

# SONOMA COUNTY KIDS

## COMMUNITY REPORT 2022



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 \$1.2 Million in child abuse prevention services in 2022.

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, therapy services, resource assistance 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



**623** individual youth and Non-Minor Dependents were in foster care at some time during 2022. They were cared for by foster families and relatives, in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program or Regional Center Homes, or in transitional homes for youth going to school or working.

**118** individual youth were cared for at the emergency shelter, the Valley of the Moon Children's Home during the year.

**108** children and youth reunified with their families, after an average of 332 days in care.

**20** children and youth were adopted by forever families.



## REPORTS AND INVESTIGATION

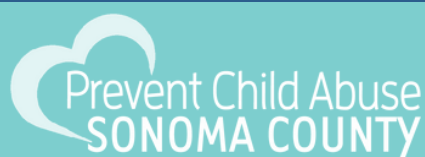
**8289** callers reported concerns to the Child Protection Hotline resulting in 4,747 referrals being assessed for investigation.

**1698** required in-person investigation by the Family, Youth and Children's Division.

**262** investigated referrals were confirmed as rising to the level of abuse – known as having substantiated allegations.

The table below shows the percent of each type of abuse for all 262 allegations:

General Neglect	60.9%
Severe Neglect	16.8%
Sexual Abuse	10.1%
Caretaker Abuse/Incapacit	6.0%
Physical Abuse	4.1%
Emotional Abuse	3.7%
At risk, sibling abused	2.6%
Exploitation	.4%



Prevent Child Abuse - Sonoma County is our county's child abuse prevention council. Our work is to establish an effective, cooperative and coordinated response to end child abuse. Child Parent Institute coordinates and leads the group in partnership with Family, Youth and Children.

There are services and support for parents and children in our community. Being a parent is the hardest job you will ever have! At CPI we offer free parenting classes (visit [calparents.org/classes](http://calparents.org/classes)) or call the parent support line to get a free consultation 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.