
Total	45

Sexual Abuse Data Overview

- 15 cases
- 14 victims
- 1 perpetrator
 - 4 No Indicators (26%)
 - 8 Some Indicator (53%)
 - 3 Verified (20%)

- 10 children
- 9 victims
- 1 perpetrator

Child	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Abuse Other Child	Sexual Battery (Incest)	Sexual Battery (Not Incest)	Sexual Exploitation	Sexual Molestation	Total
1 (perpetrator)	1 (SI)	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1 (V)	0	2 (SI, NI)	1 (NI)	4
3	1 (NI)	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	1 (NI)	0	0	1 (SI)	0	0	2
5	0	0	0	1 (SI)	0	0	1
6	1 (SI)	1 (SI)	0	0	0	0	2
7	1 (V)	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	0	0	0	0	0	1 (V)	1
9	1 (SI)	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	1 (SI)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	7	1	1	2	2	2	15

Sexual Abuse Data Overview

- Removals
 - 1 child
 - 2 removals
 - Average removal duration of 481 days

Key Findings

- A sizable of percentage of juvenile sexual offenders on the list provided by FDLE had multiple contacts the Department
- The majority of the abuse allegation received by the Department for these children were nonsexual in nature
- When allegations related to a sexual offenses were received support for the allegation was found at a higher percentage than that of your standard abuse report