

# Reasons CAPTA Was Initiated

- Medical recognition of Battered Child Syndrome in 1961, as well as findings from medical reports, brought attention to the problem of child abuse.
- One of every 10 children brought to hospital emergency rooms were victims of physical abuse.
- A large majority of these cases went unreported.
- Federal government was urged to take interest in the welfare of abused and neglected children.
- States had developed reporting laws and responses to reports, without a lot of uniformity.