

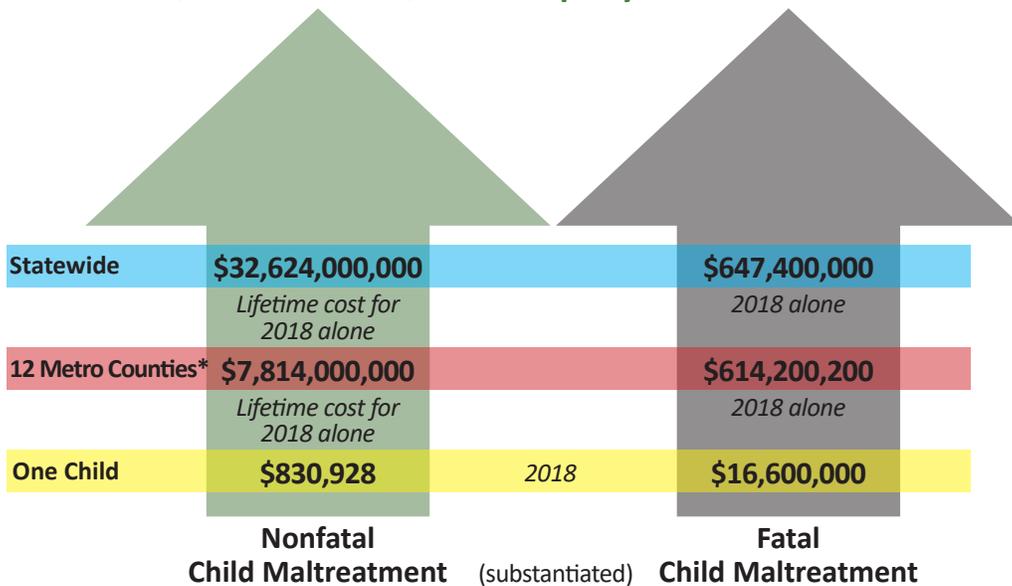
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INVESTING IN PREVENTION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

In 2017, child protection agencies across the U.S. received **4.1 million referrals**—calls for investigation—involving **7.5 million** children. **674,000** of these children were found to be **victims** of abuse and/or neglect. **Children under the age of five** are particularly vulnerable; 84% of maltreatment fatalities were children under the age of five, half of these were babies under age one.

**Economic burden of child maltreatment:
\$484 billion to \$2 trillion per year in the U.S.**



WHO IS AT RISK?

Young parents with **low education, low income,** and young children are most at risk for involvement in the child welfare system

In 2018,
Boulder County received

5,217

child welfare referrals

↑ 15%
INCREASE
in one year

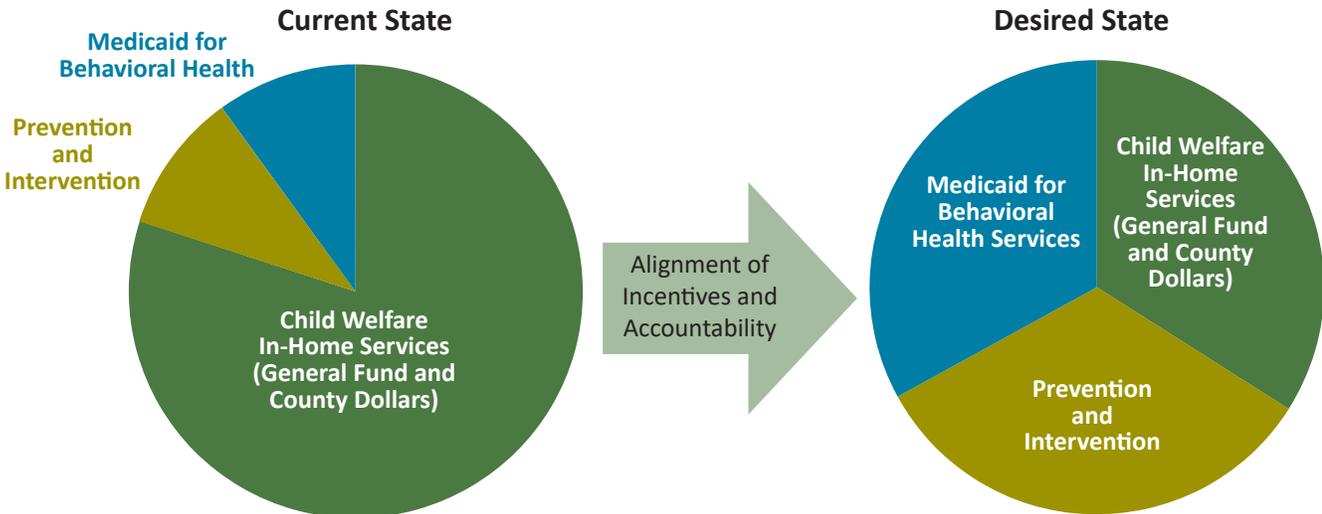
1,073

children in Boulder County were involved in **"HIGH RISK"** cases, where abuse or neglect had occurred

*Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, Weld

PREVENTION IS THE FUTURE OF CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING

Investing in prevention strengthens families and protects children - in Colorado, 66,000 children are born every year and for 45% of those births, costs are paid by Medicaid. Every \$1 invested in prevention for at-risk families and early childhood supports provides between \$6 and \$12 in return to the community. It also helps avoid crisis spending down the road and boosts health and well-being of families for multiple generations.



FOCUS ON PREVENTION



Improve health and well-being for every child from **BIRTH to AGE 5**



Provide **WRAPAROUND** supports for children and families most at risk



Leverage available funding for **PREVENTION**



Promote **HEALTHY BIRTHS** and family formation

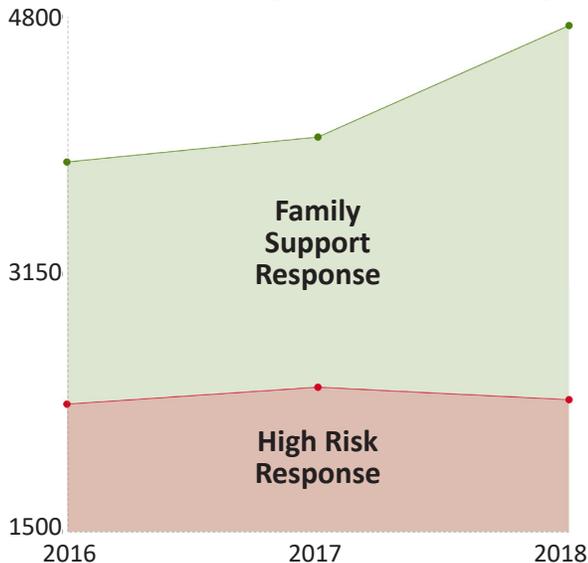


Increase access to prenatal care, quality child care, housing, primary care, and **PREVENTION SUPPORTS**



Build a universal **HOME VISITATION** program with common screening and risk mitigation

Boulder County is investing in a prevention-focused wraparound family support response to child welfare referrals, and our high risk cases are declining.



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