

Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect: A History of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)

INTRO:

The key federal legislation addressing child abuse and neglect is the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA, P.L. 93-247). Originally signed into law in 1974, this act was reauthorized most recently on December 20, 2010 (CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, P.L. 111-320). Since then, it has been amended in 2015, 2016, and 2018. Most recently, certain provisions of the act were amended on January 7, 2019 by the Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-424).

THE SOCIAL PROBLEM:

This policy is important in ensuring child safety and well-being. There has been a long history of child welfare in the United States, encompassed by some of the major policies listed above.

GRAND CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL WORK

- Individual and family well-being
 - Ensure healthy development for youth
- Stronger social fabric
- A just society

Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-424): This bill reauthorizes for FY2019-2023 grants for local and regional children's advocacy centers (CACs), as well as for technical assistance and training. CACs coordinate a multidisciplinary response to child abuse.



Supporting Strong Families and Communities in New Jersey
Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect, 2014 - 2017



SOURCES:

<https://govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/s2961/summary>

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