



C.A.N. Collaborative

Working Together to End Child Abuse and Neglect in the Ozarks

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Working Together to Build Strong Communities

Greene County Child Abuse and Neglect Data

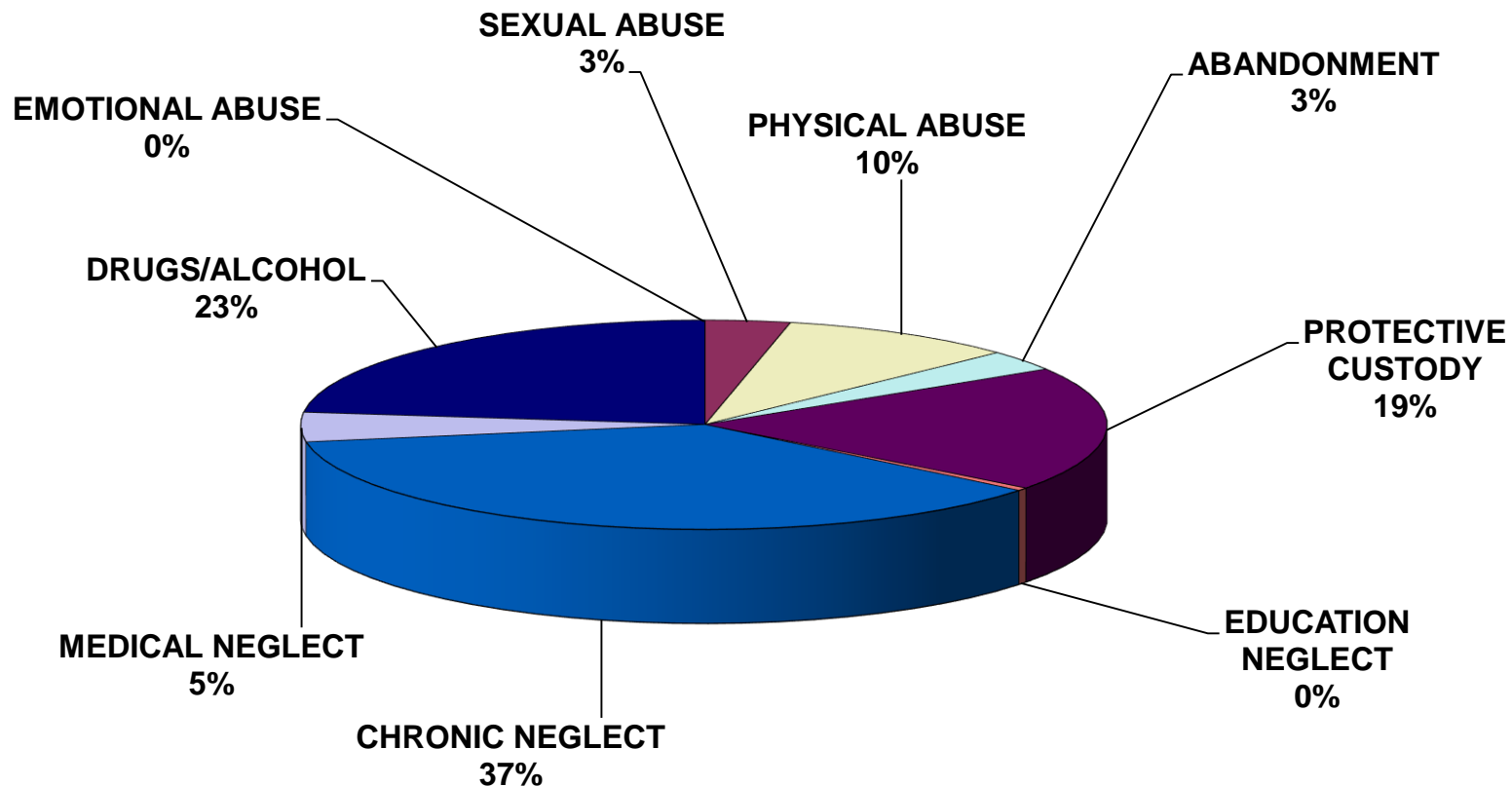
Local Numbers:

In 2017, there were 6,580 hotline calls in Greene County.

According to the Greene County Juvenile Office in 2017, there were, on average, 595 children in care.

