

New Mexico is **increasing** spending to investigate child abuse, but **cutting** spending to prevent it.

This year **\$10 million**

in new state money has been requested to beef up abuse investigations.



Meanwhile... **\$1 million**

less has been requested for child care assistance.



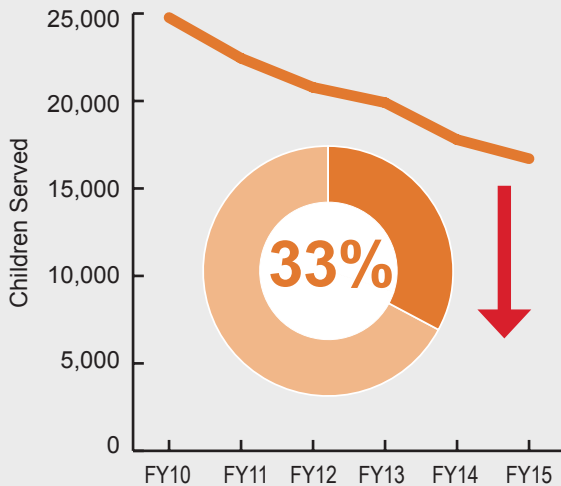
And... **\$21 million**

in federal money for child care was **not** spent in FY14.



Lack of affordable, reliable child care is one of the major risk factors for child abuse resulting in death¹

But more than one-third of New Mexico's children have lost child care assistance since 2010²



WHY DO WE SPEND

\$210,012

for each child over his/her lifetime to mitigate the damage of child abuse⁴



and

\$34,000

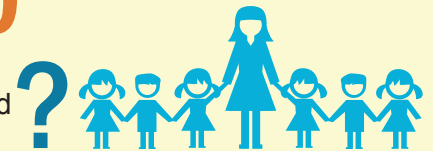
every year to incarcerate each convicted child abuser⁵



WHEN WE COULD SPEND JUST

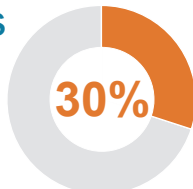
\$4,140

per child per year to ensure that each child has safe child care



DON'T OUR CHILDREN DESERVE TO BE PROTECTED **BEFORE** THEY'RE ABUSED?

A family of four spends



of their income on child care³

1 National MCH Center for Child Death Review
 2 CYFD Childcare Assistance Funding History, Nov. 5, 2014
 3 Parents and the High Cost of Child Care, Child Care Aware, 2014
 4 The Economic Burden of Child Maltreatment in the United States and Implications for Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC, 2012
 5 LFC, 2013

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