

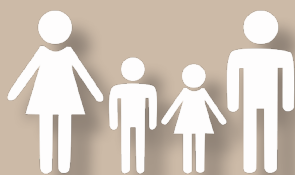
UNDERSTANDING CHILD ABUSE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law defines child abuse and neglect as when someone intentionally, knowingly or recklessly performs an action or fails to prevent an action that causes a child under the age of 18 to experience serious physical injury or mental harm, sexual abuse or exploitation.

62%
of child victims
are female

38%
of child victims
are male

In most cases, the
abusers are the



child's parents or other
family members.

**IN 2018, CHILD
ABUSE LED TO**

47
FATALITIES

There
were

7,696

substantiated cases of
child abuse in Pennsylvania
in 2018.

47.4%

INVOLVED SEXUAL
ABUSE

23.8%

INVOLVED PHYSICAL
ABUSE

9.4%

INVOLVED SERIOUS
NEGLECT

14.9%

INVOLVED MENTAL
INJURY