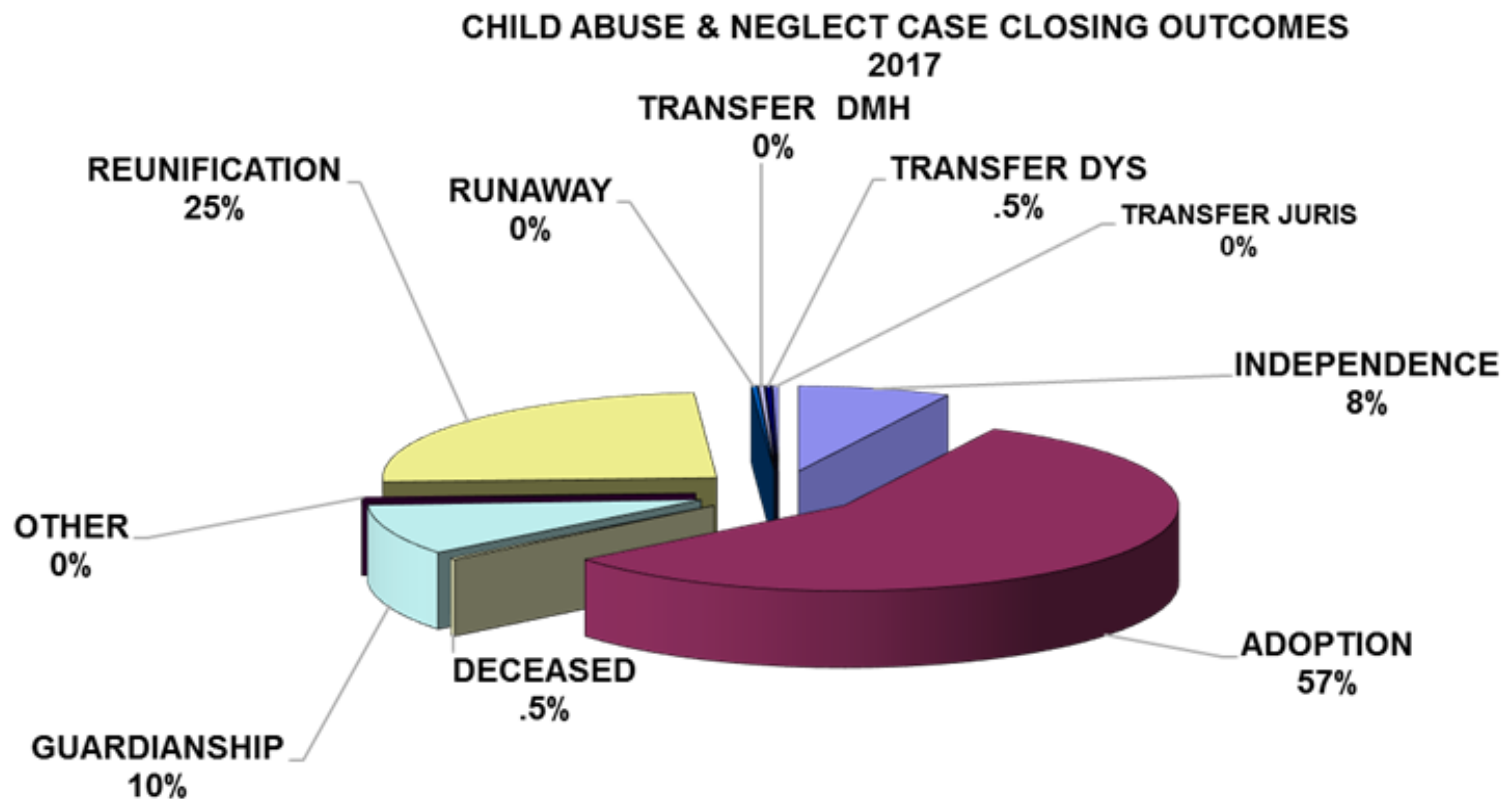


Greene County Juvenile Office Abuse & Neglect Referral Allegations 2017



- Chronic Neglect includes lack of supervision, unsafe/unsanitary housing, domestic violence & mental health/functioning issues
- Protective Custody indicates custody being taken by Law Enforcement or Doctor
- Information received from the 2017 Greene County Juvenile Office Annual Report

Greene County Juvenile Office Permanency Outcomes Statistics



- There were 365 cases closed in 2017
- Information received from the 2017 Greene County Juvenile Office Annual Report

Community Partnership of the Ozarks

Community Partnership of the Ozarks Community Collaboratives initiative creates pathways to raise the standard of living and quality of life for all inhabitants in Springfield and the surrounding area. It brings together and mobilizes diverse interests and identifies and prioritizes community needs and resources.

