

2015 ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT Child Welfare Worker Safety – Critical Incident Report

61 out of 88 COUNTIES THAT REPORTED

Small Counties	Medium-Small	Medium Counties	Large	Metros	Major Metros
Adams, Carroll, Champaign, Coshocton, Defiance, Fayette Harrison, Henry Hocking, Holmes Jackson, Morgan Morrow, Noble Paulding, Putnam Van Wert, Vinton Williams and	Auglaize, Clinton, Crawford, Guernsey, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Preble and Shelby	Athens, Belmont, Erie, Geauga, Jefferson, Miami, Muskingum, Ross, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, and Tuscarawas,	Allen, Ashtabula, Clark, Columbiana, Fairfield, Greene, Richland, Warren, Wayne, Wood	Butler, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Montgomery, Stark, and Summit	Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Hamilton
(20 out of 26)	(9 out of 14)	(12 out of 21)	(10 out of 15)	(7 out of 9)	(3 out of 3)

30 out of 61 AGENCIES THAT REPORTED A SAFETY INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED

Small Counties	Medium-Small	Medium	Large	Metros	Major Metros
Adams (2) Champaign (1) Hocking (1) Holmes (2) Morrow (2) Noble (3)	Guernsey (2), Logan (3) Preble (1) Crawford (2)	Geauga (1), Sandusky (2), Seneca (1) Tuscarawas (8)	Allen (2) Ashtabula (3), Columbian (1) Fairfield (4), Richland (17), Wayne (4) Wood (1)	Butler (15) Lorain (4) Lucas (26) Montgomery (16) Stark (9) Summit (7)	Cuyahoga (161) Franklin (33) Hamilton (7)
Total = 11	Total = 8	Total = 12	Total = 32	Total = 77	Total = 201

Incident reported = 341

Incident Description

- 104 Verbal / Written Threats of Harm
- 57 Verbal Aggression (w/ sense of danger)
- 27 Personal / Agency Property Damage
- 10 Physical Assault not injured
- 6 Use of Weapon (knife, bomb)
- 6 Bitten by dogs
- 5 Physical Assault injured
- 4 Sexual Harassment
- 2 Stalked by Client

Others: faced domestic violence situation at client's home, pet attacked, client's under influence of drugs, caseworker got sick after visit client's home (possible meth lab), child escaped during moving car, minor physical attack such as hair pulled, kicked and scratched by client.

Alleged Offender

201 Client - Adult

69 Client - Child/Youth

- 5 Client's pet (mostly dogs)
- 4 Client's Paramour
- 3 Caregiver's Relative

Others: caseworker's ex, former client, intoxicated person, agency employee, client's homeowner, client's neighbor, client's relatives, unknown.

Location of Incident

- 209 Agency
- 51 Client Home
- 34 Phone / Email
- 5 Court
- 8 Provider Agency
- 2 Foster home

Others: during transported client, residential treatment facility, home of client's parent, kinship home, hospital parking lot and gas station.

Incident "Trigger"

- 30 Visit as part of C/A,N investigation
- 25 Parent Visit with Child
- 21 Custody Discussion, Pending Action
- 18 Routine Home Visit
- 10 Removal of Children
- 7 Court hearing

Others: ongoing case, child support meeting, transportation arrangement, drug screen, unscheduled visitation, mental health discussion, and unknown.

Post Incident Responses

- 105 Law Enforcement of local jurisdiction contacted for Agency and Victim
- 46 Victim Received Medical Attention
- 18 Employee Assistance Program Offered/Provided
- 15 Offender/s Picture Posted w/in Agency for Security Purposes
- 12 Law Enforcement Intervention
- 5 Warning Letter Issued
- 5 Offender arrested
- 4 Incoming Phone Calls to Victim Taped
- 3 Charges Filed Against Alleged Offender

Others: issued dog warden notification, juvenile court intervention filed, client not allowed at agency, case reassigned, cancelled home visit, evaluate client's mental health, hospital and caregiver notified, search initiated before visitation, home visit suspended, protective order granted for caseworker, client red flagged in system.