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FACTS AND STATS ON THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN

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Mission

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence seeks to engage all people in a movement to change the social and political systems that perpetuate violence against women. We do this through education, advocacy and quality victim services.

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State Data

The following data represents the number of children present/not present during police response to incidences of domestic violence as well as the number harmed during the abuse:

Children Present		
Present	#	%
Harmed	111	2
Not Harmed	2258	31
Not Present	4844	67

Uniform Crime Report, Department of Public Safety 2009

In one day in 2011, **302 children stayed in domestic violence shelters in Iowa**, accounting for 36.6% of the 824 clients staying in the shelters.

Domestic Violence Counts 2011: A 24-Hour Census of Domestic Violence Shelters and Services

National Data

70% of batterers grew up in violent homes.

US Department of Health and Human Services, Family Violence: An Overview 1991

Children who grow up in abusive homes are **four times more likely engage in illegal acts.**

The Impact of Violence 1988

Researchers estimate that between 10%-20% of America's children have been exposed to domestic violence and at least **one third of children will be exposed at some point during their childhood.**

Carlson, B.E.. 2000. Trauma, Violence and Abuse, 321-342.

Nationally, in a census of individuals served by domestic violence agencies in a single day, there were 67,339 individuals, 38.4% of whom were children and **25,871 children slept in shelters or transitional housing units.**

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An estimated **15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which partner violence occurred** at least once in the past year.

McDonald, Jouriles, and Ramisetty-Mikler. 2006. Estimating the Number of American Children Living in Partner-Violent Families. Journal of Family Psychology.

Between **45% and 70% of children** exposed to domestic violence are also **victims of physical abuse.**

Trickett & C.J. Shellenbach. 1998. American Psychological Association, 57-101.

A Michigan study found that **children who have been exposed to family violence suffer symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder** and are at a greater risk of having allergies, asthma, stomach problems, headaches and flu.

Graham-Bermann and Seng. 2005. Journal of Pediatrics.