
Addressing Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities

Department of Family and Protective Services

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- Strategic Plan to Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities

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- A Better Understanding of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities - FY2010 through FY2013 Analysis

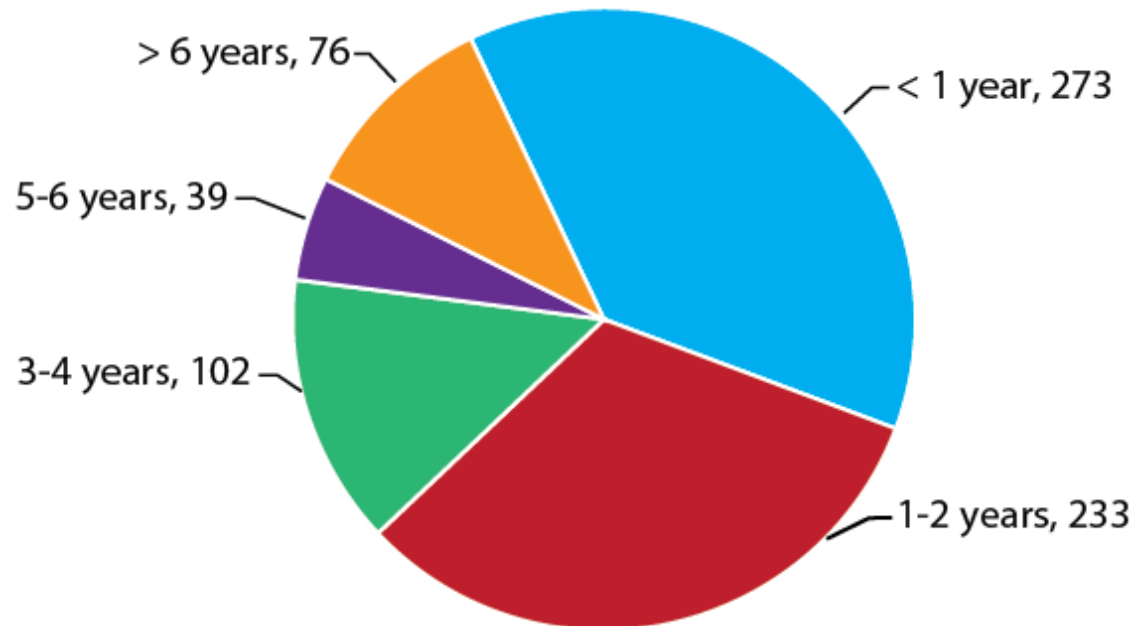
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Strategic Plan to Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities

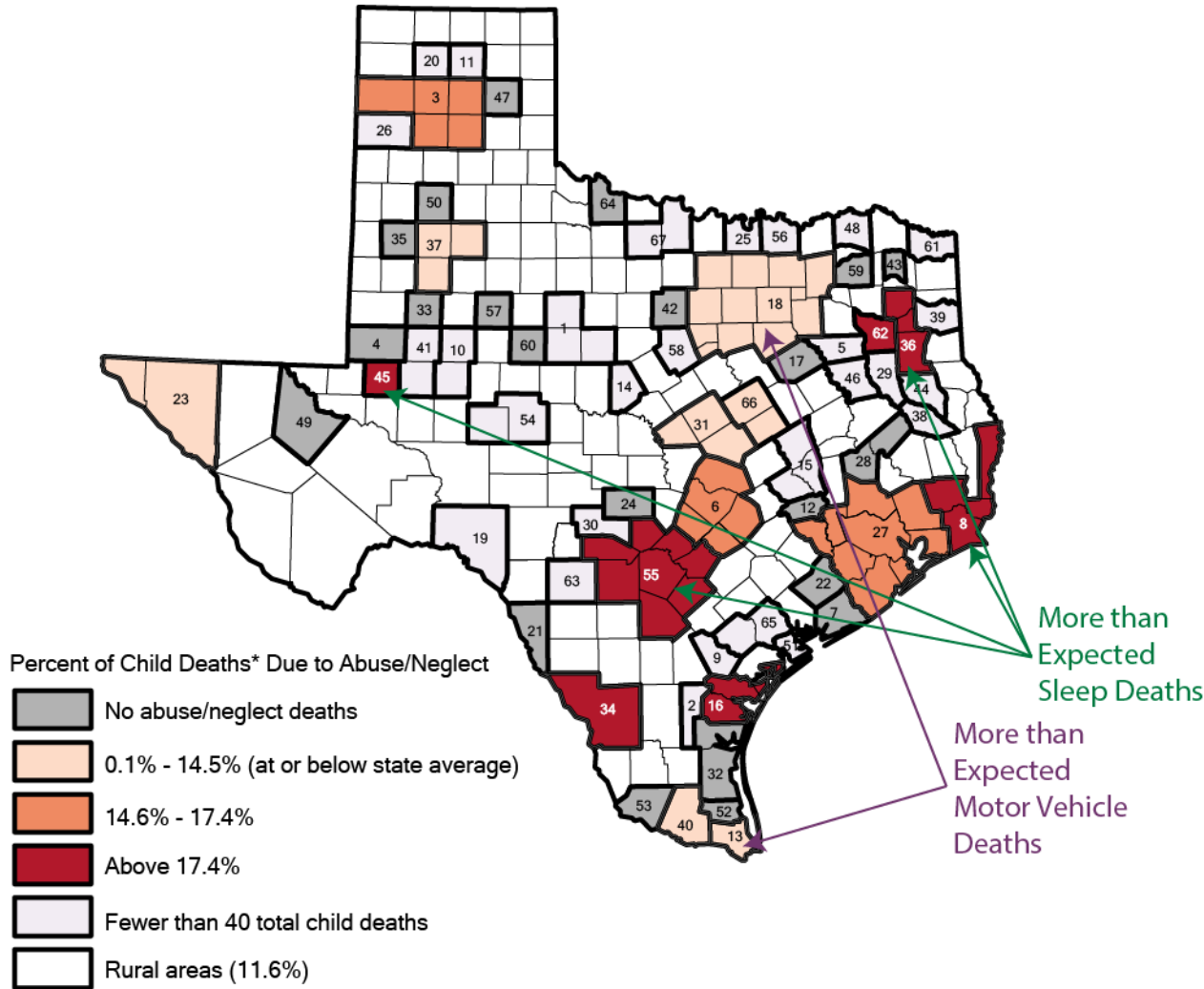
- Utilized in the development of prevention and early intervention programs, intervention strategies where abuse and neglect is suspected, and community initiatives to support child safety and healthy families
 - Describes abuse and neglect deaths in Texas, 2010-2012.
 - Analyzes community risk factors associated with abuse and neglect deaths.
 - Analyzes early risk factors that are associated with families who experienced an abuse/neglect death.

Understanding the Impact of A/N Deaths in the Population

- Of the 723 abuse and neglect deaths between 2010-2012, 342 (53%) had *no* CPS involvement prior to death.
- 70% of A/N death are to children younger than 3 years old.
- 89.5 % are to children younger than 7 years old.



Percent of Child Deaths* that Were Abuse/Neglect by Community, 2010-2012



Community Labels:

