

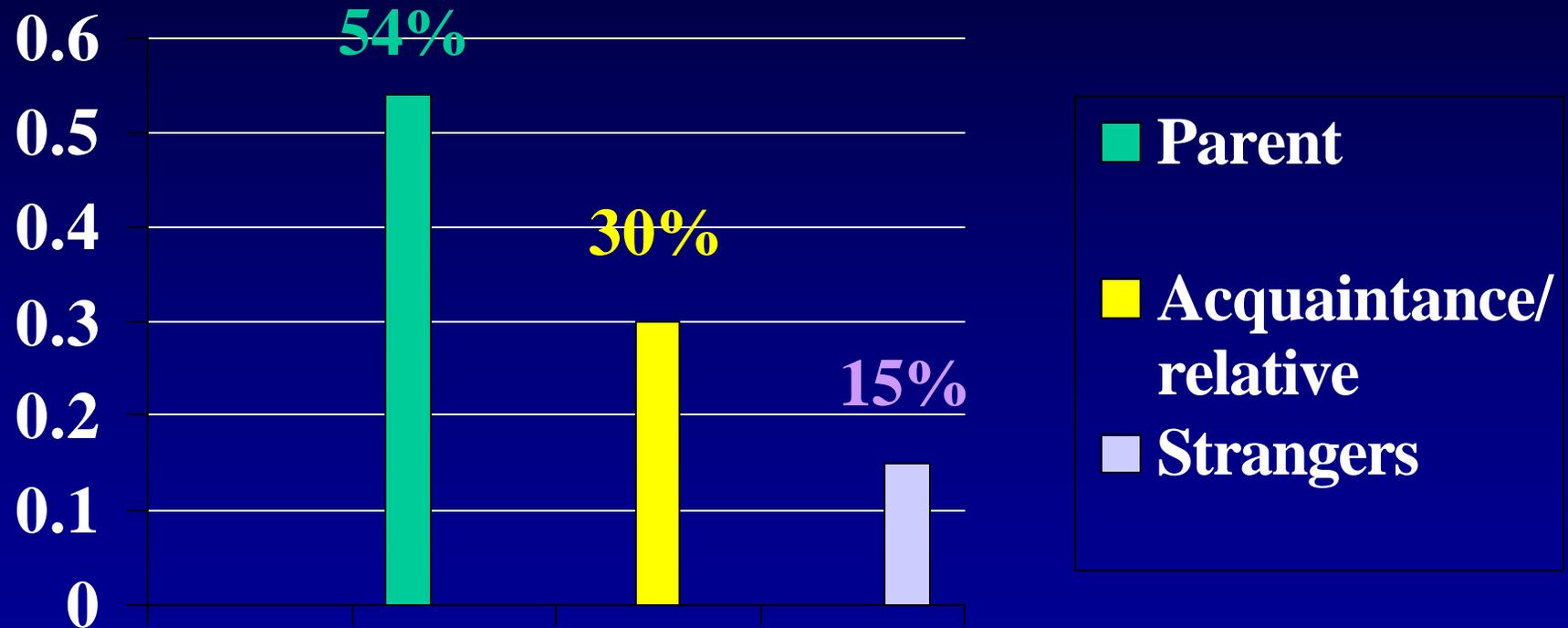


Why is New Parent Support Needed?



Children under 5 Killed 1976-1997

Bureau of Justice Homicide Statistics





Alarming Statistics

Prevent Child Abuse America's Survey:

