



# *Children's Bureau*

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# *Research Priorities*

- The causes, prevention, assessment, identification, treatment, cultural, and socio-economic distinctions, and the consequences of child abuse and neglect and issues relating to safety, permanency and well-being of children waiting to be adopted, children in foster care, and young adults making the transition from foster care to independent living.

# *Data, Data Resources and Research Activities*

# National Data Collections

- Adoption, Foster Care, Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)
- National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)
- National Incidence Study
- Data collection associated with the Chafee Independent Living Program

## *AFCARS -Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)*

- States are required to report individual, case level data on all children who are placed in foster care.
- These data, stripped of information that would allow individual identification, are available to the research community for secondary analysis.

# *NCANDS*

- *National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System*
  - *System data*
  - *Detailed Case Level Data*
  - *Primarily voluntary*

# National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect

- Three NIS studies, irregularly, beginning in 1980, most recently in 1993
- A nationally representative sample of counties
- Data collection from community sentinels about cases of suspected abuse and neglect
- Data collection from CPS system about investigated cases of suspected abuse and neglect

# *Data Archives*

- Housed at Cornell University
- Public use data sets on a variety of topics, particularly child maltreatment, adoption and foster care
- Child Maltreatment Research Listserv
- Web site: <http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu/>



*The National Clearinghouse on  
Child Abuse and Neglect Information*

information services  
searchable data base

<http://www.calib.com/nccanch>

# *Activities:* Discretionary Grant Activities

- Legislatively driven
- Annual announcements of competition (e-grants in FY 2004)
- Once a year peer review and funding

## *Consortium for Longitudinal Studies of Child Maltreatment (LONGSCAN)*

- This five-site study follows samples of children who are maltreated or at risk for maltreatment from the time the children are 4 years old until they are 20.
- Interviews and assessments with children, parents, caretakers and teachers are planned when the children are 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, and 20.

Juvenile Protective Association, Chicago, IL

Dept. of Maternal & Child Health, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC

Dept. of Health and Social Services, Seattle, WA

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

Department of Pediatrics, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Coordinating Center, University of North Carolina

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/iprc/longscan/>

# *National Survey of Child & Adolescents Well-Being (NSCAW)*

- This survey will follow a nationally representative sample of children who enter the child welfare system, assessing their
  - social, emotional, cognitive, and functional status
  - as well as service needs and services provided for children and their families.
- Baseline and three annual follow-up interviews will be conducted with 6100 children, their caregivers, their caseworkers, and their teachers.

# Quality Improvement Centers in Adoption and Child Protective Services

- QIC on Adoption for Virginia - United Methodist Family Services of Virginia
- Rocky Mountain QIC - American Humane Association
- Frontline Connections - Northwest Institute for Children and Families, University of Washington School of Social Work
- Southern Regional QIC for Child Protection - College of Social Work, University of Kentucky Research Foundation

# Child and Family Service Reviews

32 states  
systemic factors  
child and family outcomes  
related to  
safety  
permanency  
well being

# *Inter-agency Collaborations*

- Federal Child Neglect Research Consortium
- Domestic Violence-Child Protective Services and the Courts
- A variety of smaller activities and co-funding with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation, the Office of Community Services, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Center on Mental Health Services, and the Indian Health Service



# *Evaluations of Family Support and Family Preservation Programs*

To learn about the status of family preservation and family support programs by studying the implementation of the federal law that created the Family Preservation and Support Services program (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993) by states and localities.

# *Child Protective Services, Domestic Violence, and Court Collaboration: Demonstration Grants*

- Discretionary funding designed to support demonstrations to build collaborations in communities to better serve and protect family members involved in both family violence and child maltreatment.
- Based on recommendations from the publication entitled: “Effective intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice,” published by the National Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- A collaboration of 8 Federal funders

# *Child Protective Services, Domestic Violence, and Court Collaboration: Demonstration Grants*

- San Francisco, California
- Santa Clara County (San Jose), California
- El Paso County (Colorado Springs), Colorado
- St. Louis County, Missouri
- Grafton County, New Hampshire
- Lane County (Eugene), Oregon
- Technical Assistance Provider Network
- National Evaluation Contract

Early Head Start  
and  
Office on Child Abuse and  
Neglect

Demonstration sites

Children's Bureau  
and  
National Institute of  
Alcohol Abuse and  
Alcoholism

# *Definitions*

# Activities Related to Definitions

- Conference on Physical Injuries
  - NIMH, CDC, with NICHD, NIDA, NIAAA, NINDS, NIDCR
- Data Collection System: Child Maltreatment Log
  - Children's Bureau, NICHD Intramural Research Program
- Classification and Definitions for Research in Child Abuse and Neglect
  - NICHD, Children's Bureau, with NIMH, NIDA, NIAAA, NINDS, NIDCR

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Funding Opportunities

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