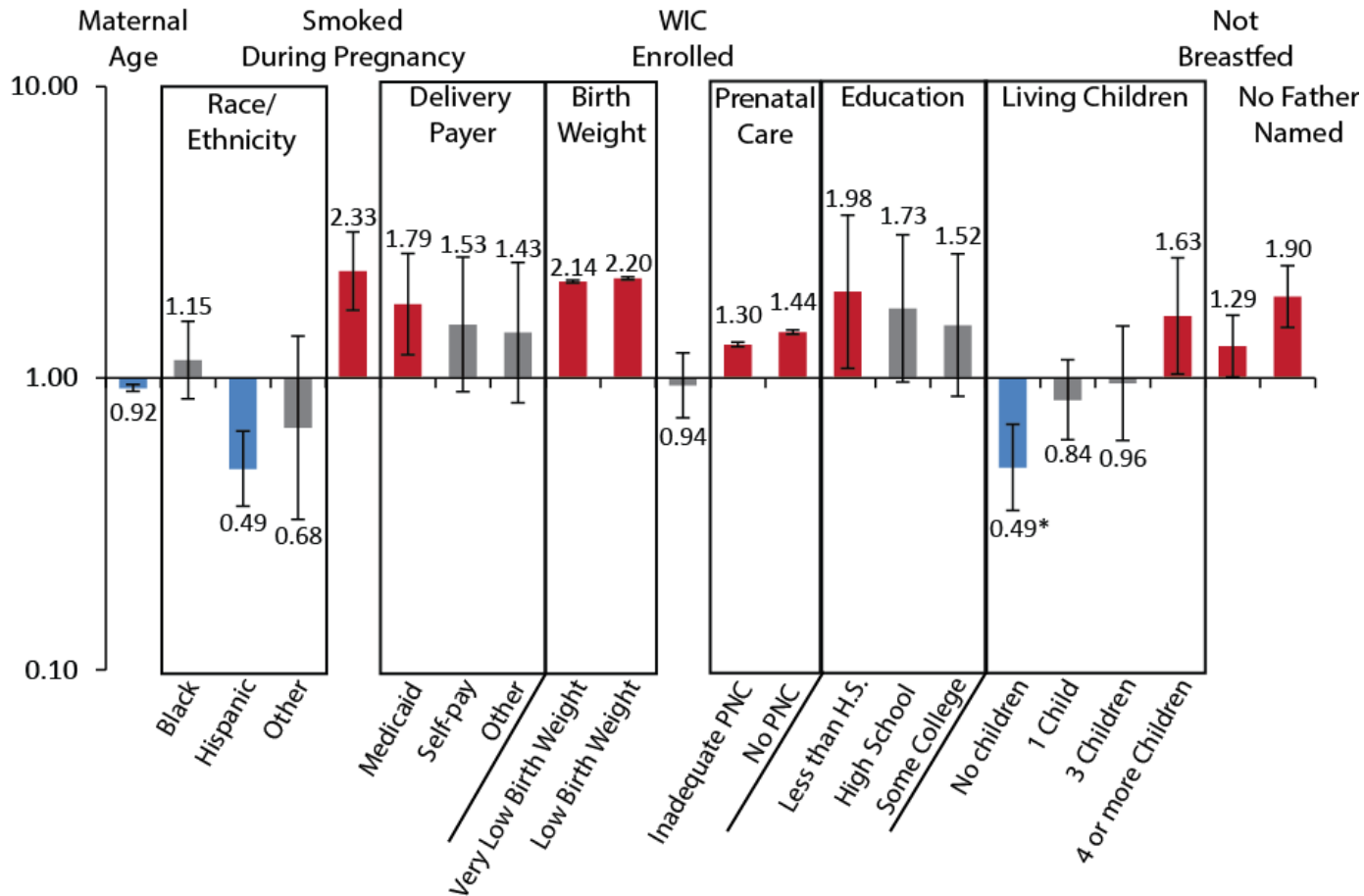
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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Abilene | 33 Lamesa |
| 2 Alice | 34 Laredo |
| 3 Amarillo | 35 Levelland |
| 4 Andrews | 36 Longview |
| 5 Athens | 37 Lubbock |
| 6 Austin-Round Rock | 38 Lufkin |
| 7 Bay City | 39 Marshall |
| 8 Beaumont-Port Arthur | 40 McAllen-Edinburg-Mission |
| 9 Beeville | 41 Midland |
| 10 Big Spring | 42 Mineral Wells |
| 11 Borger | 43 Mount Pleasant |
| 12 Brenham | 44 Nacogdoches |
| 13 Brownsville-Harlingen | 45 Odessa |
| 14 Brownwood | 46 Palestine |
| 15 College Station-Bryan | 47 Pampa |
| 16 Corpus Christi | 48 Paris |
| 17 Corsicana | 49 Pecos |
| 18 Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington | 50 Plainview |
| 19 Del Rio | 51 Port Lavaca |
| 20 Dumas | 52 Raymondville |
| 21 Eagle Pass | 53 Rio Grande City |
| 22 El Campo | 54 San Angelo |
| 23 El Paso | 55 San Antonio-New Braunfels |
| 24 Fredericksburg | 56 Sherman-Denison |
| 25 Gainesville | 57 Snyder |
| 26 Hereford | 58 Stephenville |
| 27 Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land | 59 Sulphur Springs |
| 28 Huntsville | 60 Sweetwater |
| 29 Jacksonville | 61 Texarkana |
| 30 Kerrville | 62 Tyler |
| 31 Killeen-Temple | 63 Uvalde |
| 32 Kingsville | 64 Vernon |
| | 65 Victoria |
| | 66 Waco |
| | 67 Wichita Falls |

*Child deaths include all deaths to child (<18 yrs) with ICD10 Code R95-Z99 or with Homicide as manner of death

