

# 6<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Report on Family Violence in San Francisco Fiscal Year 2015



## San Francisco Family Violence Council



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# Report Overview

## **Methodology:**

- ❖ Data collected from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015
- ❖ 15 City public agencies and 27 community-based organizations

## **Agenda:**

- ❖ Trends and Statistical Summaries
- ❖ Family Violence-Related Deaths 2015
- ❖ Achievements of the Council and Related Organizations
- ❖ Recommendations for 2016

<b>Child Abuse at a Glance</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>%Δ from FY 2014</b>
SF Child Abuse Prevention Center: TALK Line Calls Received	14,785	-8%
SF Family & Children's Services: Cases Referred	5,553	+8%
SF Family & Children's Services: Referrals Substantiated as Abuse	754	-11%
SF Police Department Cases	308	-23%
SF Police Department Special Victims Unit Cases Investigated	146	-39%
SF District Attorney: Incidents Filed	46	-33%
SF District Attorney: Convictions/Probation Revocation	20	+11%

# Improved Service Linkages for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

- ❖ The number of families served by SafeStart **increased by 103 %** between 2011 and 2015.
- ❖ The number of children exposed to domestic violence seen by the District Attorney Victim Services **increased by 41 %** in the past fiscal year.

<b>Domestic Violence at a Glance</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>%Δ from FY 2014</b>
Total Individuals Served by Community-Based Agencies	24,418	+75%
Domestic Violence Crisis Line Calls	21,386	-10%
Department of Emergency Management: 911 calls	8,719	0
SF Police Department Special Victims Unit: cases investigated	1,746	-15%
SF District Attorney: Incidents Filed	542	+68%
SF District Attorney: Convictions/Probation Revocation	311	+6%
Sheriff's Resolve to Stop the Violence Project Participants with Domestic Violence Charges	142	+255%

