

Who Are We Serving?

Health and Human Services Agency:
Child Welfare Services

What's in a word?

Allegations/Substantiations/Cases.....

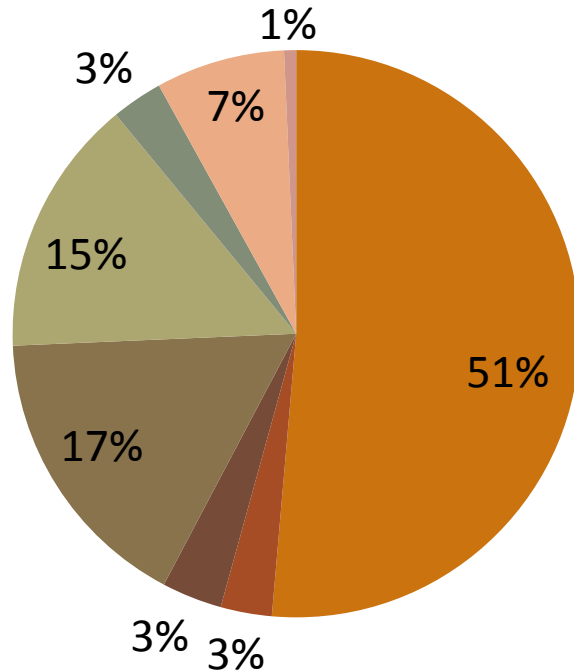
- Referral
- Allegation:
- Allegation outcomes
 - Unfounded
 - Inconclusive
 - Substantiated
 - Referral to Services/Close
 - Court Ordered Intervention (Case)

Allegations over Time

2017

2461 Allegations

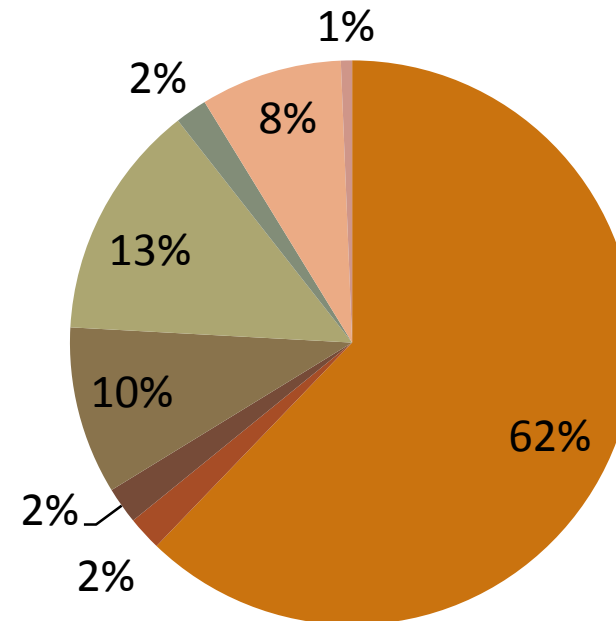
- General Neglect- 1795
- At Risk- Sibling- 120
- Physical Abuse- 514
- Sexual Abuse- 257
- Severe Neglect- 111
- Emotional Abuse- 580
- Caretaker Absence- 102
- Exploitation- 24



2018

2545 Allegations

- General Neglect- 2038
- At Risk-Sibling- 69
- Physical Abuse-444
- Sexual Abuse- 266
- Severe Neglect- 64
- Emotional Abuse- 315
- Caretaker Absence-60
- Exploitation- 21

