

# *Collaborating to Reduce the Incidence of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation*

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the benefits of assembling a statewide task force
2. Identify the key stakeholders needed for task force success
3. Learn how to use a task force to implement systems change
4. Learn about how data analysis, training, public awareness and public policy work can be used to reduce the incidence of maltreatment of adults with disabilities



# Florida Developmental Disabilities Council Abuse and Neglect Task Force

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# Project Goal

- Reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation of Floridians with developmental disabilities

# Systems Change - Route to Success

- Improve the knowledge base
- Select clear social strategies
- Obtain stakeholder involvement
- Support policy entrepreneurs
- Use unexpected events

# Project Goals – Year One

- Convene a work group of stakeholders
- Conduct comprehensive research

# Stakeholder Recruitment

- State Agencies
- Statewide Coalitions
- Service Providers
- Self-Advocates
- Family Members
- Universities

# Comprehensive Research

- Literature review
- Input from the work group
  - SWOT
  - Risk factors
  - Current practices
  - Innovative solutions
  - Stakeholder commitments

# Project Goals – Year Two

- Transition to task force and add four work groups
  - Training and Education
  - Public Awareness
  - Public Policy
  - Data Analysis

# Training & Education

- Direct service providers
- Law enforcement
- Individuals with I/DD

# Public Awareness

- Increase the value and respect of persons with disabilities to reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation

# Public Policy

- Remove offenders from service delivery system
- Increase monitoring of service delivery settings

# Data Analysis

- Inform the work of the task force
- Inform policymakers

# Project Goals – Year Three

- Continue the work of the task force

# Training & Education

- Direct Service Providers
  - Zero Tolerance Training
- Individuals with I/DD
  - Awareness & Action
  - Lauren's Kids

# Training & Awareness

- Law Enforcement
  - Basic Recruit Training
  - New Project: Criminal Justice Work Group
    - Mandatory Re-training
    - Advanced Training

# Public Awareness

- Logic Model
- Brochure
- PSA
- Website / Blog
- Infographics
- Workshops / Presentations



Respect Every Ability

A public awareness campaign with the goal to increase the value and respect of persons with disabilities in order to reduce abuse, neglect and exploitation.

[www.respecteveryability.info](http://www.respecteveryability.info)

[#RespectEveryAbility](https://twitter.com/RespectEveryAbility)

# Respect Every Ability



# Public Policy



# Data Analysis

- Available in literature
- Data collection in Florida

# U.S. Population Data

People with disabilities in U.S.  
(Stoddard 2014)

**56,672,000 (19%)**

People with developmental disabilities in U.S.  
(Braddock et al. 2014)

**4,977,911**

# Florida Population Data

People with disabilities in Florida  
(Erickson and von Schrader 2014)

2,590,600 (13%)

People with developmental disabilities  
(Braddock et al. 2014)

307,102

# Florida Data

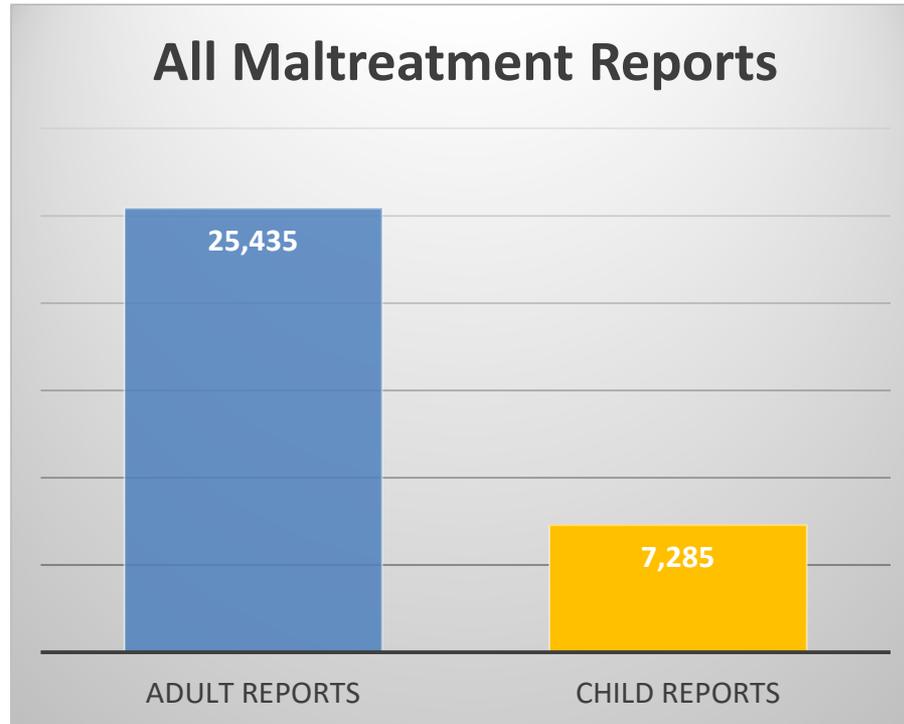
- Data sharing agreement between Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)
- Review and analysis of Data by the FDDC Abuse and Neglect Task Force
- 5-Year Data Set on APD Clients as of 6/1/15

