

young children in child welfare



young children in child welfare

Every year nearly
200,000 children 0-3
come into contact
with the child welfare
system.



More than **1/3** of
the are placed in
foster care.



Representing the **largest age group entering care.**

young children in child welfare

Of the nearly 1740 children who **died from abuse** and neglect in 2008, **80%** were 0-3 years old.



It's even harder for the youngest children... infants who enter care at **less than 3 months old** are in foster care **50% longer** than older children

young children in child welfare



Approximately **1/3** of infants and toddlers investigated by child welfare services have a **developmental delay**

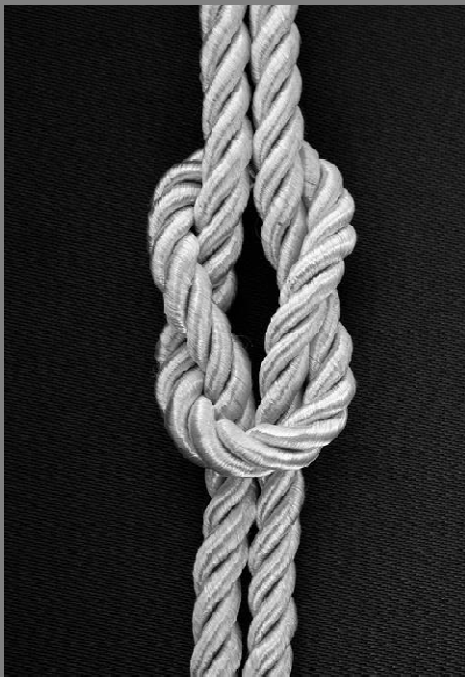
25% of infants and toddlers had **3 or more moves** within the first 3 months of care.



young children in child welfare

What do young children need?

SAFETY



SECURE BONDS



CARING RELATIONSHIPS