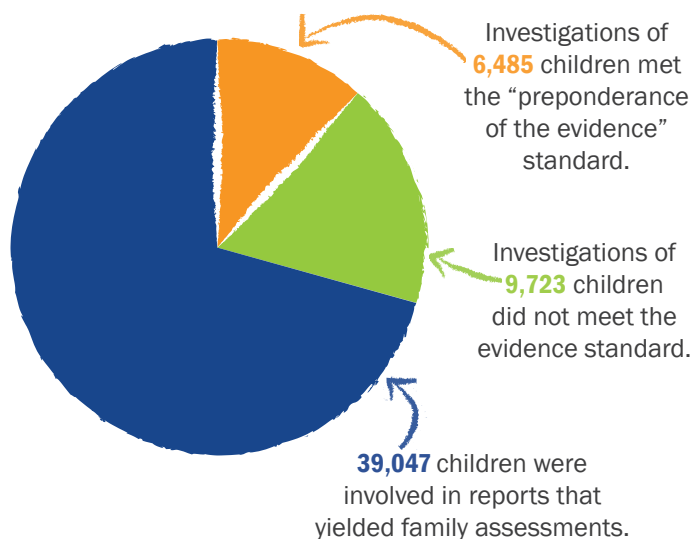


# PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

**THERE WERE 55,255 CHILDREN IN VIRGINIA REPORTED AS POSSIBLE VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT DURING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018. OF THOSE REPORTS ...**



**THERE WERE 1,954 REPORTS OF SUBSTANCE-EXPOSED NEWBORNS.\***

*\*Information provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services.*

Unhealthy relationships and environments can lead to child abuse and neglect.

Maltreatment in founded cases of abuse included physical neglect, physical and sexual abuse and mental abuse/neglect. The Centers for Disease Control cites several strategies to prevent child abuse. They include the following:

- Early child home visitation
- Early education with family engagement
- Improving parenting skills and family relationship approaches
- Behavioral parent training programs
- Treatment to lessen the harms of abuse and neglect exposure
- Treatment to prevent problem behavior and later involvement in violence

