



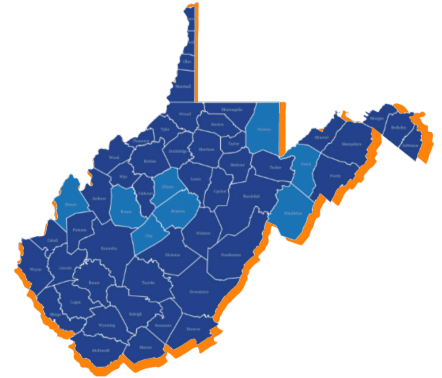
WV CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK

2024 CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS

What we do:

WVCAN is the statewide leader in the fight against child abuse. We bring together 21 child advocacy centers across the state, officially serving 47 of 55 counties.

A CAC provides a safe, child-friendly facility where child protection, criminal justice, and child treatment professionals work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and help children heal.



Drug endangerment:

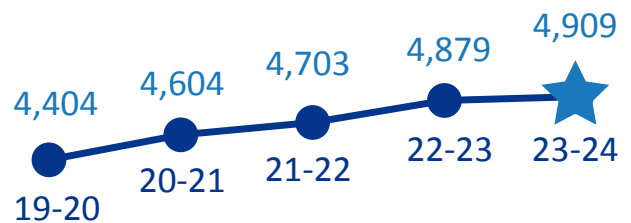
16% of the children served at WV CACs were there because of allegations of drug endangerment.



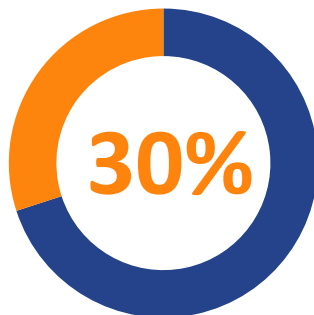
That's **FOUR TIMES HIGHER** than the national average.

Last year, WV CACs served:

4,909
CHILDREN



Children with reported or suspected disabilities:



Top 4 types of reported abuse:



48%

Sexual

29%

Physical

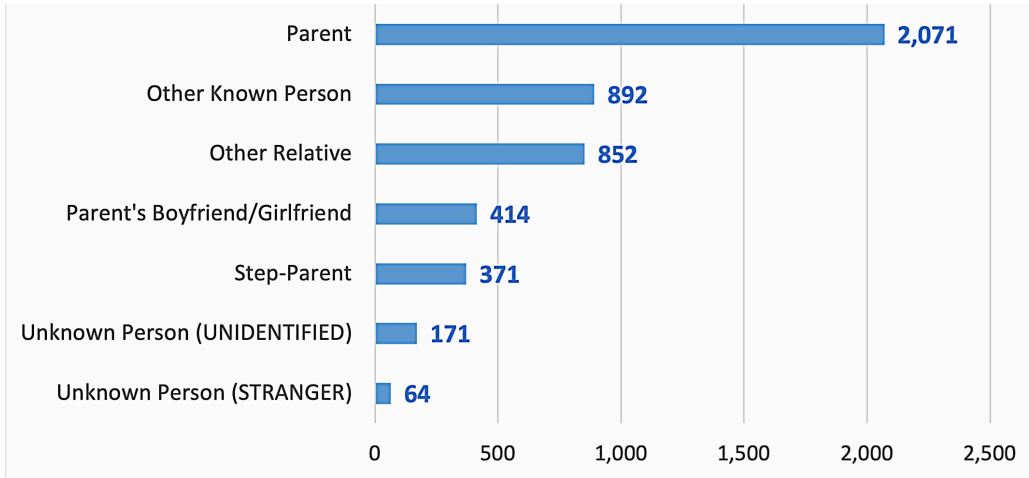
21%

Witness violence

16%

Neglect

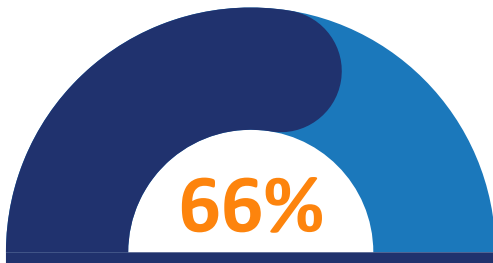
Alleged offender breakdown:



of alleged offenders were **someone the child knew**

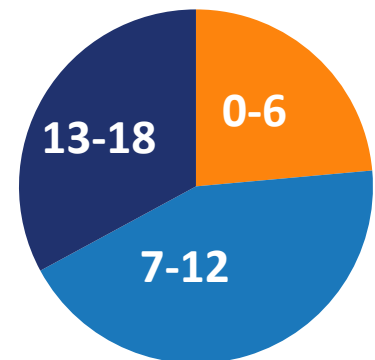
Forensic interviews + disclosure of abuse:

4,702 forensic interviews were conducted. Of those interviews, **66%** disclosed abuse.



Ages of child victims:

- **24%** were age **0-6**
- **44%** were age **7-12**
- **33%** were age **13-18**



97%

Caregivers were asked if they'd recommend a CAC to someone they know: **97%** said **YES**

CASES
CLOSED:
1,900



CHARGES
FILED:
846

**WE CAN EMPOWER CHILDREN,
RESTORE HOPE, AND END ABUSE**