

Box 3.2 What Can Be Done to Prevent Child Fatalities?

NCANDS data indicate that an estimated 1,580 children died in 2014 as a result of child abuse. The two most common causes of death were neglect (72%) and physical abuse (41%). Most of these children were very young (71% under the age of 3) and most were killed by their parents (79%). More than half (54%) of the perpetrators were women (U.S. DHHS, 2016). According to the U.S. Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities (CECANF, 2016), established by the