

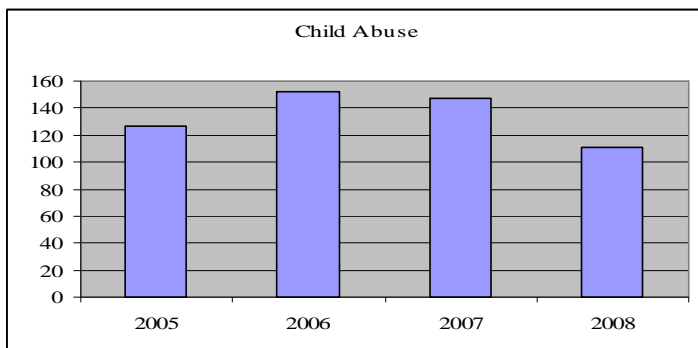
**Did you know?** Approximately sixteen previously unemployed adults have obtained employment after being involved in the Benton County Horizons Healthy Families America home visitation program.

**Why are the programs we support important to reaching our vision and mission?**

- *The home visitation program offers families ways to become self-reliant:* 35% of participating Healthy Families America families (statewide) ended their dependence on public assistance. Of those families participating in the program for at least six months, 63.4% reported improved or resolved issues concerning their living situation, and 69% reported improved or resolved issues concerning domestic violence.
- *Families are healthier, better insured, and use medical services more appropriately:* Only 1.3% of participating families (statewide) reported having no health care coverage. This compares to Iowa's average uninsured rate of 17%. Of the families who received program services, 84% utilized Medicaid.
- *Healthy Families America reduces child abuse and neglect and helps keep families together:* 98.3% of those families participating in the program had no reports for child maltreatment. *Berkenes, J. P. (2001). HOPES Healthy Families Iowa FY 2001 Services Report. [www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org](http://www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org)*

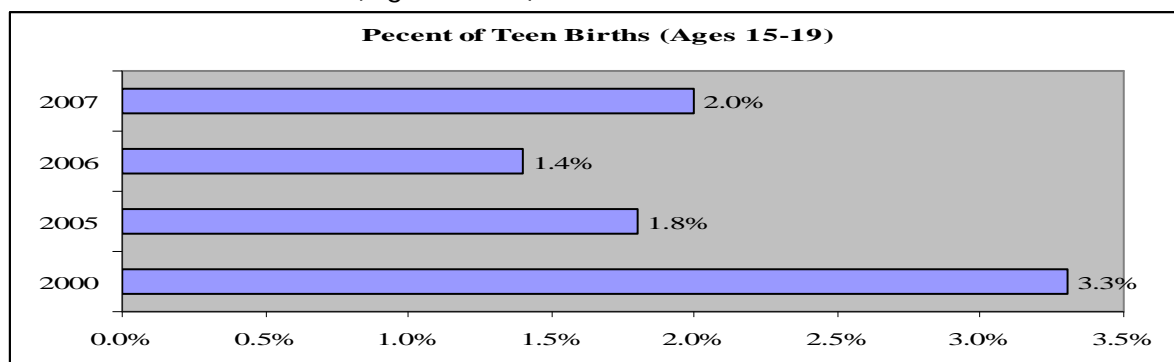
**How do we measure our progress?**

1. Child Abuse Rates



**How are we doing?** The data indicates that child abuse rates continue to decrease. The rate of child abuse declined 37% from its peak in 2006.

3. Percent of Teen Births (Ages 15-19)



**How are we doing?** The data indicates that teen pregnancies are lower than 2000 even with a slight increase in 2007. The rate is still 1.3% below the 2000 rate.