Source: DFPS-Death Certificate linked files

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Risk Factors at Birth



Gray bars are non-significant effects

Red bars are significant increases in risk

Blue bars are significant decrease in risk

*No children is a decreased risk for some types of abuse, but it is an increased risk for physical abuse

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Summary of Program Recommendations

1. Motor Vehicle-related Hyperthermia - Heat Exposure (Dallas, Fort Worth)
2. Motor Vehicle-Pedestrian Fatalities (Border Counties)
3. Sleep-related Fatalities
 - Highest number of fatalities (San Antonio-New Braunfels area)
 - Higher than expected (Beaumont/Port Arthur and Midland/Odessa)
4. Physical Abuse

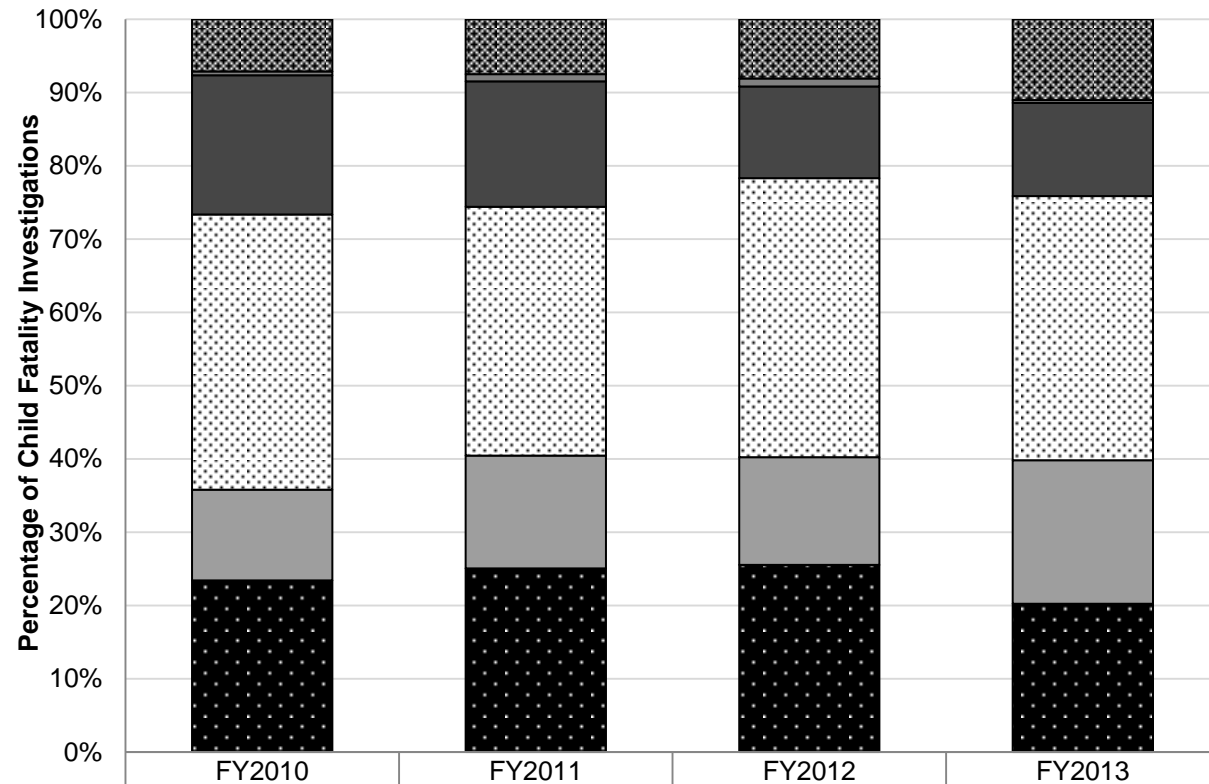
DFPS Annual Report

- DFPS FY2010-FY2013 data analysis
 - descriptive analysis of victims, perpetrators, cause of fatality
 - current initiatives to address child fatalities & strengthen child safety

