

Objective: Reduce recurrence of maltreatment

Measured by: Children who are re-abused

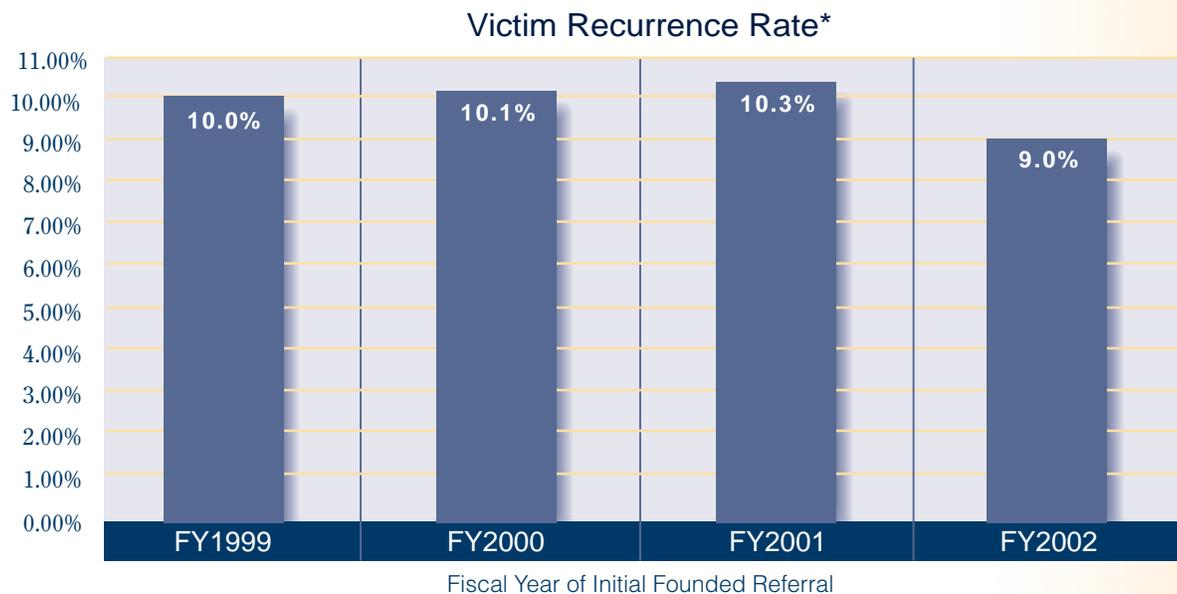
Children for whom there has been a finding of abuse or neglect within six months of a previous finding of abuse or neglect are considered victims of re-abuse.

Those families who are the subjects of multiple founded referrals in which children are re-abused receive increased scrutiny and monitoring by the administration.

Re-abuse indicates that despite efforts to support a given family in the provision of a safe and secure environment, that family is unable for any number of reasons to assure the safety of the child or children involved.

The victim recurrence rate is tracked based on the fiscal year of the initial founded referral, therefore this measure reflects fiscal year 2002 data.

While there were nominal increases in the recurrence rate in the three years preceding this report, there was a notable decrease in the recurrence rate for Fiscal Year 2002.



* The proportion of children with a founded referral of abuse that have a subsequent founded referral within six months of the initial referral. "Founded" means that an investigation concluded that the event was more likely than not to have occurred. For referrals with multiple allegations, the referral is considered "founded" if any of the allegations are founded.

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