- A child is abused or neglected every 49 minutes.

- South Carolina ranks 45th among U.S. states in the overall well-being of children.

- South Carolina ranked 43rd in percent of teen dropouts, with 9 percent of those aged 16 to 19 failing to finish high school.

- Twenty-one percent of the state's children live in poverty, and 38 percent live in single-parent families.

Sources: KidsCount 2009 Data Book, The Children's Defense Fund

Any child is a potential victim of child abuse and neglect.

- 1 in 4 girls, and 1 in 6 boys, will be sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 1 in 5 children are solicited sexually while on the internet.
- Child abuse and neglect does not discriminate. Children of all races, socio-economic backgrounds and ages are abused and neglected.
- Children who attend school with your children, go to your church, or are a part of your family may be experiencing physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect.
- More than 905,000 children in the U.S. were reported as abused or neglected in 2006 and over 16,000 of these children are in South Carolina.

Some children don’t survive child abuse and neglect.

- In 2004, 33 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in South Carolina.
- 59 child fatalities were confirmed as abuse-related since the year 2000.

Abuse and neglect can have life-long impact on a child.

- Survivors of abuse are 6 times more likely to become abusive parents.
- 45 percent of abused children become adult alcoholics.
- 85 percent of long term prisoners were abused as children.
- 75 percent of high school dropouts have a history of abuse in their families.
- Abused children are 25 percent more likely to repeat a grade in school.

Child abuse and neglect isn’t happening “somewhere else.” It’s a local problem!

- There were 461 reported cases of child abuse and neglect in Dorchester County in 2007.

- Dorchester County ranked 34 of 46 counties in South Carolina, in the number of confirmed cases of child abuse in 2007.