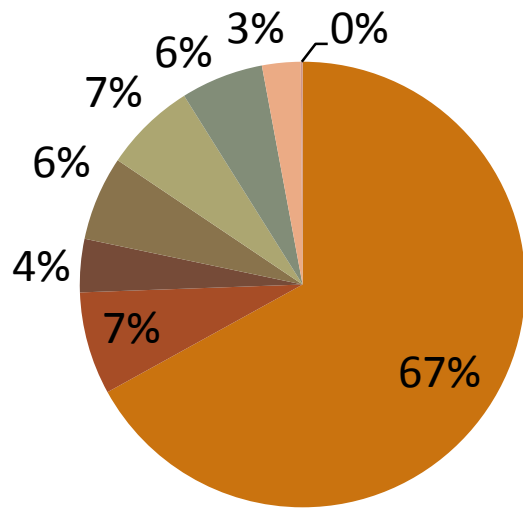


Substantiations over Time

2017

606 Children w/Substantiations

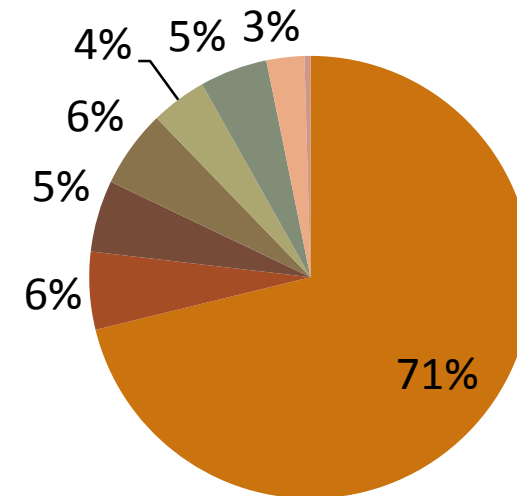
- General Neglect-503
- Severe Neglect- 56
- At Risk-Sibling- 29
- Emotional Abuse- 46
- Physical Abuse- 50
- Caretaker Absence-45
- Sexual Abuse- 21
- Exploitation-1



