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ABSTRACT:

The University of Pennsylvania Child Welfare Scholars Program incorporates three individual projects, each designed to improve understanding of social issues affecting children at risk of abuse and neglect or in foster care. The first examines the reaction of urban parents to the removal of children from their families and their perception of services under ASFA. The study addresses this gap in information for the purpose of improving practice and training and stimulating additional research. The second project is delineating the nature and exposure of children to domestic violence by conducting secondary analyses of archival data collected by police officers in the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland. Currently, there are no scientifically credible national prevalence data on what constitutes domestic violence and child exposure to it, nor are there ways to verify that the violence and the exposure occurred. The third project focuses on school readiness among children in foster care. Early childhood research shows that formal early childhood learning experiences serve a protective function for young children at risk for poor school outcomes. This study examines the impact of these learning experiences on the early school success of children who have had out-of-home placement experiences prior to kindergarten.

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