General Statistics on Child Abuse

abuse.

A report of child abuse is made every 10	About 30% of abused and neglected
seconds.	children will later abuse their own
	children, continuing the horrible cycle of

More than 5 children die every day as a

result of child abuse. Approximately 80% of children that die

from abuse are under the age of 4. It is estimated that between 50-60% of child fatalities due to maltreatment

are not recorded as such on death certificates. More than 90% of juvenile sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator in some way.

education.

Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of

About 80% of 21 year olds that were abused as children met criteria for at least one psychological disorder. The estimated annual cost of child abuse

is \$124 billion. 1/3 to 2/3 of child maltreatment cases involve substance use to some degree.

and neglect in the United States for 2008

Children whose parents abuse alcohol and other drugs are 3 times more likely to be abused and more than 4 times more likely to

be neglected than children from nonabusing families. As many as 2/3 of the people in treatment for drug abuse reported being abused or neglected as children.