

# SONOMA COUNTY KIDS COMMUNITY REPORT 2025



Many agencies strengthen the safety net supporting the well-being of youth of ages 0-21. The County of Sonoma Human Services Department alone invested \$1,153,000 in child abuse prevention services in 2025 and the following data offers a picture of the wide scope and impact of local child welfare and protection programs and services, including:

Community child abuse prevention services, including in home parent education and behavior support, therapy services, domestic violence services and case management.

Contracted services that are part of family reunification efforts.

A family service center for families that have adopted a child and reside in Sonoma County.



## FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

- 471** individual youth and Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) were in foster care at sometime during 2025. They were cared for by foster families and relatives, in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs or Regional Center Homes, the Valley of the Moon Children’s Home, or in transitional homes for youth going to school or working.
- 76** individual youth were cared for at the emergency shelter, the Valley of the Moon Children’s Home during the year.
- 65** children and youth had their placement closed due to reunification with their families, after an average of 332 days in care.
- 26** children and youth were adopted by forever families.

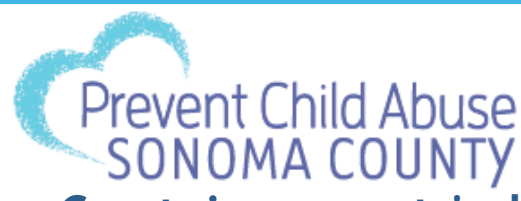


## REPORTS AND INVESTIGATION

- 9,048** callers reported concerns to the Child Protection Hotline resulting in 4,832 referrals being assessed for investigation.
- 1,665** required in-person investigation by the Family, Youth and Children’s Division.
- 167** investigated referrals were confirmed as rising to the level of abuse – known as having substantiated allegations.

The table below shows a breakdown of substantiated allegations:

General Neglect	62.5%
Physical Abuse	9.4%
Severe Neglect	8.5%
Sexual Abuse	5.8%
Caretaker Abuse/Incapacity	5.4%
Emotional Abuse	4.9%
Other	3.5%



Prevent Child Abuse - Sonoma County is our county's child abuse prevention council to establish an effective, cooperative and coordinated response to end child abuse.

There are services and support for parents and children in our community. OpenDoors is a resource guide to local community services and resources. Please visit [opendoorssc.com](http://opendoorssc.com) to learn more about the supports available in Sonoma County. Child Parent Institute (CPI) offers free parenting classes (visit [calparents.org/classes](http://calparents.org/classes)) and a parent support line with a parent educator at (707) 755 - 2858. Resources to meet basic needs, such as diapers, can also be found at CPI. All services are offered in both English and Spanish.

Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone’s Concern - everyone plays a role in this work. So please get involved! To join our efforts, email [robinb@calparents.org](mailto:robinb@calparents.org). To report concerns about the well-being of a child or youth, call the anonymous and confidential Sonoma County Child Abuse Hotline 24/7: (707) 565-4304.