National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being, II (NSCAW II) Child Well-Being Spotlights
Children with Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Reports of Child Maltreatment are at Similar Risk for Poor Outcomes (NSCAW II)

Well-Being Indicators by Substantiation Status

- Developmental Problems (0 to 5 years old): 31.7% (Substantiated), 33.4% (Not Substantiated)
- Cognitive Problems (4 to 17 years old): 20.7% (Substantiated), 23.3% (Not Substantiated)
- Emotional/Behavioral Problems (1.5 to 17 years old): 38.8% (Substantiated), 42.3% (Not Substantiated)
- Substance Use Disorder (11 to 17 years old): 20.8% (Substantiated), 19.4% (Not Substantiated)
Children Placed Outside the Home and Children Who Remain In-Home after a Maltreatment Investigation Have Similar and Extensive Service Needs (NSCAW II)

Well-Being Indicators by Investigation Outcome

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- **In-Home, Not Connected to Services**: 31.2, 24.3, 40.3, 19.9
- **In-Home, Connected to Services**: 37.0, 18.3, 44.9, 18.8
- **Out-of-Home**: 38.3, 23.9, 41.4, 23.5

Percent at Risk for a Problem: 0 to 5 years old, 4 to 17 years old, 11 to 17 years old, 1.5 to 17 years old.
Adolescents with a History of Maltreatment Have Unique Service Needs That May Impact Their Transition to Adulthood (NSCAW II)

### Well-Being Indicators by Age

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<th>Problem</th>
<th>Ages 11 to 14</th>
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<td>Emotional/behavioral problems</td>
<td>57.6%</td>
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<td>Poor social skills</td>
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<td>Ever repeated grade</td>
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<td>Substance use disorder</td>
<td>12.3%</td>
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<td>Ran away (past 6 months)</td>
<td>12.6%</td>
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<td>Court appearance (past year)</td>
<td>8.2%</td>
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<td>Ever pregnant (girls only)</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
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Caregivers of Children Who Remain In-home After a Maltreatment Investigation Need Services (NSCAW II)

### Need for Services Among NSCAW In-home Caregivers, Compared to Adults Nationally

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<th>Problem</th>
<th>Ages 18–25</th>
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**Percentage With a Problem**

- **Substance Abuse Ages 18–25**: 29.3%
- **Substance Abuse Ages ≥ 26**: 29.3%
- **Intimate Partner Violence (past 12 months)**: 24.2%
- **Major Depression (past 12 months)**: 22.6%

**Graph Notes**
- NSCAW data
- National comparison data
Children in Out-of-Home Placements Receive More Psychotropic Medications and Other Mental Health Services than Children Who Remain In-Home Following a Maltreatment Investigation (NSCAW II)

Use of specialty mental health (MH) services separately and in combination with psychotropic medications at NSCAW Wave 2, among children meeting clinical criteria for a mental health need.
More than One Quarter of Children Placed Out of Home Experience Placement Disruption in the First 18 Months After a Maltreatment Investigation (NSCAW II)

Number of Placements in the First 18 Months Post-Investigation for Children Placed Out of Home by Age

- 1 Placement
  - 0–5 years old: 71.0
  - 6–12 years old: 77.0
  - 13–17 years old: 69.7

- 2 Placements
  - 0–5 years old: 23.6
  - 6–12 years old: 14.9
  - 13–17 years old: 15.3

- 3 or More Placements
  - 0–5 years old: 5.4
  - 6–12 years old: 8.1
  - 13–17 years old: 15.0
Parents Reported for Maltreatment Experience High Rates of Domestic Violence (NSCAW II)

Domestic Violence (DV) among NSCAW Parents

- Self-Report of DV in Previous 12 months: 24.7%
- Caseworker Report of Active DV: 12.1%
- Self-Report of Lifetime DV: 34.8%
- Caseworker Report of History of DV: 26.9%
For More Information

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http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/abuse_neglect/nscaw/