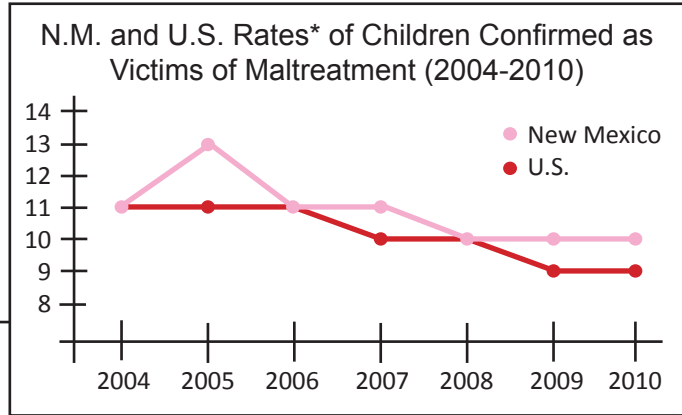


12 in every 1,000 NM children suffer substantiated child abuse

The problem

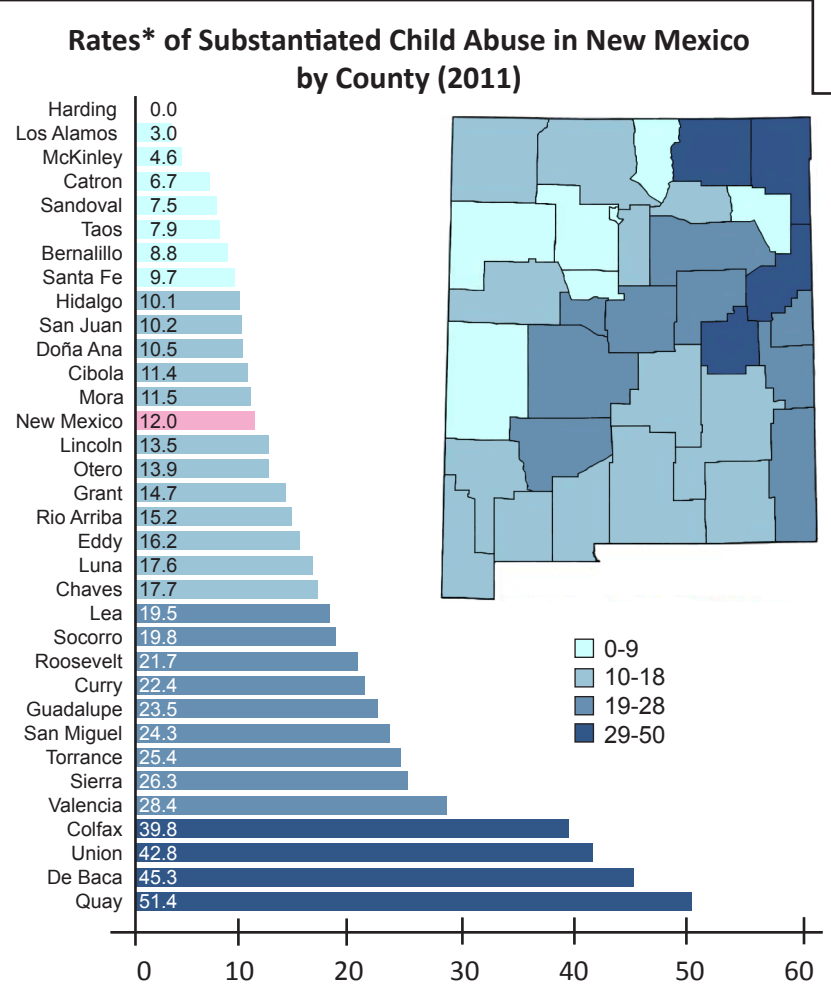
Child abuse has long-term consequences

Adverse childhood experiences, like abuse and neglect, are linked to later mental health problems, serious illness, obesity, and drug use.



What we can do

- Support sustainable funding for high-quality, voluntary home visiting programs.
- Provide social support for parents and income support for low-income families.





The solution

- **Voluntary home visiting programs** match parents with trained professionals who strengthen positive parenting during pregnancy and a baby's first years.
- High-quality, proven home visiting programs have been shown to reduce child abuse and neglect cases *by up to half*.¹
- And home visiting costs **24 x less** than paying for the consequences of child maltreatment.²

Yet, in New Mexico...

just 2.2% of low-income children, ages 0-3, are served by state-funded home visiting programs.

*Rate is number of substantiated cases per 1,000 children

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