


**Focus on Understanding &
Preventing
Maltreatment in Care**

**Provider G-Force
Meeting**
Division of Family
& Children Services
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We Believe

**No child who has
already been
maltreated should
ever be hurt again
on our watch.**

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When you
believe,
your actions are
fueled
by the **strength**
of your
convictions
until you **achieve**
your **desired**
results.

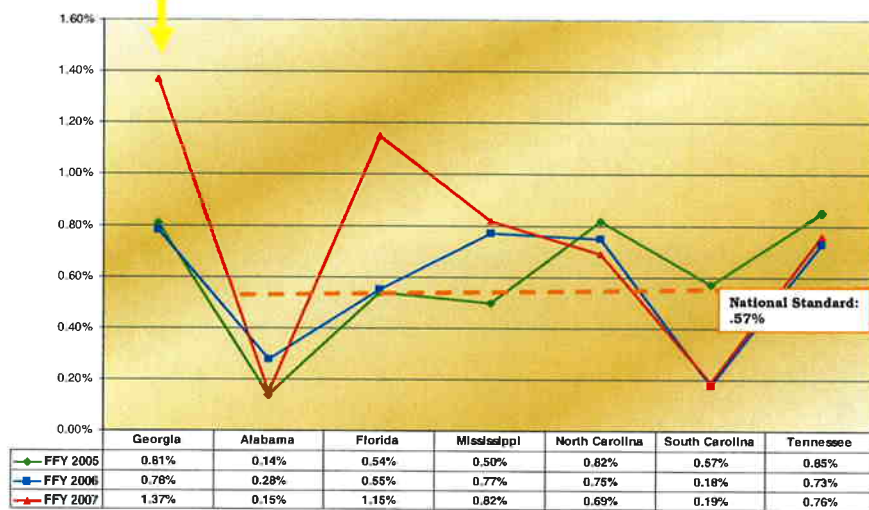
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Overview of Maltreatment in Care

- Comparison of Georgia's Maltreatment in Care Rate to Other States from FFY 2005 -- FFY 2007.
- Georgia's Maltreatment in Care Trends from FFY 2005 -- FFY 2009.
- Georgia's Maltreatment in Care Trends: Substantiated Reports from June 2008 through February 2010.

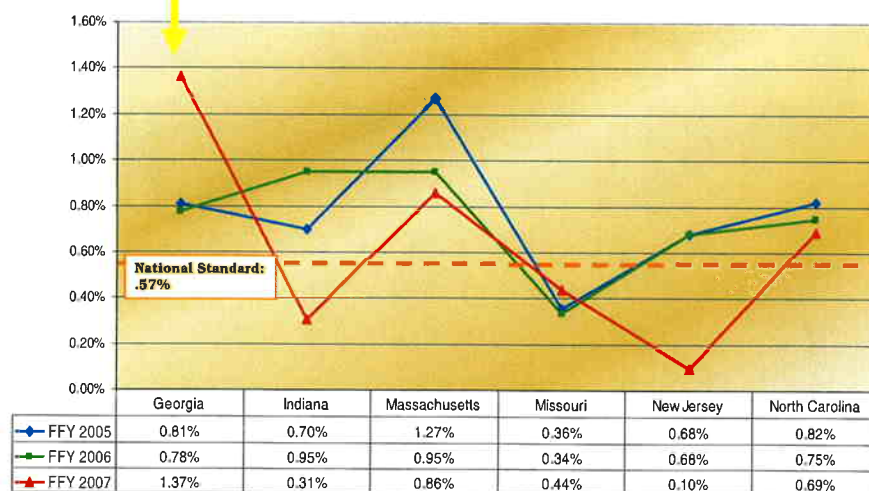
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Maltreatment in Care Rates Comparison of Georgia & Neighboring States FFY 2005 -FFY 2007



