

The Families We Serve

Orientation Activity

Often, the children and families served by CPS agencies have multiple problems and needs besides child maltreatment. Common characteristics, problems, and needs of families served by public children service agencies include:

- Poverty and unemployment
- Domestic violence
- Substance abuse
- Developmental disabilities
- Mental illness and emotional disturbances
- Unsafe neighborhoods and living environments
- Limited ability to access supports and resources

Caseworker Core training will provide awareness, knowledge and understanding of how these characteristics and issues impact the families we serve. In the mean time, complete the activity below.

Activity:

Interview your supervisor or a lead caseworker concerning ecological and community factors in your region that may contribute to family stress and increase the potential for child maltreatment.

Also go to www.pcsao.org and locate county-specific statistics about the scope of their agency's services in the current PCSAO Fact Book.

The Fact Book includes state and county-specific statistics concerning number and types of child abuse and neglect reports, trends on abuse and neglect in your county, number of children in custody, local conditions that impact abuse and neglect, and funding received by your agency.

Use the space below to maintain your notes.



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