## Women Killed Due to Domestic Violence in San Francisco 1991-2015

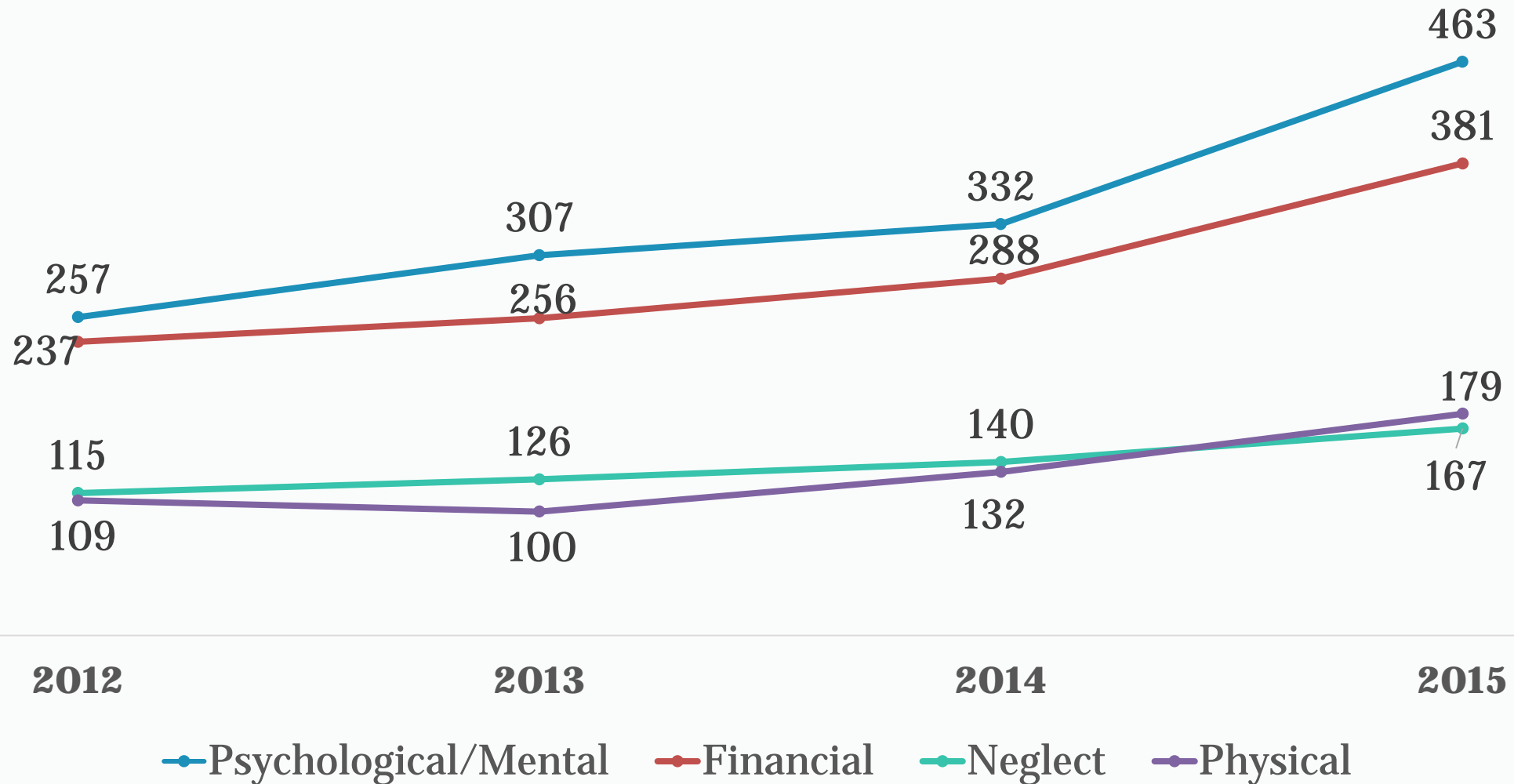


Source: Department on the Status of Women

<b>Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse at a Glance</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>%Δ from FY 2014</b>
Adult Protective Services: Unique Confirmed Cases of Abuse by Others	1281	+33%
Civil Courts: Requests for Elder Abuse Restraining Orders	155	+187%
San Francisco Police Department Special Victims Unit: Physical Abuse Cases Investigated	40	-34%
San Francisco Police Department Special Victims Unit: Financial Abuse Cases Investigated	80	+208%
San Francisco District Attorney Convictions/Probation Revocation	30	unavailable