# Florida Data

Active Clients vs Clients with Reports

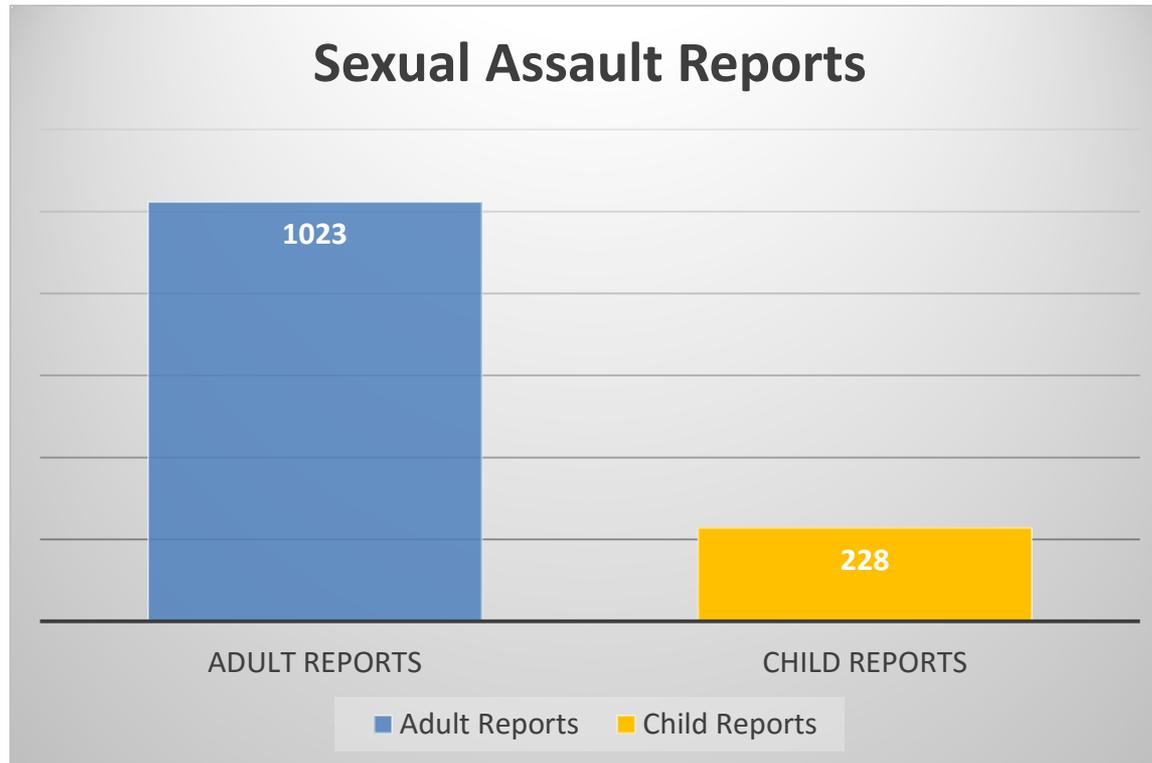


# Florida Data



32,720 Total Reports

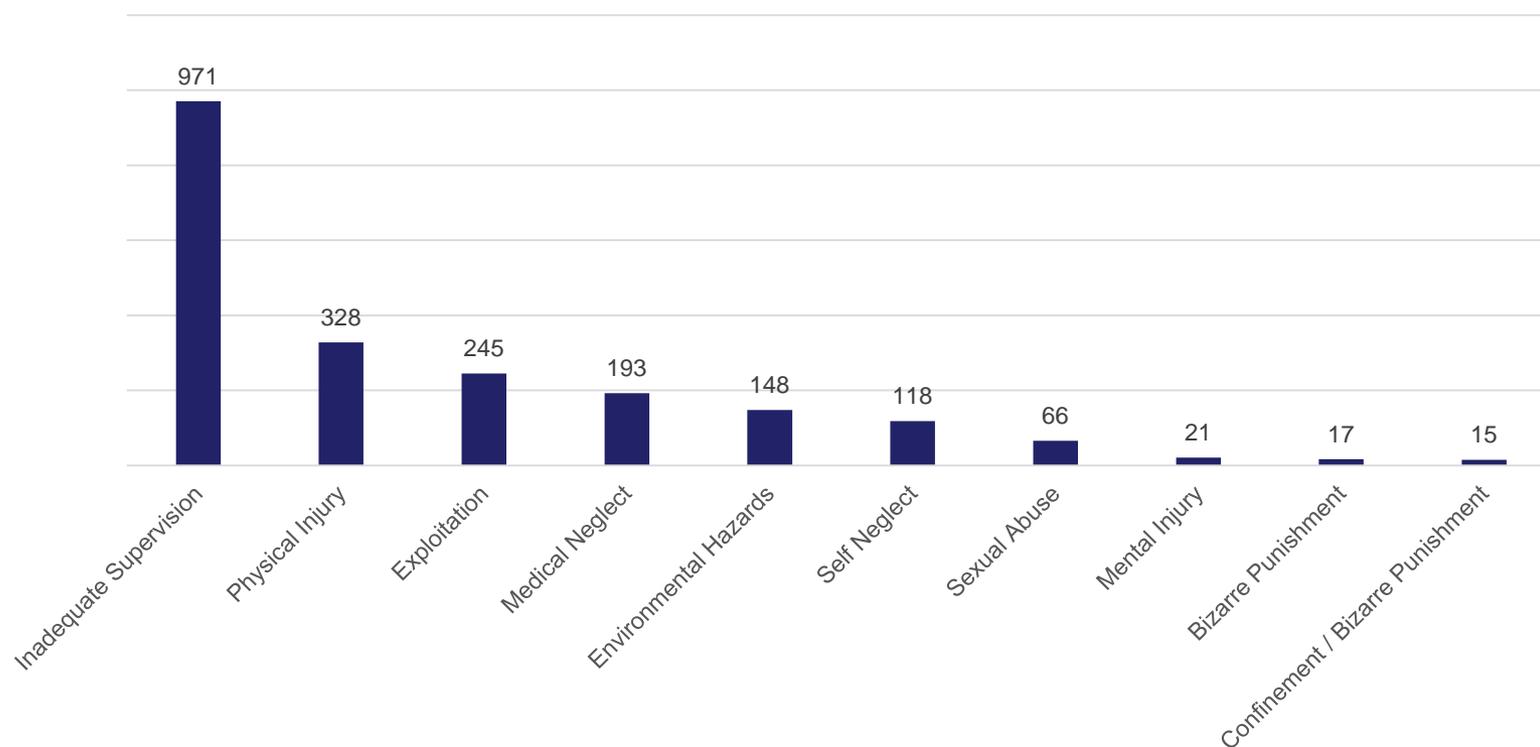
# Florida Data



1,251 Total Reports

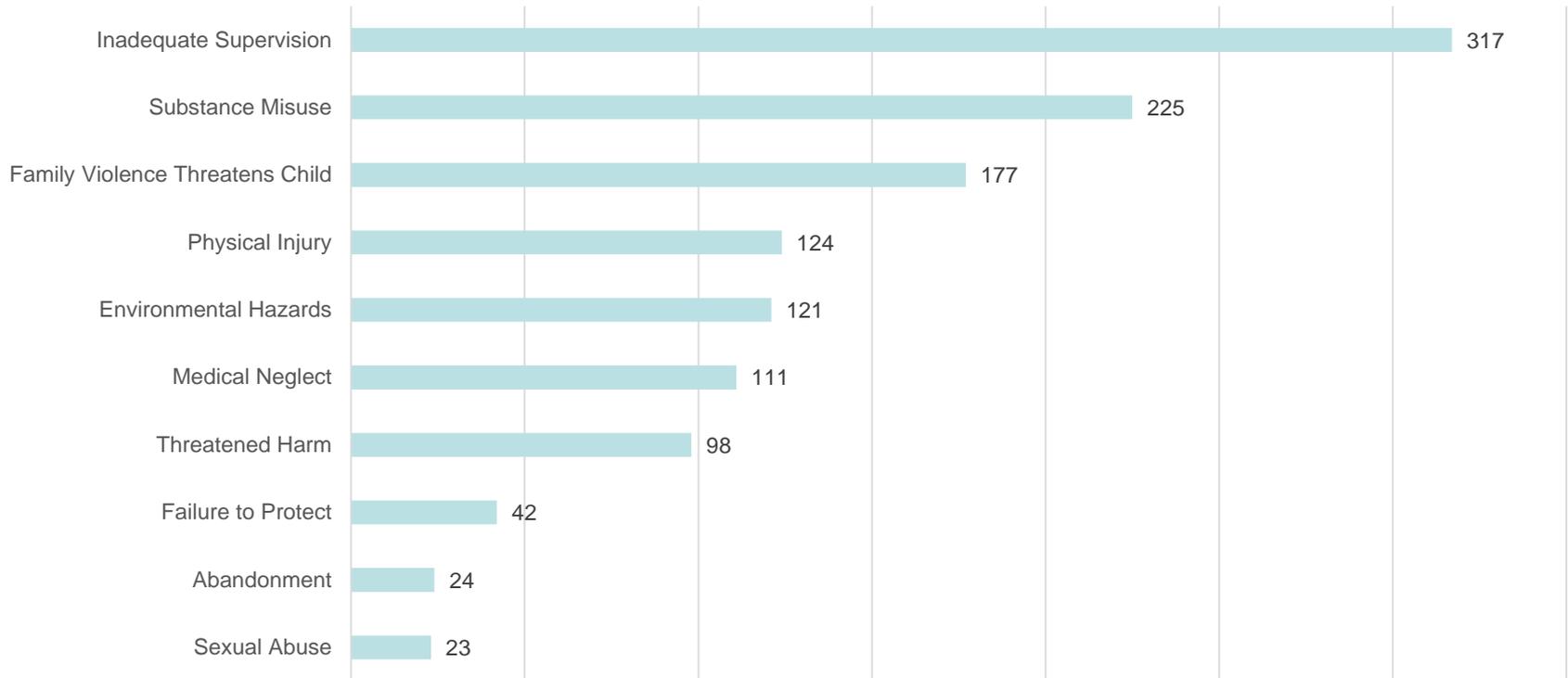
# Florida Data

## Top 10 Verified Allegations: Adults



# Florida Data

## Top 10 Verified Allegations: Children



# Florida Data

- Over 6,000 allegations of adult maltreatment were investigated (Oct 2013 - Sep 2014)
- Only 509 allegations (<10% of cases reported) were verified and sent to the State Attorney
- The remaining cases: 1,161 unsubstantiated and 4,333 no indication of maltreatment

# Next Steps

- Continue working toward the goals of the task force
- Set additional goals
- Identify sustainable model for collaborative work

# *Thank you!*

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