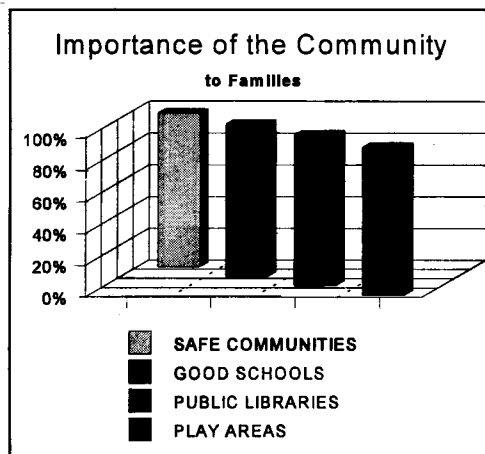
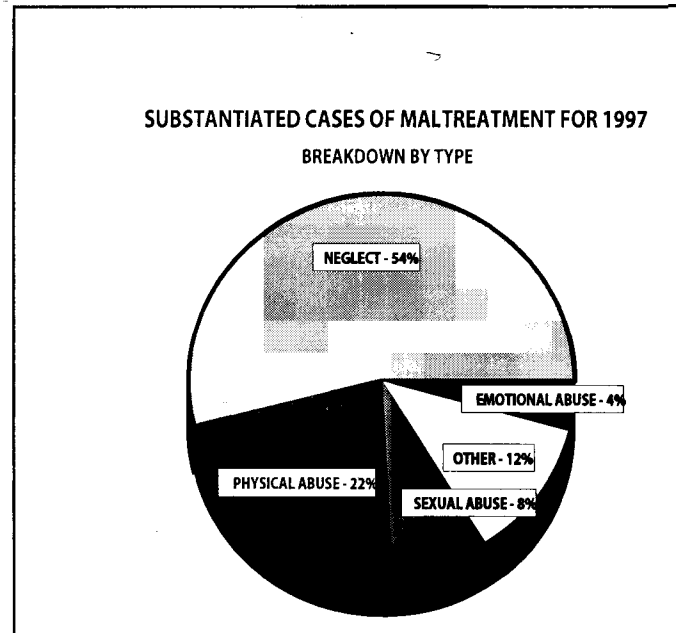


Statistics Related to Children in Our Society

REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

In 1997, over 3 million children were reported for child abuse and neglect to child protective service (CPS) agencies in the United States, and more than three children died each day as a result of maltreatment. According to a 1997 survey, neglect represented 54% of confirmed cases, physical abuse 22%, sexual abuse 8%, emotional maltreatment 4%, and other forms of maltreatment 12%.



IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY

Our 1998 public opinion poll confirms that parents view the community as an important child rearing resource. Over 90% of adults polled said that safe communities, good schools, public libraries, and outdoor play areas were necessary to assist parents in raising their children (Daro, 1998).

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