# Adult Protective Services Confirmed Cases of Elder Abuse by Type

**FY 2012-2015**

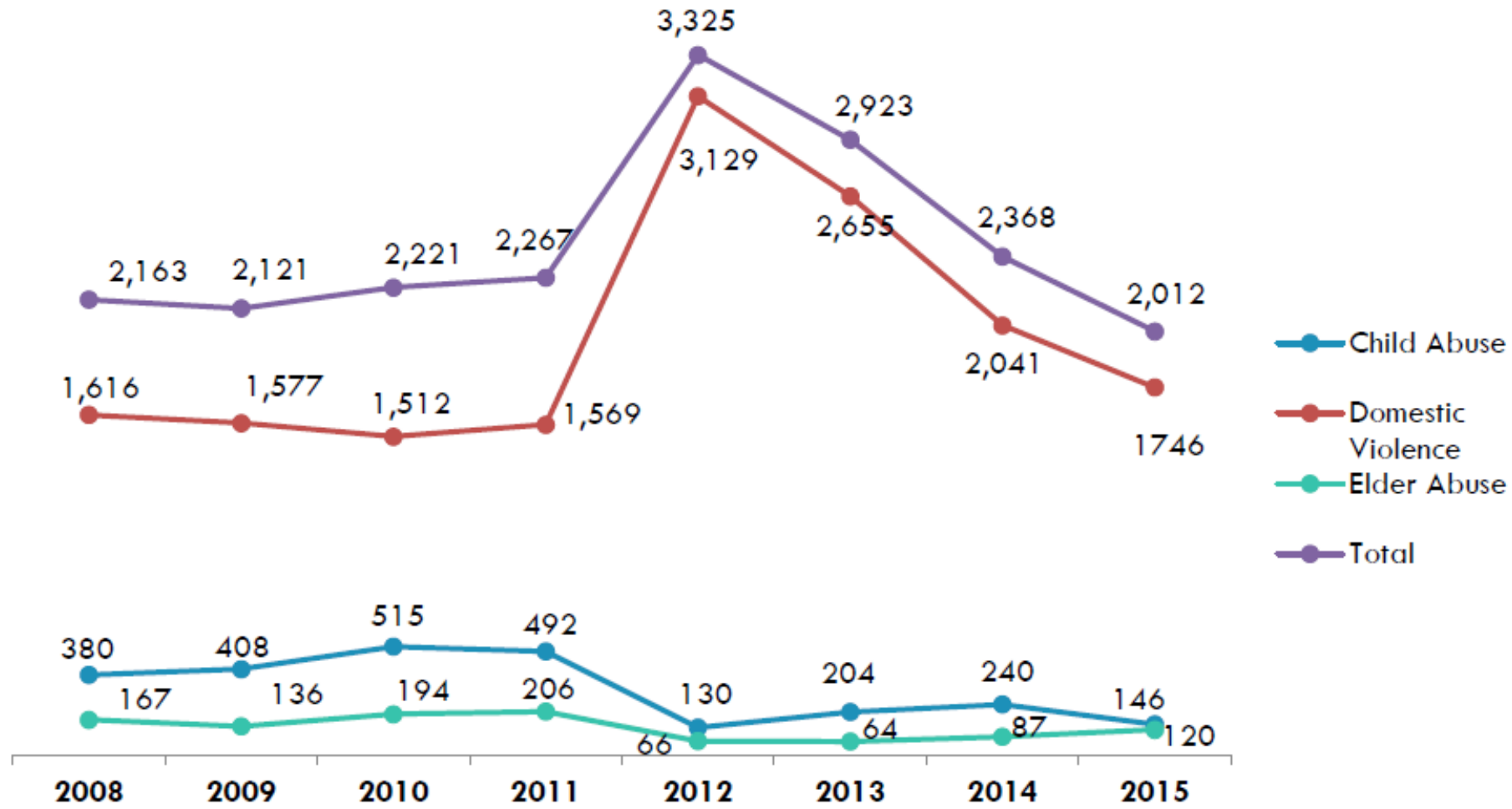




# Statistical Summary: 2015

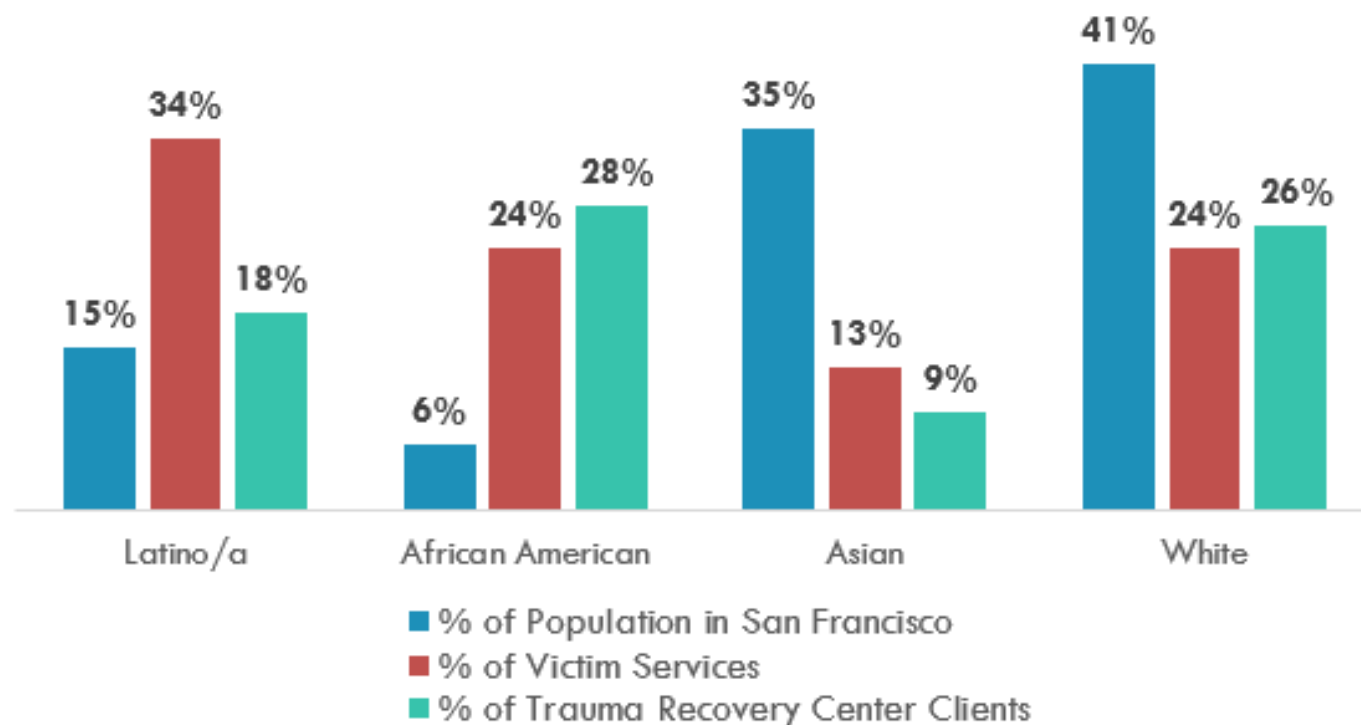
	<b>Child Abuse</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>Elder Abuse</b>
<b>Crisis Calls Received by CBO's</b>	14,785	21,386	no community line exists
<b>Calls Received by 911, FCS, &amp; APS</b>	5,553	8,719	6,812
<b>Cases Substantiated by FCS &amp; APS</b>	754	N/A	1,281
<b>Cases Responded to by SFPD</b>	308	3,094	572
<b>Cases Investigated by SVU</b>	146	1,746	120
<b>Cases Received by D.A.'s Office</b>	112	1,694	not available
<b>Incidents Filed by D.A.'s Office</b>	46	542	not available
<b>Conviction by Plea/Probation Revocation/Trial</b>	20	311	30

