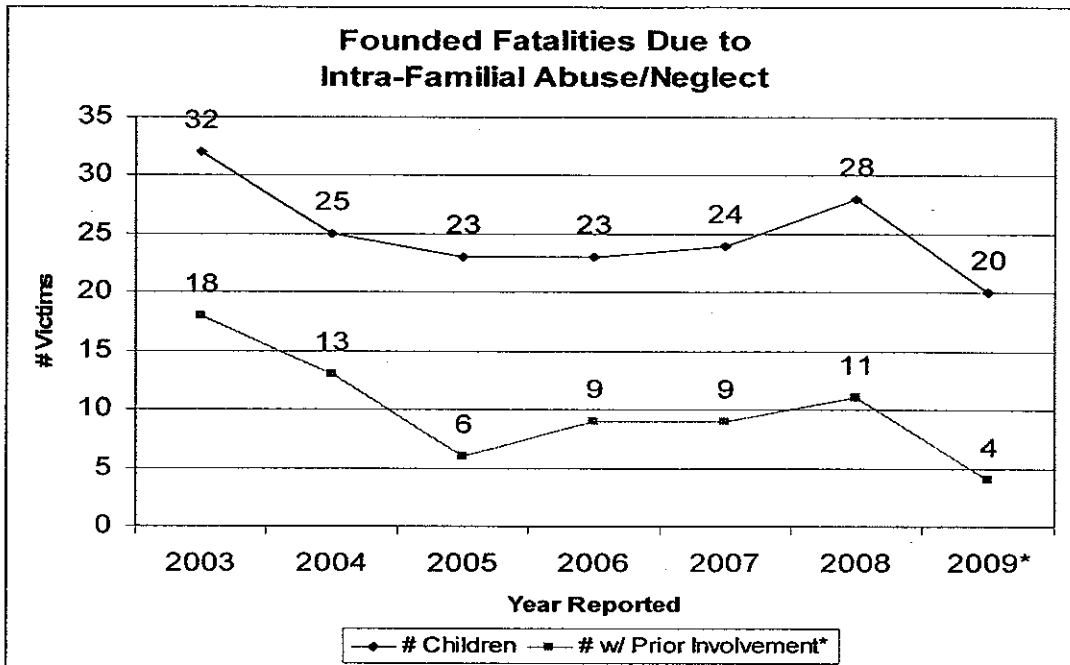


Data Talking Points

- Nationally, there are 13 county-administered child welfare states that represent **43%** of the total child population served.
- National data for 2007 indicate that **the rate of child fatalities due to abuse or neglect per 100,000 children is slightly higher for state administered systems than county administered systems.**
- On average over a recent 3 year span, county administered systems have had lower child fatality rates than state administered systems, a pattern that has been stable from year to year.
- **Colorado over a 4 year span ranked it in the top 10 best states on the important federal measure of the absence of child maltreatment. In comparison, 9 of the bottom 10 states were state administered over this same span.**
- National data show that **county administered states (48.4 Hours) had faster response times** to reports of child abuse or neglect than state administered (**90.9 Hours**) child welfare systems.
- The average number of days to service is calculated by measuring the number of days between the referral (report) and initiation of services, post investigation. Federal data reveal that in 2007, county administered states had a slightly lower average days (**38.8 Days**) to provide services than the state administered systems (**40.5 days**) but the difference is small.
- The following Graph shows the number of Colorado Child Fatalities due to Abuse or neglect for all children and for those where the county had some prior involvement. It should be noted that compared to 2003, there has been a **decline in both total child fatalities due to abuse or neglect and for those cases where the child had some prior involvement with social services. This suggests that while every child fatality is a loss, the state and counties have been moving in the right direction over the years and only minor child welfare fixes should be considered.** Keep in mind, the state's population has been growing over this 7 year span.



Source: TRAILS.

- As shown in the chart below, when child fatalities in all states with state-controlled systems are compared to states with county-controlled systems, the latter group has better outcomes:

Total Child Abuse or Neglect Fatalities per 100,000 Child Population by States that are County-Administered vs. State-Administered*

	Fatalities per 100,000 Children
County Administered	1.79
State Administered	2.13
Total	1.98

Source: National Center for Abuse and Neglect Data Systems, *Child Maltreatment Report 2005*. Note: *Three states Michigan, North Dakota (state administered) and North Carolina (county administered) did not provide child abuse and neglect fatality data and were excluded from the analysis.