Child Population and Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect

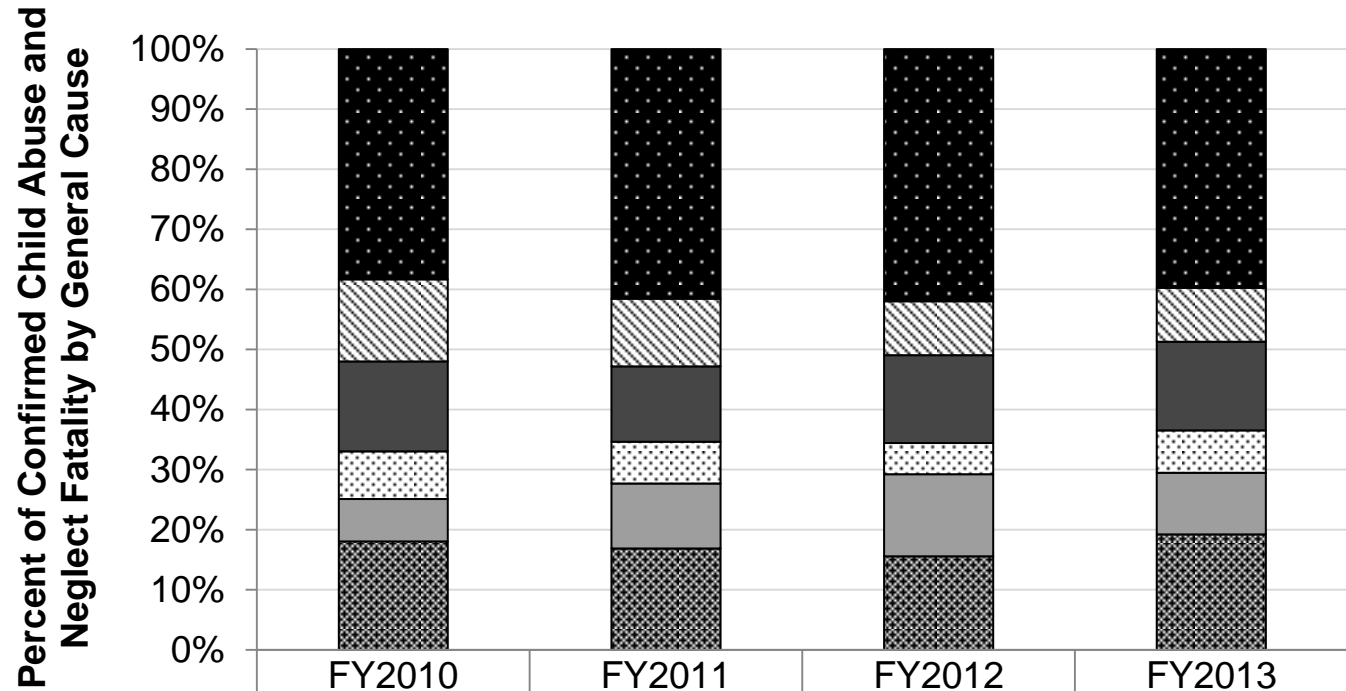
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Child Population of Texas	6,865,824	6,952,177	6,996,352	7,121,499
Number of Intakes Assigned for Investigation by CPS	231,532	222,541	206,200	194,801
Number of Investigated Child Fatalities	1024	973	882	804
Number of fatalities where abuse/neglect was confirmed	227	231	212	156
Child Fatality Rate per 100,000 Children	3.31	3.32	3.03	2.19
National Rate for Equivalent Federal Fiscal Year	2.10	2.10	2.20	2.04

Percentage of Completed Child Fatality Investigations by Disposition per Fiscal Year



