

HEALTH ALERT!

Protecting Children

(NAPSA)—A more effective system for tracking and linking data about child abuse may help protect children in the future.

More than 1,300 children die every year as a result of abuse or neglect. Studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually. Experts believe that understanding the root causes of childhood abuse and other violence involving children and adolescents may help prevent many needless deaths.



A low-cost program is yielding high-caliber results when it comes to finding the root causes of child abuse.

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can provide a more complete picture of the circumstances surrounding violent deaths so that effective prevention policies may be developed.

NVDRS links data from existing records so policy experts can see relevant trends and changes.

For more information, visit www.preventviolence.net.