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**Trends in Family Violence in San Francisco**  
**Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)**  
**Family Violence Council Report**

This report marks five years of formally tracking family violence data for the City and County of San Francisco. While the report provides a valuable snapshot into family violence trends throughout the lifespan, reporting departments have been challenged by limited staffing, resources, and technology to provide reliable and accurate data every year. In order to ensure that San Francisco is able to conduct a regular, coordinated and thorough review of family violence data, the City & County must invest in the improvement of data collection, data sharing and data analysis by all agencies that touch this issue.

**Domestic Violence**

- There was no change in 911 call volume.
- Domestic violence cases investigated by SFPD Special Victims Unit declined by 23%.
- The District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit conviction rate increased from 82% to 90%.
- There was a 14% increase in clients assisted by District Attorney Victim Services.
- The number of persons with domestic violence charges completing probation increased by 30%. There was also a 15% increase in revocations of probation.
- The number of individuals served by community based agencies offering transitional and permanent housing to domestic violence survivors increased by 53%.

**Child Abuse**

- Referrals to Family and Children's Services declined by 18%.
- There was a 28% increase in referrals substantiated as abuse by Family and Children's Services.
- Child abuse cases investigated by the SFPD Special Victims Unit increased by 15%, but has declined overall by 51% since fiscal year 2011.
- Family and Children's Services substantiated four times the number of child abuse cases than the Special Victims Unit investigated.
- Child abuse cases filed by the District Attorney's Office Child Assault Unit increased by 19%.
- The Adult Probation Department's specified child abuse caseload increased by 19%.

**Elder Abuse**

- Adult Protective Services received 7% fewer referrals, yet confirmed 16% more cases as unique cases of abuse by others.
- Elder physical abuse cases received and assessed by SFPD Special Victims Unit increased by 32% and the physical abuse cases investigated by the Special Victims Unit increased by 39%.
- Elder financial abuse cases received and assessed by the Special Victims Unit increased by 34%, but the investigation rate for the cases declined by 16%.
- Over the past four fiscal years, elder abuse cases investigated by the Special Victims Unit have declined by 58%.
- Adult Protective Services confirmed 962 unique cases of abuse by others.
- The District Attorney's Office filed 35% fewer elder abuse cases.
- The number of clients assisted by District Attorney's Victim Services increased by 21%.
- There were 32% fewer requests for elder abuse restraining orders.

Selected Family Violence Statistics in Summary FY2014			
	Domestic Violence	Child Abuse	Elder Abuse
Crisis Calls Received by Community Providers <sup>1</sup>	23,796	16,015	N/A
Calls Received by 911, Family & Children's Services, & Adult Protective Services	8,437	4,556 <sup>2</sup>	6,340
Cases Substantiated by Family & Children's Services & Adult Protective Services	N/A	921 <sup>3</sup>	2,190
Cases Received & Assessed by Special Victims Unit	3,383	401	189
Cases Investigated by Special Victims Unit	2,041	240	87
Cases Received by District Attorney's Office	1,536 <sup>4</sup>	142	N/A <sup>5</sup>
Cases Filed by District Attorney's Office	288 <sup>6</sup>	69	39
Convictions by Guilty Plea & Probation Revocation	266	16	N/A
Cases Brought to Trial	45	2	N/A
Convictions After Trial	27	2	N/A
Clients Assisted by Victim Services	1,306 <sup>7</sup>	289	258
Requests for Restraining Orders from Family, Probate, & Civil Harassment Courts	1,220	N/A	54

### Major Achievements

- The Housing Authority provided space for two new community-based domestic violence advocates who have offices on-site.
- All Department of Child Support Services staff received training on domestic violence.
- The Department of Public Health began an initiative to train staff on Trauma Informed Care.
- The Police Department implemented Limited English Proficiency training for officers, including elder abuse and domestic violence scenarios.
- The Police Department updated its Domestic Violence General Order and implemented a new Officer-Involved Domestic Violence policy, as well as a new Children of Arrested Parents Department General Order.

<sup>1</sup> Call volumes were provided by domestic violence hotlines and TALK Line (child abuse). There is presently no dedicated community-based hotline for elder abuse.

<sup>2</sup> There were 4,525 child abuse calls received by Family and Children's Services during calendar year 2014 and 32 child abuse calls received by 911 in fiscal year 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Statistic for child abuse cases substantiated by Family and Children's Services is for calendar year 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Starting in July 2013, the DA implemented a major expansion of its case management system, significantly improving the quality of family violence data maintained by the office. Previously, data for this report was collected using paper based systems. Pre-2013 data are therefore less reliable and comparisons across time periods may not be accurate. All domestic violence, stalking, and elder abuse cases are managed by the DA's Domestic Violence Unit. The statistics for domestic violence and elder abuse are combined for the DA's Office, except for cases filed.

<sup>5</sup> No statistics broken out for elder abuse, except for cases filed.

<sup>6</sup> Includes nine stalking cases filed.

<sup>7</sup> Includes children witnessing domestic violence.