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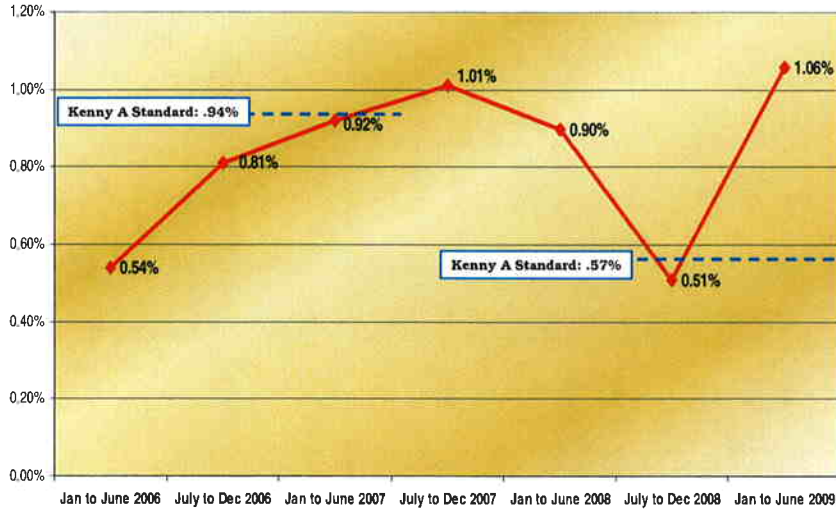
Maltreatment in Care Rates Comparison of Georgia & States with Similar Numbers of Children in Foster Care FFY 2005 -FFY 2007



Source of Data: These states had 10,000 to 15,000 children in care during the selected time period.

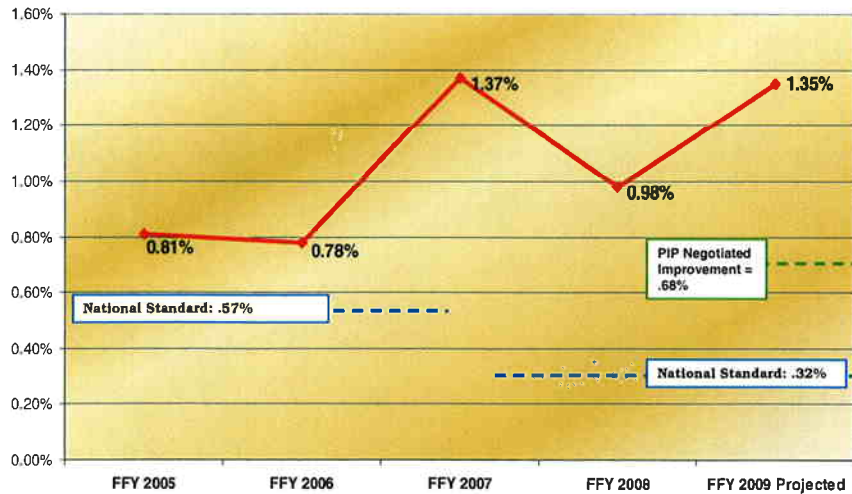
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Kenny A: Maltreatment in Care Trend 1st through 7th Period



Note: The blue dashed lines reflects the Kenny A standard which was .94% for end of second period and no more than .57% by end of 4th period.

Maltreatment in Care: State Trend FFY 2005 – FFY 2009



Note: The blue dashed lines reflects the National standard which was .57% until FFY2007; then decreased to .32%.

Maltreatment in Care in Georgia

June 2008 – February 2010

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Summary

- There were 1,191 reports of maltreatment for children in care between June 2008 to February 28, 2010, of those there were 433 children with substantiated reports.
- 37% of reports were for inadequate supervision; 58.7% of these children were 12 and under.
- Almost half (46.7% or 202) had been in care for 30 days or less.
- 70% of these children had only one substantiated report during this period.

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**Placement Type for Children with Substantiated Reports
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of children in placement type June 2008 – February 2010	Number of Children with Substantiated Maltreatment Report	Percent of Children in Placement Type with Substantiated Maltreatment Report	Of the 433 Substantiated Reports, percent by Placement Type
Adoptive Home	2,790	16	.57%	3.7%
CCI	5,159	83	1.6%	19.2%
CPA Foster Home	7,287	55	.75%	12.7%
DFCS Foster Home	10,700	132	.11%	30.5%
Relative Home	6,125	75	1.2%	17.3%
Other Medical Facility	1,044	35	3.4%	8.2%
Other	6,094	37	1.0%	8.1%

Note: The number of children in each placement type only provides information on the number of children in each placement type at some point between June 2008 and February 2010. There are children who were in multiple placement types during the time period.

