

## **Talking Points**

### **Cost of Maltreatment Cost Benefit Analysis**

The cost of child maltreatment to Alabama's economy:

1. Recently commissioned study for the Department of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention by economists from the University of Alabama revealed the cost of child maltreatment to our state's economy to be conservatively \$2.3 billion for 2013, the most recent data available.
2. Preventing child maltreatment will reduce the cost on the state economy and contribute to economic growth.
3. Preventing child maltreatment requires greater resources - the report states that the Department of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention is seriously underfunded.