



National Coalition to End Child Abuse Deaths

More than 2,500 American children die each year from abuse and neglect.

In the U.S., a child is abused or neglected every 36 seconds. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, only 40% of abused children with substantiated cases receive services.

Researchers estimate that nearly 7 children die in America every day from abuse and neglect. That is an alarming rate of 2,500 child deaths per year.

Federal data shows that 13,856 children are known to have died from abuse and neglect between 2001 and 2009. Some experts believe the actual number may be more than 20,000 child deaths.

Join the National Coalition to End Child Abuse Deaths, a non-partisan group of 5 national organizations, in asking Congress to

- *Hold Hearings on Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths*
- *Create a National Commission on Child Abuse Deaths In America*
- *Develop a national strategy to prevent future deaths*

Progress

- Law and Order: SVU's Tamara Tunie ("Dr. Melinda Warner"), Coalition spokesperson, and experts testified about child abuse and neglect deaths at a congressional hearing held by the House Committee on Ways and Means on July 12, 2011
- Held a press conference with experts which resulted in 25 national media stories on child abuse and neglect deaths
- Released the second edition of *We Can Do Better: Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths in America*, highlighting the official number of child abuse and neglect deaths for 2008 – a number significantly higher than many more commonly publicized causes of death

The Year Ahead

- Guide the drafting of Senate and House legislation creating a National Commission on Child Abuse Deaths
- Enlist the national media to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect deaths
- Urge the Administration and Congress to take action to prevent child abuse and neglect deaths

Our Members

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 145,000 members and 56 chapters. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

The National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths is a resource center for state and local child death review programs. It promotes, supports, and enhances child death review methodology and activities at the state, community and national levels. The center provides technical assistance to help teams develop, implement and sustain a prevention-focused CDR process.

National Children's Alliance (NCA) is a professional membership organization dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient – and put the needs of child victims first. National Children's Alliance provides training, support, technical assistance and leadership on a national level to local children's and child advocacy centers and communities responding to reports of child abuse and neglect.

The Every Child Matters Education Fund (ECMEF) was founded in 2002 with the mission to make children's issues a political priority. To that end ECM has promoted the adoption of smart policies for children and youth. These include ensuring that children have access to affordable, comprehensive health care services, expanding early-care and learning opportunities and after-school programs, preventing violence, abuse, maltreatment and fatalities against children in their homes and alleviating child poverty.

The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), founded in 1950, is the oldest and largest professional organization representing criminal prosecutors in the world. The National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA), a program of the NDAA, was established in 1985. NCPCA is staffed with professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, exploitation and technology facilitated crimes against children. NCPCA trains approximately 10,000 child abuse prosecutors and allied professionals annually, and provides technical assistance to thousands more.

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