

# **Pennsylvania Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals**

**\*These Statistics are from the Department of Public Welfare's 2006 Annual Report and the Department of Health and Human Services Publication-Child Maltreatment 2002**

- 23,181 reports of suspected child and student abuse were received.  
(Note: 24 of these were suspected student abuse)
- 4,152 reports of suspected child and student abuse were substantiated.  
(Note: 15 of these were involving student abuse)
- Sexual abuse was involved in 59 percent of all substantiated reports.
- 31 children died from abuse, 9 fewer than in 2005

# **Pennsylvania Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals (continued)**

- 400 or 10 % of substantiated reports involved children who had been abused before.
- 8,514 children were removed from the setting where the alleged or actual abuse occurred.
- PA reported to the Department of Health and Human Services that in 2005, “CPS investigations account for approximately 30 percent of the total reports investigated and or assessed by the Child Welfare System.”
- In total, over 77,000 child abuse/neglect reports are assessed and/or investigated by Pennsylvania Child Welfare per year.