

## Child abuse and neglect human and financial costs

**Prevent Child Abuse America's (PCAA) landmark study on the cost of child abuse of \$104 billion nationally equates to approximately \$35,000 per abused child per year.**

**Texas 70,589 confirmed victims x \$35,000= \$2.47 Billion Annually**

Investment in evidence-based & cost-effective prevention programs:

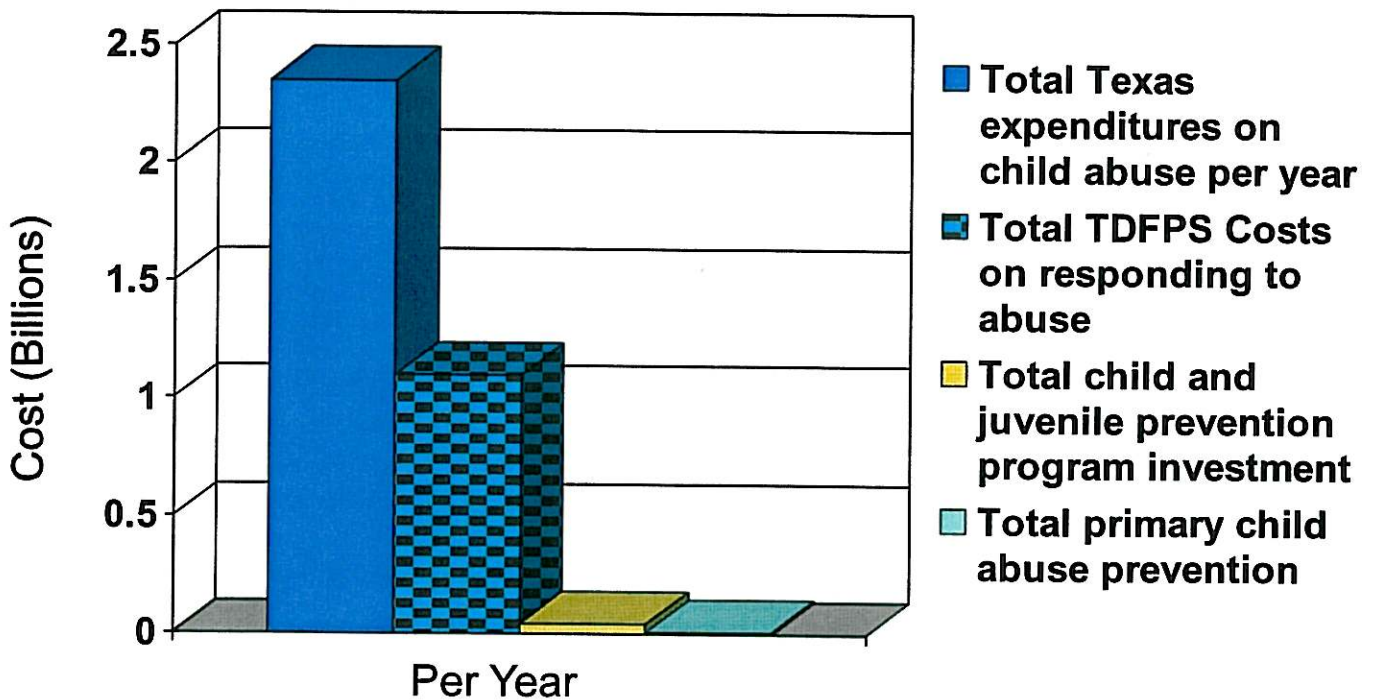
1. Saves millions in state funds spent on dealing with the after effects of abuse and neglect;
2. Reduces the numbers of children entering the CPS system and, most importantly;
3. Saves children's lives.

**Texas spends less than 1% of the total TDFPS budget on child abuse prevention programs\***

\*We are not suggesting that TDFPS is over funded: Texas ranks 46th in Child Welfare Funding

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## Problem: Texas Child Abuse Costs and Prevention Investment–Inverse Ratio



(2001) Fromm, Suzette. "The Total Estimated Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect in the U.S. Total Indirect and Direct Costs of \$94 bil. per annum" Prevent Child Abuse America, Edna McConnell Clark Foundation.

(2007) PCAA update \$107 bil. p/a. Texas cost estimates based on # National confirmed victims / 2001 costs of \$94 bil = \$35,000 per abused child per year.  $\$35K \times 71,344 = 2.497 \text{ Bil.}$ , 70,589 confirmed victims in FY 08 (DFPS databook 08)

2007 TDFPS Costs projected for 08-09: LAR budget for CPS costs including foster/ adopt costs. Excludes other DFPS functions (APS, CCL, PEI). Total PEI costs 2007 LAR Prevention budget for 08-09. "Primary" child abuse prevention costs estimated based on LAR and DFPS budget office requested info. on % of mgmt. attributed to PEI