

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT HOMICIDES

Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.

– Rita F. Pierson, Educator

Child abuse and neglect homicides refers to child deaths caused directly or indirectly by a caregiver. Child abuse and neglect homicides include children who die from beatings, infants who are shaken and suffer head trauma, children who die in car accidents when their parents or caregivers are driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and other kinds of deaths caused by caregiver abuse and neglect.

In 2014, African American children died at a rate almost three times higher than that of other children in Sacramento County. The Black Child Legacy Campaign is the community-driven movement raising visibility and strengthening collective impact efforts of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths (RAACD) to reduce the number of black mortalities due to homicide, child abuse and neglect, infant sleep-related conditions, and perinatal conditions.

In Sacramento County, African American babies are almost nine times more likely to die of child abuse and neglect than all other ethnic groups.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT HOMICIDES IN SACRAMENTO

In 2014, four Sacramento County children died because of child abuse and neglect. Out of these, two (50%) were African American children.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION | WHAT WE KNOW

Families are at a higher risk for child abuse and neglect when they are experiencing crises and when they have little social support. Likewise, many parents may not have had a positive role model in their lives to teach them how to form a positive relationship with their child and to have realistic expectations in terms of child behaviors and development. Parents and caregivers need support and education. Protective factors that help strengthen the family and protect the child include:

- Having basic needs met, like food and shelter
- Understanding how babies and children develop and what to expect at different ages
- Knowing who to turn to for help



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Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention | Resources

In Sacramento County, there are many resources to help with protective factors.

BIRTH & BEYOND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Several sites throughout Sacramento County offer a wide range of free services to families, including pregnant moms and new dads. Birth & Beyond Family Resource Centers offer nurturing parenting home visitation, crisis intervention, school readiness, parenting workshops, community referrals and fun activities for the entire family.

FOLSOM CORDOVA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

www.thefccp.org

(916) 361-8684

LA FAMILIA COUNSELING CENTER

www.lafcc.org

(916) 452-3601

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK

www.mutualassistance.org

Firehouse Community Center | (916) 567-9567

Arcade Community Center | (916) 514-8096

RIVER OAK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

www.riveroak.org

(916) 244-5800

SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S HOME

<http://www.kidshome.org>

Meadowview Family Resource Center | (916) 394-6300

North Sacramento Family Resource Center | (916) 679-3743

Valley Hi Family Resource Center | (916) 290-8281

WELLSPACE HEALTH'S NORTH HIGHLANDS MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

www.wellspacehealth.org/loc_north_highlands.htm

(916) 679-3925

THE SACRAMENTO CRISIS NURSERY PROGRAM

A family-strengthening program where parents can bring their children newborn through age 5 for emergency child care or overnight care during stressful or difficult times.

www.kidshome.org/what-we-do/crisis-nursery

North Sacramento: (916) 679-3600

South Sacramento: (916) 394-2000

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