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determines more intensive home visit support needed for up to a year, and that's considered the level three, which is the third level she refers to, and the total cost for a level three family...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...of all programs involved would be about \$4,935. And again, that's for up to a year. Now, the direct cost, and this is already...this is...these are facts: hospitalization for abuse and neglect, \$10,983 a case; chronic health problems, such as treating a child with asthma, rampant in Nebraska, \$6,410. The judicial system, the Dallas Commission of Children and Youth determine the cost per initiated court action for each case of child maltreatment to be \$1,374. The child welfare system, 1990 reporting...results of a study it conducted estimating child welfare costs to be \$14.4 billion. The mental health-care system is abused...just abused children receiving counseling, \$2,860 per family. So, you see, we already have costs in our spiraling Medicaid system, expenses that are covered right here in this.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Erdman, and you may use that mike, if you care to. He waives...he waives his opportunity. Senator Combs, you're recognized. Senator Combs, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR COMBS: Just one last...one last comment on the indirect costs of special ed, juvenile delinquency, lost productivity, and adult criminality. I just want us to keep these in the front of our minds and have them on the record when we do discuss funding this, that we don't forget it, and when the budget burden becomes heavy and other things might take priority later on in the session, that we remember what was discussed here today and that it is on the record. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Further discussion