



Did You Know?

Facts and Figures of Collin County

- The Department of Family and Protective Services confirmed that 67,737 Texas children (10.8 per 1,000) were abused or neglected in 2006.
- This is the highest rate in a decade.
- It is also a 32 percent increase in the last two years alone.
- The rate of children living in family violence shelters declined from 2003 to 2005. This is not because of a decline in domestic violence incidents. Rather, shelter capacity is not keeping pace with the need.
- The rate of children in foster care increased 42 percent from 2001 to 2006.

(From: www.cppp.org/kidscount)

Inadequate Foster Care Homes

- The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services had 57 state-licensed foster or adoptive homes in Collin County in February 2008; additional homes are available through private agencies. Due to this severe shortage of foster homes, nearly 80% of children in foster care must be placed outside the county, increasing the trauma to those children.
- Closer to home, in Collin County there were 4,155 children alleged to have been abused and 1090 children confirmed as abused. (DFPS 2006 Data Book)

(From: <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us>)

Collin County Referrals

- Every ten seconds a child is victimized by abuse or neglect.
- There were 3855 referrals to Child Protective Services last year

Age group	Number of children affected
0 - 2 years	518
3 - 5 years	643
6 - 8 years	687
9 -11 years	669
12 - 14 years	623
15 - 17 years	413
18+	302 (abuse happened before 18)

(From: [Collin County Children's Advocacy Center](#))