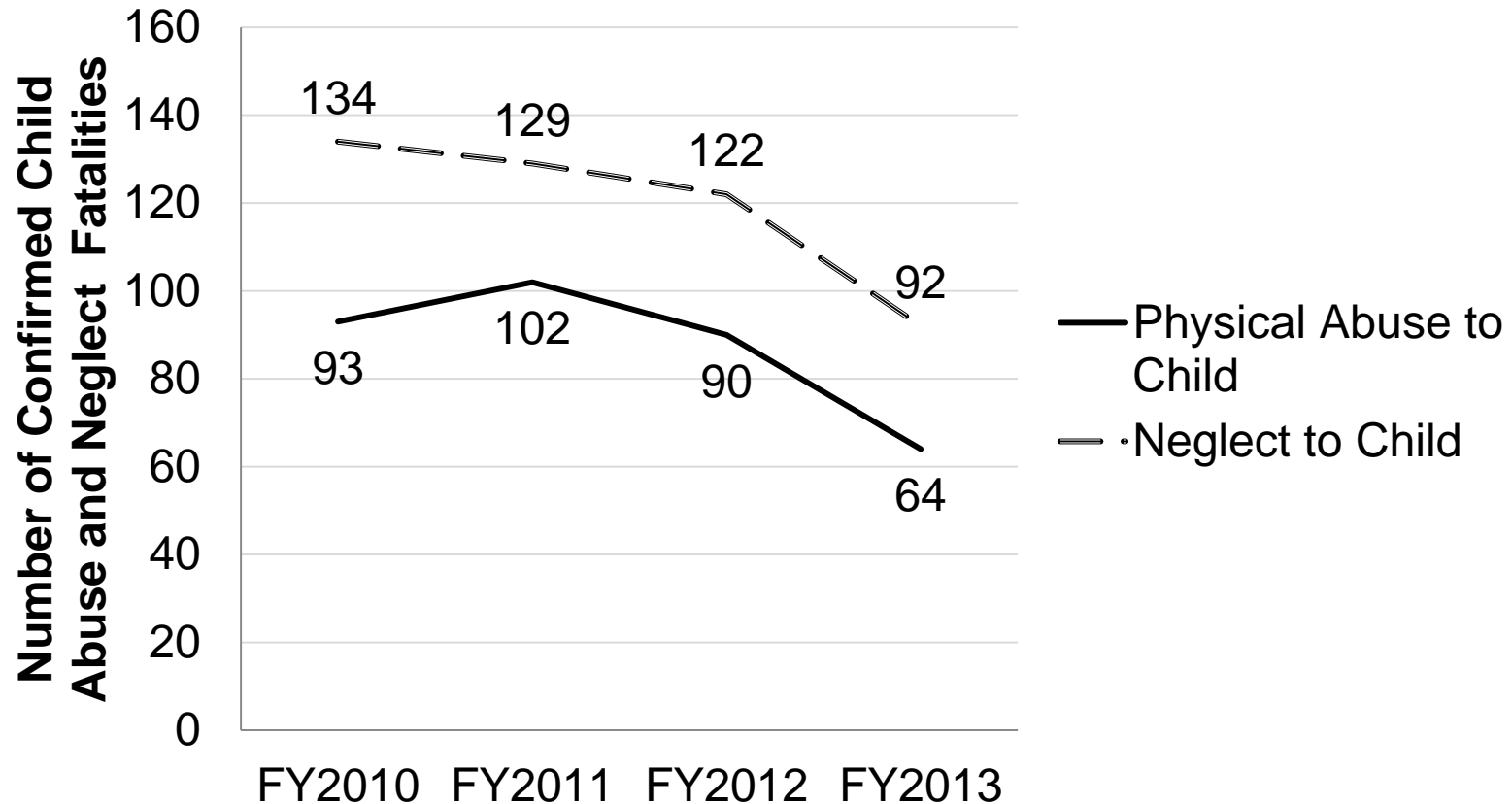
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Administrative Closure	69	69	67	85
Unable to Complete	5	9	9	3
Unable to Determine	184	158	104	98
Ruled Out	364	313	316	278
Reason to Believe - Not Fatal	120	142	122	151
Reason to Believe - Fatal*	227	231	212	156

General Cause of Confirmed Child Abuse or Neglect Fatality by Fiscal Year



	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
■ Physical Abuse - Blunt Force Trauma & Intentional Homicide	87	96	89	62
▨ Vehicle related	31	26	19	14
■ Unsafe sleep	34	29	31	23
▤ Other*	18	16	11	11
■ Neglectful Supervision	16	25	29	16
▩ Drowning	41	39	33	30

Comparison of Intentional Physical Abuse and Neglect Fatalities by Fiscal Year



Profile of Victims and Perpetrators

Victim Profile

- Male – 55%+
- 3 and younger – 80%
- Hispanic

Perpetrator Profile

- Parents are the most common perpetrators
- Blunt force trauma inflicted by a father or boyfriend.
- More than 50% had no history with CPS.
 - Open CPS case: most fatalities were unintentional acts involving inadequate supervision.
 - Prior CPS history: most fatalities were the result of intentional acts such as physical abuse.

Addressing Child Fatalities

DFPS Transformation

- Streamlining Policy Risk and Safety Assessments
- Utilizing Predictive Analytics
- Improving Case Transfer

Collaboration

- DSHS Strategic Plan
- Casey Family Programs - Child Safety Forums
- CECANF / Protect Our Kids Commission

Prevention and Early Intervention

- Office of Child Safety – Public Website Information
- Public Awareness Campaigns
- Project HOPES
- Project HIP