47 Out of 1,000 children reported
abused or neglected : **15 confirmed**

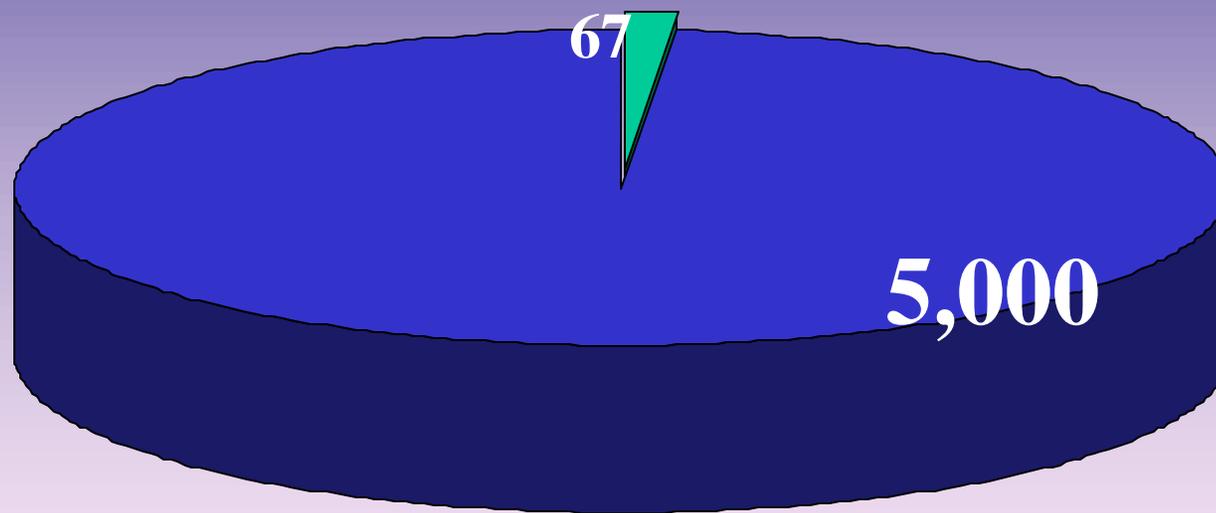
Alarming Statistics



- National Crime Victimization Study :
(per 1000 households)
- 13 car thefts
- 8 aggravated assaults
- 4.2 robberies
- 1.5 rapes

Child Deaths 1993-1997

Prevent Child Abuse America

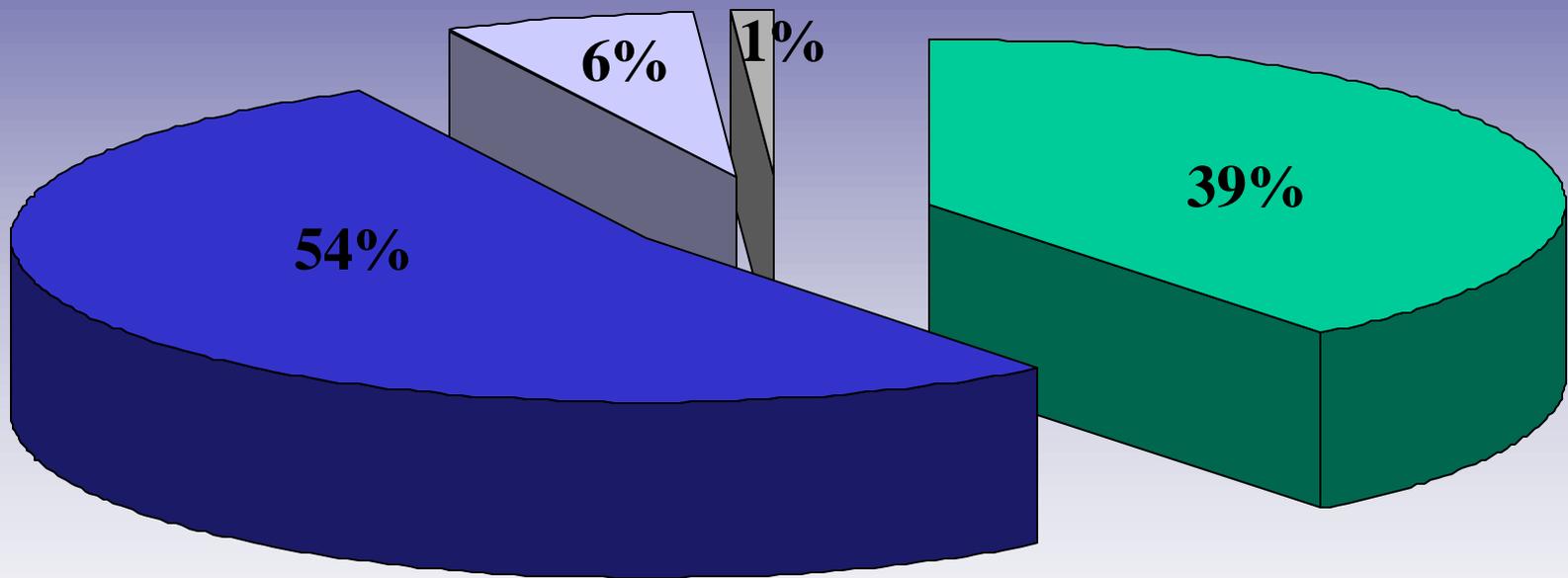


■ Air Bags

■ CA/N

Parents Report Neglecting/Abusing Their Children

Prevent Child Abuse America Survey



■ Insult/swear

■ neglect emotionally

■ hit

■ kicked

Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse

Scope of Problem

- **As many as 4 million women experience a serious assault by an intimate partner a year.**



Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse

Scope of Problem

- **Most likely after separation/divorce**
- **Estimates of Spouse/IPA during pregnancy vary**
 - **8-26% of pregnant women**
 - **26% of pregnant teens reported IPA by boyfriend**



Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse

The forgotten victims.

- **Estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to Spouse/IPA each year**
- **Child abuse is 15X more likely in homes where Spouse/IPA is present**
- **40-60% of men who abuse women also abuse their children**



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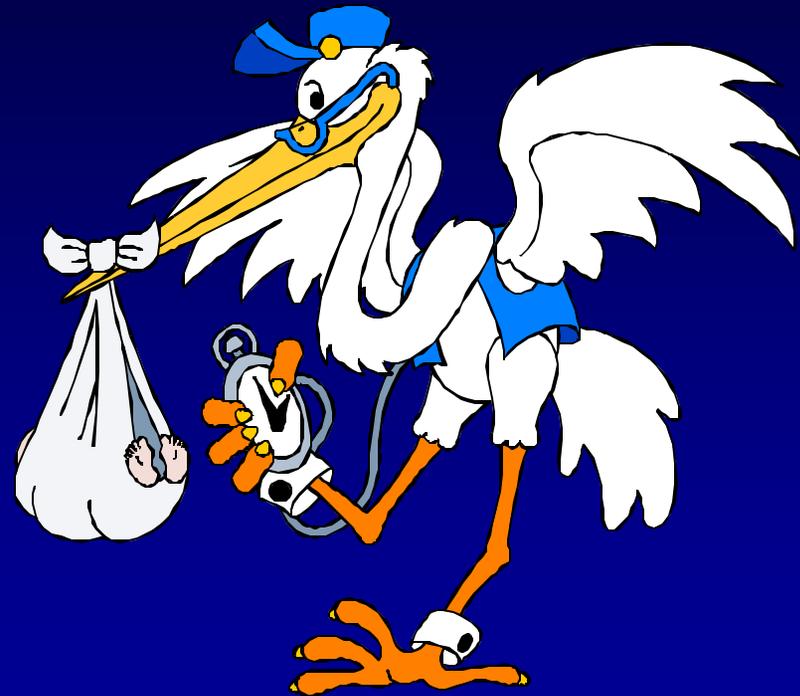
The forgotten victims.

- A history of family violence is the most significant discriminator between delinquent and nondelinquent youth



Prevent Child Abuse America Survey: *Parents Want Help*

- 74% wish they had received help learning to care for their newborns
- Only 14% new parents received support



Prevent Child Abuse America Survey: *Parents Want Help*

- **67% believe that lack of parenting experience /skills is among the primary reasons for child abuse/neglect**



Prevent Child Abuse America Survey: *Parents Want Help*



- 60% received donations of food, clothing or baby equipment during the first 6 months

Why Early Intervention?

- **Early childhood most critical stage in human development**
- **Most severe abuse occurs among children under age 5**



Why Early Intervention?



- Research supports early intervention reduces child maltreatment
- **Recruit study data:** 41% of women, 39% of men severely abused during childhood

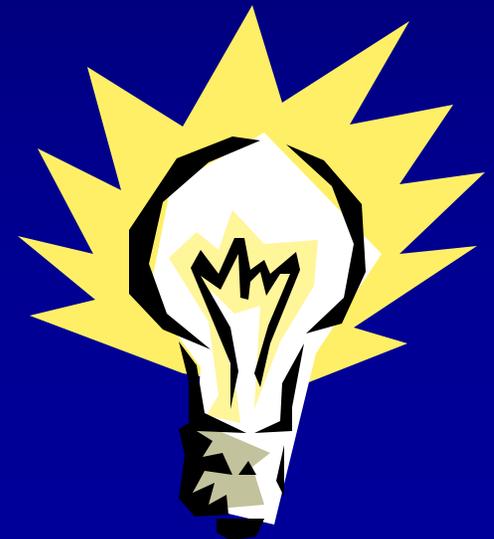
History of New Parent Support

- Established in 1990 by FAP as major child abuse prevention initiative
- Developed in response to GAO July 1990 Report on Home Visiting Services that concluded “Home visiting is a promising strategy for delivering or improving access to early interventions”



