A population-based examination of suicide and child protection system involvement

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Summary: This study analyzes the child protection system (CPS) involvement among children and adolescents who died by suicide.

Results: Among children and adolescents who died by suicide, 56.5% had a history of past allegations of abuse or neglect. Children with any CPS history had three times the odds of suicide compared to children with no history. Suicide risk is not isolated to the relatively small group of children and youth placed in foster care. Findings reinforce the importance of increased attention to the experiences of the larger universe of children who remain at home after alleged or substantiated maltreatment.

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