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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: CHILD MALTREATMENT

NEGLECT & ABUSE In Siouxland



In Woodbury County, the number of abused/neglected children decreased from 654 in 2017 to 488 in 2021, while the confirmed/founded abuse reports decreased from 439 in 2017 to 351 in 2021. In Iowa as a whole, the number of abused/neglected children remained relatively stable, with 11,236 cases reported in 2017 and 11,236 cases reported in 2021. Similarly, the confirmed/founded abuse reports fluctuated slightly, ranging from 8,514 in 2019 to 8,743 in 2018.

The decrease in the number of abused/neglected children and confirmed/founded abuse reports in Woodbury County suggests potential improvements in child welfare and protection measures within the community. However, the fluctuations in these numbers warrant continued attention and efforts to address underlying factors contributing to child maltreatment. Statewide, the relatively stable number of abused/neglected children in Iowa suggests consistent challenges in safeguarding children across the state.

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