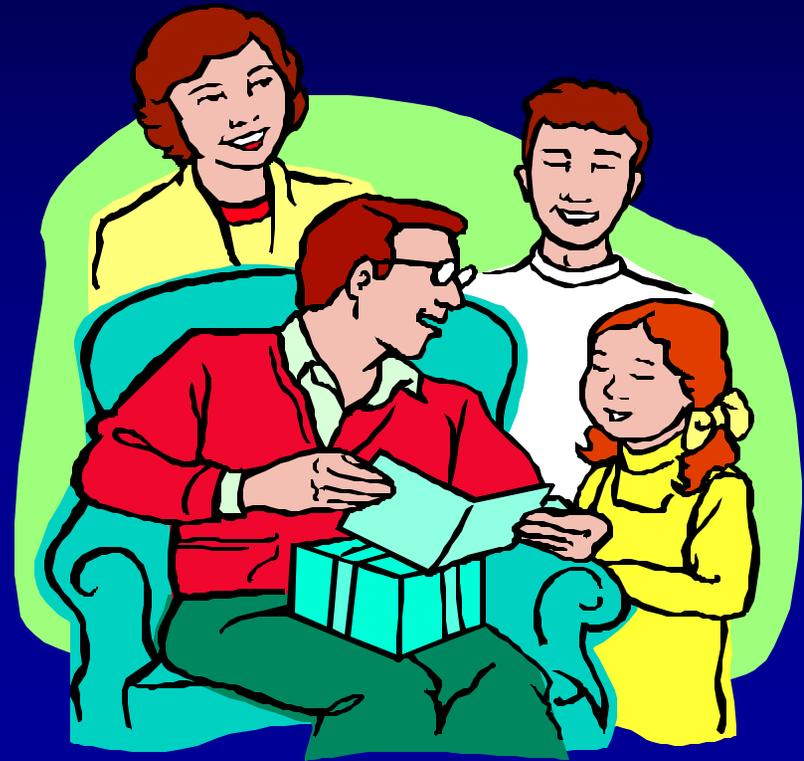
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- **1991-US Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect recommended a voluntary home visiting program**
- **Hawaii Healthy Start serves as the framework for PCA prevention initiative Healthy Families America**



Relationship to Navy's Mission

- Enhances personal self-esteem, strengthening individual coping skills
- **Reduce family stressors, allowing sailors to focus on job**
- Positively impacts retention
- Enhances Quality of Life



“The More Parents Know...The Stronger The Family Grows

- **Empowers expectant parents and new parents to meet challenges**
 - **Parenthood**
 - **Navy life**
- **Strengthens parenting knowledge and skills**
- **Promotes healthy families**
- **Provides in-home education support to overburdened families**

New Parent Support - Goals



- Enhance parent's skills
- **Promote positive parent-child interaction**
- Promote healthy childhood growth & development

Goals - Continued

- Increase access to health services
- **Improve prenatal care**
- Reduce child abuse and neglect



Program Components

- Systematic Screening and Assessment
- **Information and Referral**
- Parenting Education - Groups/classes
- **Home Visitation**
- Developmental Screening
- **Coordination of Interagency and Community Resources**



Services

- **Level 1:**
 - **Education on childbirth, parenting, healthy childhood growth and development**
 - **Information and Referral**
 - **Assessment for Risk Indicators**



Services

- **Level 2:**
 - **Voluntary Home Visiting Services**



Moving Forward

- **Linking Military & Civilian Programs:**
MOU with Healthy Family America
 - **Groton, CT**
 - **Hampton Roads, VA**
 - **Jacksonville, FL**
- **Linking Military Programs:**
 - **Joint letter between NPS and Navy**
Marine Corps Relief Society

