

Abuse Statistics

Children

- 1 out of 3 girls and 1 out of 5 boys will be sexually abused before they reach age 18
- About 2000 children a year die of abuse in the U.S.
- 90% of child sexual abuse victims know the perpetrator in some way. 68% are abused by a family member.
- More than 4 children die from child abuse and neglect on a daily basis. Over 70% of these children are below the age of 3.
- Boys (48.5%) and girls (51.2%) become victims at nearly the same rate.
- 2.9 million cases of child abuse are reported every year in the United States.
- Neglect accounts for 60% of all child abuse reported. Physical abuse is 20%; sexual is 10%; emotional is 5%. (Ritual abuse is not tracked therefore there are no statistics.)

Youth

- 4% of teens say they sexted; 15% say they have received sexts.
- 33% of youth are victims of cyber-bullying; 41% of those don't tell anyone offline about the abuse.
- 34% of youth had unwanted exposure to sexual material online

Elders

- Nearly 450,000 adults aged 60 and over were abused and/or neglected in domestic settings.
- Elder abuse is growing statistically faster than other forms of reported abuse
- 67% of abused are women
- 32% of abused are men
- 53% of abusers are women
- Abusers are most often caregivers elderly depend on for care or protection
- Abusers may or may not be family members

Vulnerable Adults

- Data is scarce due to lack of reporting
- Abuse of vulnerable adults and the elderly occurs in our communities on a daily basis
- Vulnerable adults and the elderly are often treated as "second class citizens" and often have no advocate to protect their rights
- Victims of financial abuse have a higher risk of depression, which decreases their quality of life and increases unnecessary institutionalization