

2017 Report on Deaths, Injuries and Abuse in Child Care Settings

The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 directs states to make information available concerning the number of deaths, serious injuries and instances of substantiated child abuse that occur in child care settings each year. The Missouri Department of Social Services provides an annual summary of child deaths, serious injuries and substantiated child abuse and neglect reports that occur in a child care setting.

Beginning October 2016, child care providers participating in the Missouri's Child Care Subsidy Program are required to report to the Children's Division, via the Children's Division, Child Care website whenever a child death or serious injury occurs in their child care setting. **

Preliminary Data for 2017:

Total deaths in a child care setting – 9

- Licensed Child Care settings – 2
 - Illness/Natural Death – 1
 - SIDs – 1
- Unlicensed Child Care Setting - 7
 - Illness / Natural Deaths -2
 - Suffocation - 3
 - Child Abuse -1
 - Motor Vehicle - 1

Total serious injuries in a child care setting – 0

- Licensed Child Care settings – 0
- Unlicensed Child Care Setting – 0

Total serious child abuse and neglect reports substantiated* in a child care setting – 0**

- Licensed Child Care settings – 0
- Unlicensed Child Care Setting - 0

** Incidents that require a report include, but are not limited to:

- The death of a child if the child died while in a child care setting as defined by Missouri Statute.
- A serious injury that occurs in a child care setting as defined by Missouri Statute that results in the child getting professional medical treatment.
- The death of a child, that received care in a child care setting as defined by the Missouri Statute, if the child died of a contagious disease.

*** Substantiated Child Abuse and Neglect reports. The Children's Division uses **Preponderance of Evidence** as the standard of proof that abuse or neglect has occurred. This is the degree of evidence that is of greater weight or more convincing than the evidence which is offered in opposition to it or evidence which as a whole shows the fact to be proved to be more probable than not.