## San Francisco Police Department: Cases Investigated by Special Victims Unit FY 2015

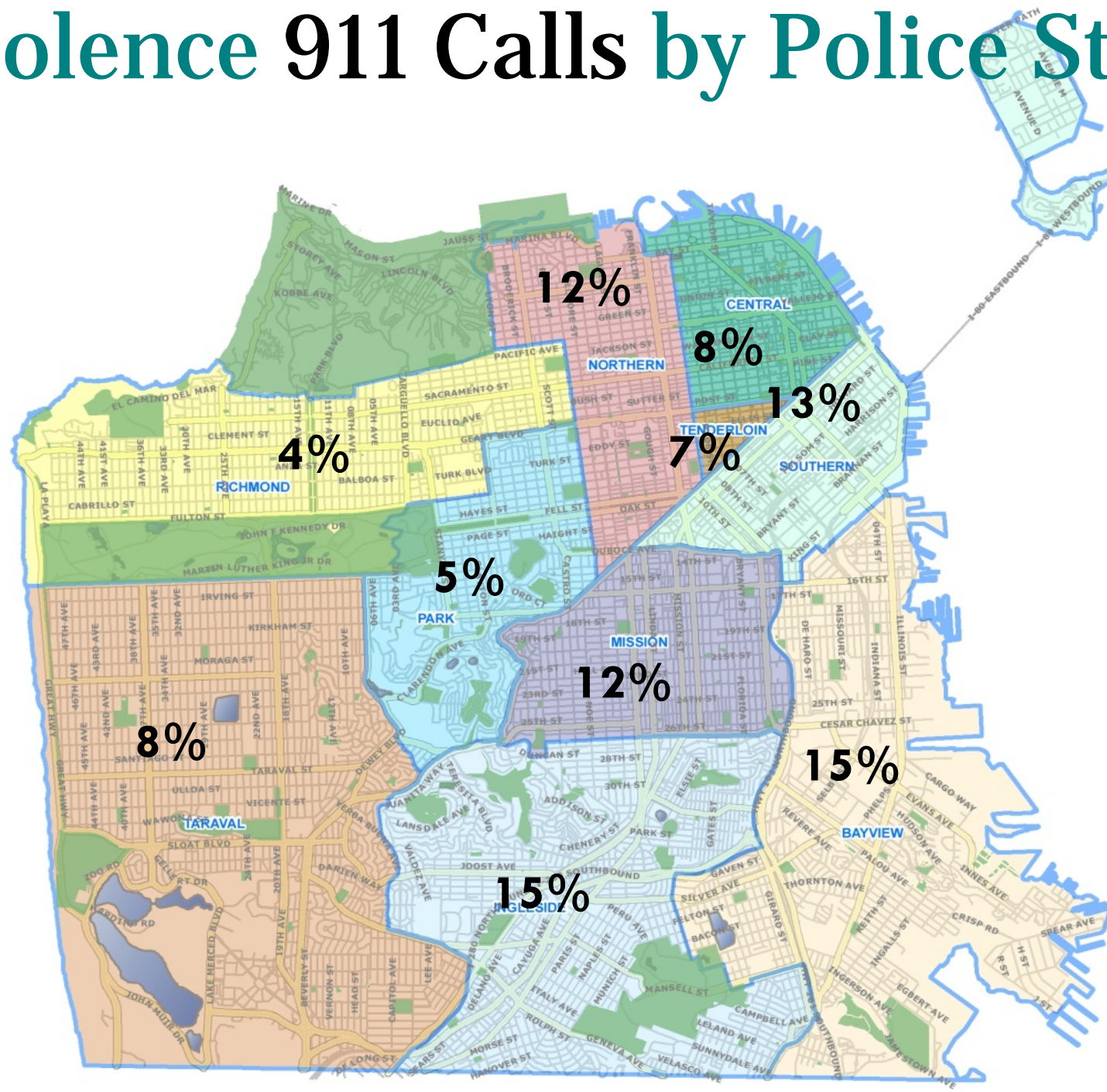


## Black and Latino/a Victims Are Disproportionately Represented in Victim Service & Trauma Recovery Center Clients Who Are Victims of Family Violence

Comparison of San Francisco City and County  
Race/Ethnicity and Clients at Victim Services and Trauma  
Recovery Center  
**FY 2015**



# Family Violence 911 Calls by Police Station





Nadie debería controlar

Él controla quiénes son los amigos de su pareja.