There are six Collaboratives:

- 1). Child Abuse and Neglect
- 2). Early Care and Education
- 3). Environmental
- 4). Food
- 5). Housing
- 6). Transportation



Community Partnership of the Ozarks Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative

Leadership: Chair – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney
Vice-Chair – Nancy Hoeman, Retired Nurse and Child Abuse and
Neglect Review Board Member

Collaborative Member Partners Include:

- Ambassadors for Children
- Burrell Behavioral Health
- CASA of Southwest Missouri
- Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri
- Cherish Kids
- Child Advocacy Center
- Child Care Aware of Southern Missouri
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks
- Cox Health
- Department of Mental Health
- Division of Behavioral Health
- Every Child Promise
- Foster Adopt Connect
- Good Samaritan Boys Ranch
- Great Circle
- Greene County Children's Division
- Greene County Juvenile Office
- Isabel's House
- LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home
- Lutheran Family & Children Services
- Mercy
- OACAC Greene County
- Parents As Teachers
- Preferred Family Health
- Springfield Police Department
- Springfield Public Schools
- Springfield/Greene County Health Department
- The Victim Center
- United Way of the Ozarks
- YMCA
- Many Individual Members

Community Partnership of the Ozarks Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative

The Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative began meeting in 2013. The group works together to prevent child abuse and neglect through five identified priorities:

1. Prevent child abuse and neglect through strengthening families.
2. Develop a state of the art child welfare system in Greene County, ensuring all children, families, and caseworkers will have the necessary resources and services.
3. All suspected child abuse and neglect will be reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline.
4. Springfield and Greene County will have a quality understanding of child abuse and neglect and will know how to respond to the needs of the community.
5. All businesses, civic, and faith-based organizations in Greene County that work with children will support families through positive parent practices.

Community Partnership of the Ozarks Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative

The Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative has six subcommittees all focused on specific tasks:

Faith Based Community
Training

Mandated Reporter

Public Awareness

Strengthening Families

Supporting Children in Child Welfare

Trauma Matters



Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative Subcommittees

Faith-Based Community Subcommittee

Current tasks/projects:

- Engaging the faith community to encourage supporting and strengthening families.
- Working to provide support and education to faith based organizations.



Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative Subcommittees

Public Awareness Subcommittee

Current tasks/projects:

- Go Blue child abuse awareness month in April
- Developing a year long child abuse awareness campaign



Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative Subcommittees

Strengthening Families Subcommittee

Current tasks/projects:

- Continue implementation and support of Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)
- Identifying strengths and gaps of services in the community for children and families



Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative Subcommittees

Trauma Matters Subcommittee

Current tasks/projects:

- The group is working to make Springfield a more trauma aware community
- Has a group of 15 trainers available to provide a free 2-hour basic trauma awareness training.



Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative Subcommittees

Mandated Reporter Training Subcommittee

Current tasks/projects:

- This is a reporting committee made up of the group that currently presents the training.
- Assessing community gaps where organizations that serve children are not receiving mandated reporter training. They are currently engaging with area schools to encourage in person and/or online training.

In-Person training information:

Location: Library Center on South Campbell

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

August 8th

November 1st

Register on the cpozarks.org website or email Terry Grier at tgrier@cpozarks.org

Local Resources

LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home

- Providing homeless pregnant women a home where they receive the resources, education and training needed to give them and their babies a chance at a better life.
 - Phone number: (417)720-4213

Isabel's House

- Their mission is to provide immediate refuge for children ages birth to 12 whose families are in crisis. By partnering with families and the community, we will strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.
 - Phone number: (417)865-CARE

Early Childhood One-Stop

- This is a one stop resource for families with children from birth to 3rd grade seeking resources for child care, education, food, family friendly activities, and many other family needs.
 - Phone number: (417)887-3545

How to Get Involved

- Become a foster parent
 - <http://lfcsmo.org/>
 - <http://www.cherishkids.org/>
- Become a CASA volunteer
 - <http://casaswmo.org/>
- Attend a Mandated Reporter Training
 - Organize an in-person training for a large group
- Get involved with the Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative or a subcommittee



**If you suspect abuse or neglect is taking place, please call
the Missouri Children's Division Child Abuse and Neglect
Hotline at 1-800-392-3738**

Questions?



www.cpozarks.org/CANCollaborative