

**Methodology
for
Abuse and Neglect Complaints and Activity
Fiscal Years 1998-2004**

Total Number of Referrals: Column 1

This column provides data on the total number of referrals taken on families and children per Fiscal Year. For every referral for which a report is taken and logged into the computer; this represents one count for a referral and that may include several children. Each child may have many allegations. **For the purpose of this chart, the data used and represented in Column 1 is the total number of referrals taken (families) and the total number of children represented within those referrals.**

Abuse/Neglect Dispositions: Column 2

This column provides data for the Total Number of Referrals/Allegations that were sent to Emergency Response for Investigation.

Response Investigations: Column 3

This column provides the Total Number of In-person Response Investigations (This is the total number referred to ER, minus the numbers that were deemed appropriate to be closed, transferred without a face-to-face contact or otherwise determined inappropriate for an in-person response.)

Referred to Dependency Investigations: Column 4

This is the total number of cases opened and assigned to a Dependent Intake Social Worker for an investigation during the Fiscal Year. (A case counts one child.) The referrals to Dependent Investigations may come from Emergency Response or from Law Enforcement.

Petition Filed for Juvenile Court: Column 5

This is the total number of cases in which a petition was filed in Juvenile Court during the Fiscal Year time frame. (This counts one Petition per child.)

Services to Reduce Risk - Voluntary Cases: Column 6

This is the total number of cases in which Voluntary Services (includes Voluntary Family Maintenance and Informal Supervision) were started during the Fiscal Year.

Court-Ordered FM/FR: Column 7

This is the total number of cases for which Family Maintenance (FM) and Family Reunification (FR) were ordered within the Fiscal Year

Court-Ordered Family Reunification: Column 8

This is the total number of cases for which Family Reunification (FR) was ordered within the Fiscal Year.