Aprenda las señales de la violencia doméstica. Cuando la vea o la oiga, haga algo.

Todos tenemos un papel en detener la violencia doméstica. Visite [LearnWhatToDo.org](http://LearnWhatToDo.org) o llame a la línea directa confidencial al (415) 864-4722.



Proyecto patrocinado por el Alcalde Eliot D. Lora y el Departamento del Oficial de la Mujer de San Francisco.

# Achievements of the Family Violence Council 2015

## **Protocols and Practice**

- ❖ The public-private partners of the Children's Advocacy Center developed an Information Sharing Agreement for multidisciplinary teams (MDT) investigating child abuse.
- ❖ The Council created a Justice and Courage Committee:
  - ❖ Improving protocols to respond to domestic violence cases when a suspect is gone by the time the police arrive;
  - ❖ Updating the forms and protocols for health care providers who are mandated to report domestic violence to law enforcement.
- ❖ The Council created a new Elder Justice Committee.



# Achievements of the Family Violence Council 2015 (cont.)

## **Training**

- ❖ The Housing and Domestic Violence Committee organized 2 trainings at the San Francisco Housing Authority

## **Staffing**

- ❖ The Police Department assigned three new elder abuse investigators to the Special Victims Unit, in response to recommendations in last year's report.

## **Data Collection**

- ❖ The Council adopted a new data collection protocol, to implement one of the recommendations from last year's report.

## **Public Awareness**

- ❖ The Council supported the 1st Child Abuse Awareness Event on City Hall steps in 2015.

# Progress on 2015 Recommendations

			Completed
1.	Standardize a data collection protocol.	A data collection guide has been standardized and was utilized during the collection of data for the present report	✓
2.	Focus on language access issues across the board	The Council did not as a group address language issues in 2015, although individual members were active in efforts to improve language access for victims of violence.	
3.	Develop further training in best practices in responding to family violence.	Representatives from community agencies have been invited to present at the Police Academy in 2016.	✓
4.	Develop an improved protocol with the Police Department and Adult Protective Services on investigating elder abuse.	An improved protocol for investigating elder abuse is in process	
5.	Add 3 inspectors to the Police Department Special Victims Unit, and assign an investigator specifically to elder financial abuse cases.	3 more investigators have been added to the Special Victims Unit to handle cases of elder abuse, including one who is assigned to cases of elder financial abuse	✓
6.	Review the Police Department Special Victims Unit annually, to assess best practices for investigation of family violence.	There was continued discussion with SFPD on cross reporting to Child Protective Services when children are present at a domestic violence scene.	



# Recommendations for 2016

## Protocols and Practice

1. Continue work on unfinished recommendations from 2015:
  - ❖ Focus on language access issues across the board;
  - ❖ Finalize Police Department/Adult Protective Services cross reporting protocol for investigating elder abuse;
  - ❖ Review the Police Department Special Victims Unit annually, to assess best practices for investigation of child abuse, elder abuse and domestic violence.
2. Standardize criteria for how death review teams identify child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse deaths.
3. Support the work of the Children's Advocacy Center in implementing updated practices for sharing information in child abuse investigations.
4. Finalize protocol for "gone on arrival cases" for criminal justice agencies.
5. Finalize a form and protocol for health care provider reports of domestic violence to law enforcement.

# Recommendations for 2016 (cont.)

## Protocols and Practice (cont.)

6. Implement a firearms surrender program to remove guns from persons who have domestic violence restraining orders issued against them.
7. Review investigation and prosecution data for stalking cases.
8. Offer Batterers Intervention Programs for monolingual Cantonese speakers and for persons with mental health problems.
9. Finalize Elder Abuse Investigation Tool for SFPD Special Victims Unit.

## Training

10. Collect information on what family violence training is being received by Family Violence Council member agencies.
11. Conduct family violence training led by community agencies at Police Department.

## Planning

12. Create strategic plan for the Family Violence Council to implement 5 Year Plan.