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**Allegation Type for Substantiated Reports
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of Children with substantiated reports within category	Percent of Children With substantiated reports within category
Inadequate Supervision	160	37.0%
Physical/Verbal Abuse	92	21.2%
Sexual Abuse	45	10.4%
Inadequate clothing, shelter	31	7.2%
Inadequate medical care	29	6.7%
Neglect	57	13.2%
Other	19	4.3%
Total	433	

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**Age of Children with
Substantiated Reports
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of Children	Percent of Children
5 or younger	124	28.5%
6 to 12 years	123	28.5%
13 to 15 years	94	21.6%
16 to 17 years	92	21.2%

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**Age of Child & Substantiated Allegation
June 2008 – February 2010**

	5 & under	6 to 12	13 to 15	16 to 17	Total
Inadequate Supervision	48 30.0%	46 28.7%	31 19.4%	35 21.9%	160
Physical Abuse	33 35.9%	32 34.7%	19 20.6%	11 12.0%	92
Sexual Abuse	7 15.5%	15 33.3%	10 22.2%	13 28.9%	45
Inadequate clothing, shelter	16 51.6%	8 25.8%	5 16.1%	2 6.4%	31
Inadequate medical	4 13.8%	2 6.8%	14 48.3%	9 31.0%	29
Neglect	16 28.1%	20 35.1%	16 28.1%	5 8.7%	57

Note: Table should be read as “30% of the 160 children with substantiated inadequate supervision reports were 5 and under; 28.7% were 6 to 12; 19.4% were 13 to 15; and 21.9% were 16 to 17.”

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**Number of Months In Care
at Time of Report
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of children With substantiated maltreatment reports	Percent of children with substantiated maltreatment reports
1 month or less	202	46.7%
2 to 3 months	26	6.0%
4 to 6 months	34	7.8%
7 to 12 months	57	13.2%
13 to 18 months	32	7.4%
19 to 24 months	23	5.3%
25 months or more	59	13.6%

**Number of Children by Number of
Substantiated Reports
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of Children with substantiated maltreatment reports	Percent of children with substantiated maltreatment reports
One substantiated report	305	70.4%
Two substantiated reports	100	23.1%
Three or more substantiated reports	28	6.5%
Total children with substantiated reports	433	

**Placement Type & Substantiated Allegation
June 2008 – February 2010**

	CCI	CPA Foster Home	DFCS Foster Home	Relative Home	Total
Inadequate Supervision	30 18.7%	25 15.6%	55 34.4%	17 10.6%	160
Physical Abuse	6 6.5%	18 19.6%	38 35.9%	11 12.0%	92
Sexual Abuse	7 15.5%	5 11.1%	13 28.9%	7 15.5%	45
Inadequate clothing/shelter	4 12.9%	8 9.6%	12 38.7%	8 25.8%	31
Inadequate medical	18 62.1%	2 6.9%	2 6.9%	3 10.3%	29
Neglect	9 15.8%	2 3.5%	17 29.8%	29 50.9%	57

Note: Chart should be read as follows, "18.7% of the 160 children with substantiated inadequate supervision reports were in CCIs; 15.6% were in CPA homes; 34.4% were in DFCS homes and 10.6% were in relative homes. Please note that the chart does not reflect all placement types and therefore percentages do not add up to 100.

**Substantiated Reports
for Children in Care
for 30 days or less**

202 children in this category

Two Considerations Regarding Maltreatment Reports and the First 30 Days a Child is in Care

- Difficult to ascertain from the data when the alleged incident occurred.
- Research on retrospective reporting indicate that children often report abuse/neglect that occurred prior to entry into care.

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Retrospective and Non-Retrospective Incidents of Abuse & Neglect

	Relative Foster Home	Specialized Foster Home	Institutions	Total	
Number of Children in Foster Care with Substantiated reports	71 68%	92 81%	31 66%	18 67%	212 73%
Number of substantiated Retrospective Reports	34 32%	21 19%	16 34%	9 33%	80 27%
Total children with substantiated reports	105	113	47	27	292

Source: Research was conducted by the Children and Family Research Center, School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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**Age of Children in care for 30 days or less
with Substantiated Reports
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of Children	Percent of Children
5 or younger	61	30.2%
6 to 12 years	58	28.7%
13 to 15 years	43	21.3%
16 to 17 years	40	19.8%
Total	202	

**Allegation Type for with Substantiated Maltreatment & In
Care for 30 days or less
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Inadequate Supervision	64	31.7%
Physical Abuse	32	15.8%
Sexual Abuse	31	15.3%
Inadequate clothing, shelter	20	9.9%
Inadequate medical	5	2.5%
Neglect	50	24.8%

**Placement Type for Children with Substantiated
Reports in care 30 days or less
June 2008 – February 2010**

	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Adoptive Home	11	5.4%
CCI	22	10.9%
CPA Foster Home	13	6.4%
DFCS Foster Home	49	24.3%
Relative Home	57	28.2%
Other Medical Facility	33	16.3%
Other	17	8.4%

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*Hindsight explains the injury
that **foresight** would have
prevented.*

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