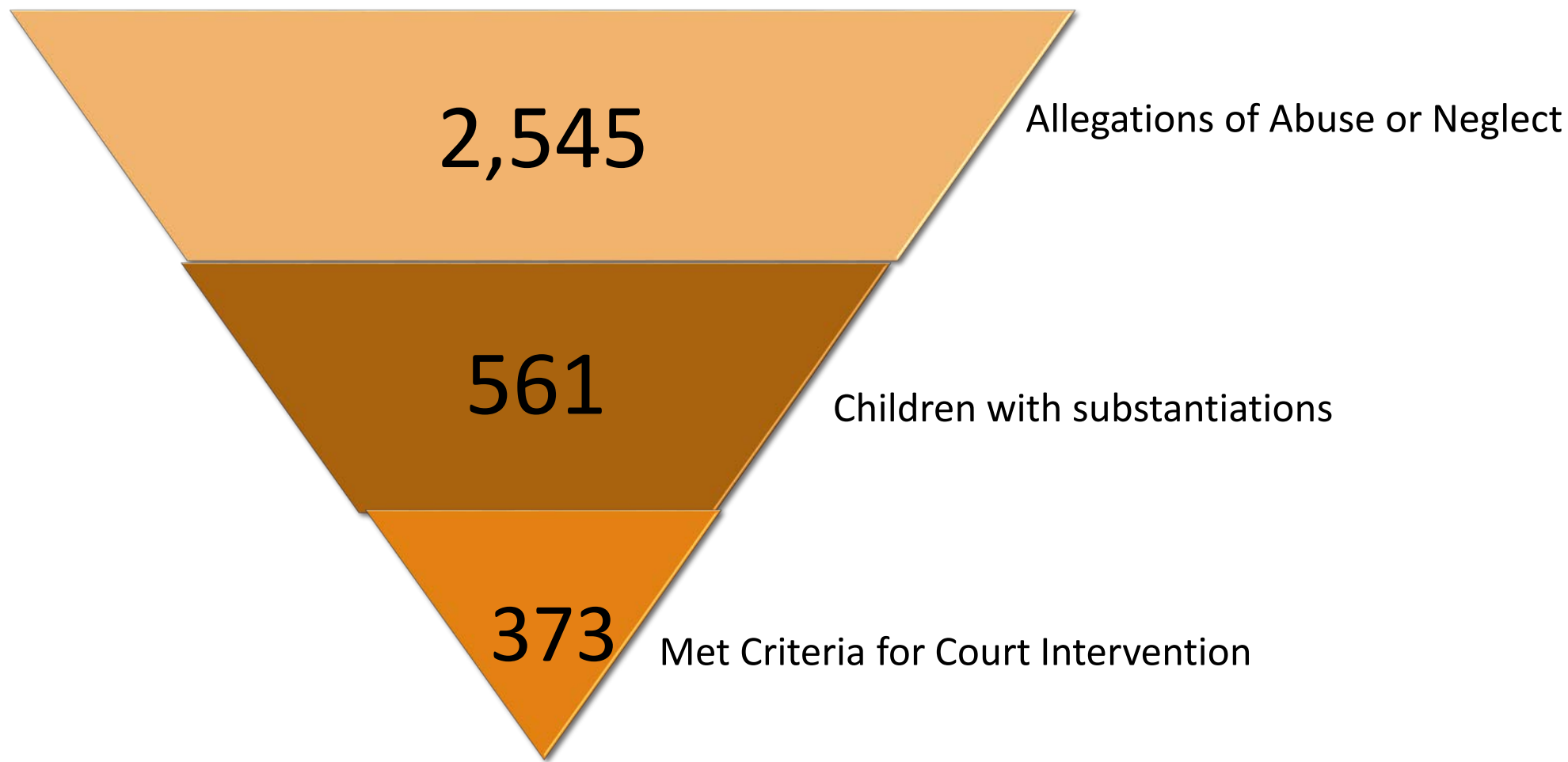
2018

561 Children w/ Substantiations

- General Neglect-489
- Severe Neglect-39
- At Risk Sibling-36
- Emotional Abuse-39
- Physical Abuse-28
- Caretaker Absence-34
- Sexual Abuse-19
- Exploitation-3



All Case Openings - 2018

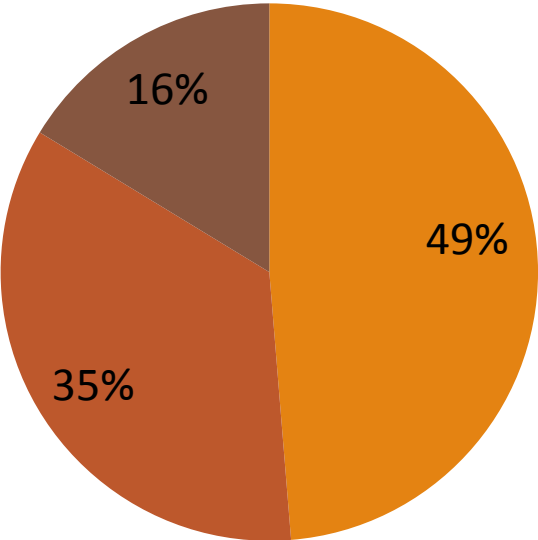


General Neglect Substantiations

2017

503 Substantiations

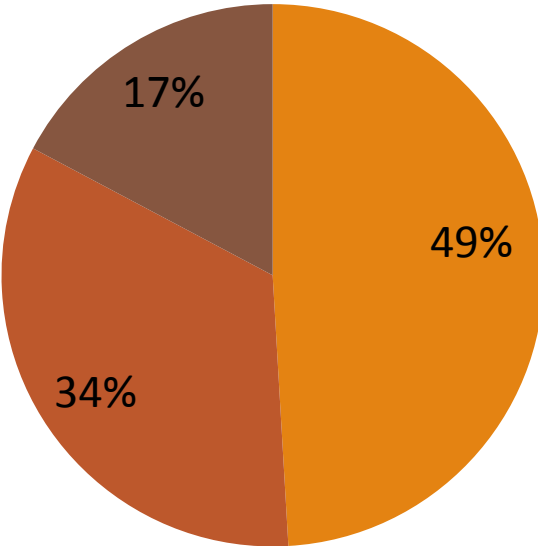
■ Ages 0-5 (245) ■ Ages 6-12 (176) ■ Ages 13-17 (82)



2018

489 Substantiations

■ Ages 0-5 (239) ■ Ages 6-12 (164) ■ Ages 13-17 (84)



What is “General Neglect”??

Welfare & Institutions Code 300

*(b) (1) The child has suffered, or there is a substantial risk that the child will suffer, serious physical harm or illness, as a result of **the failure or inability** of his or her parent or guardian to **adequately supervise or protect the child**, or the willful or negligent failure of the child’s parent or guardian to adequately supervise or protect the child from the conduct of the custodian with whom the child has been left, or by the willful or negligent failure of the parent or guardian to provide the child with **adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical treatment**, or by the inability of the parent or guardian to provide regular care for the child due to the **parent’s or guardian’s mental illness, developmental disability, or substance abuse**. A child shall not be found to be a person described by this subdivision solely due to the lack of an emergency shelter for the family.*

What Does “General Neglect” Look Like??

- Lack of Basic Necessities
- Mental Health Disorders
- Substance Use Disorders
- Intimate Partner Violence

What is Needed

- **Early Intervention with Evidence Based Services**
 - Children exposed to trauma and neglect at young ages have poor long term outcomes.
 - There is a significant amount of general neglect that does not rise to the level of court involvement, but MAY if early intervention isn't available.
 - Evidence Based Services are best!
- **Community Education**
 - How to identify abuse and neglect so referral can be made
 - Education of community partners (law enforcement, schools, etc...)
 - Demystify Child Welfare Services

Questions?