



Incidence

I. Reporting

A. Sullivan, Brookhouser & Scanlon, 2000

1. general under reporting...

"Many incidents of maltreatment known to professionals and lay persons are not reported to appropriate agencies, leading to underestimates of true levels of maltreatment (Knutson, 1988)."

B. Bonner & Henssley, 1997

1. 50 states + 7 U.S. territories...

"The results suggest that children's disabilities are highly unlikely to be identified as they enter the child protection system."

"Lack of identification may result in few appropriate services being provided to children and their families or to foster families who care for these children. Other results indicate that even when a child is noted as having a disability,

the specific disabling condition is rarely noted. Therefore, less attention may be focused on providing the specific services needed."

" "...only seven states require an average of 4 hours of training in disabilities for child welfare workers."

- a. ...did not identify if abused child had a disability
- b. ...did not provide disability specific services to children or families
- c. ...did not provide adequate professional prep to case workers re. working with children with disabilities
- d. ...situation had gotten worse, not better, since a similar study in 1982

" Consistent, reliable and effective data

gathering/reporting, at state level, has gotten worse, not better since 1982 Camblin study

2. ...need for

" Training for case workers to identify and provide appropriate services for children with disabilities who experience abuse

" Determine the availability of services for children with disabilities who experience abuse

" Develop and implement standardized forms, across states, to collect data concerning the incidence and services for children with disabilities who experience abuse.

- a. ...better training

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- b. ...better data gathering**
- c. ...better evaluation of services provided**

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