

# CHILD ABUSE COSTS EVERYONE....

**Each year, the direct and indirect costs of child abuse and neglect cost the United States \$104 billion.**

- Direct costs for foster care, hospitalization, mental health treatment and law enforcement are estimated at more than \$33 billion.
- Only 10% of the federal money set aside for child welfare can be used to prevent abuse and neglect from happening.

- The loss of productivity and expenses related to chronic health problems, special education, and criminal justice account for \$70 billion in indirect costs.

- Child maltreatment is the sixth largest cause of death for children under the age of 14 in the United States.



- it is impossible to calculate the impact of the pain, suffering, and reduced quality of life that victims of child abuse and neglect experience. These "intangible losses", though difficult to quantify in monetary terms, are real and should not be overlooked. Intangible losses, in fact, may represent the largest cost component of violence against children

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