



CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT Facts *at a* Glance

To end child abuse and neglect we must first recognize its' prevalence and impact in our communities. Then we must work together to keep children safe.



Over 90% of abuse occurs at the hands of someone the child knows, loves and trusts (Darkness to Light, 2015)



5-13% of children tell a trusted adult while abuse is occurring, many wait until adulthood and many never tell at all (London, 2005; Goodman-Brown et al, 2003; Finkelhor, 1990)



In the United States every 10 seconds a child abuse report is made and 4-7 children die every day as a result of child abuse and neglect - 80% of whom are under the age of 5 (ChildHelp, 2015)



Children who experience abuse and neglect are 9 times more likely to become involved in criminal activity (Snyder, Howard 2000 USDOJ)



1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys will be the victim of sexual assault before they are 18 years old and the rate of victimization for youths is 2.3 times higher than adults (Finkelhor, 2009, Nat'l Crime Victimization Survey, 2002).



50% of child abuse victims are aged 5 years or younger and children under 1 have the highest rates of victimization (CDC, Facts at a Glance 2014)



A predator commits an average of 120 separate sexual acts before being caught (Weinrott, M.R., and Saylor, M 1991) and up to 20% of sex offenders are female (Jensen and Jensen, 2009)



For every \$1 donated to child abuse and neglect treatment and prevention \$4 is donated to animal abuse and neglect prevention and treatment (National Children's Alliance)



Early childhood trauma is the leading cause of disease, disability and death and is directly related to an increased risk of addiction, cancer, obesity, mental illness and many other major public health concerns (ACES, Felitti & Anda)



For every \$50 spent to treat child abuse and neglect only \$1 is spent to prevent it (Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, 2015) yet studies indicate a \$47 return for every \$1 spent on abuse and neglect prevention (Triple P System Trial)



Conservatively, 40% of American children will have at least one potentially traumatizing experience by age 18 (Bruce Perry, 2007)



20 school buses of children are found neglected and abused in Scott and Rock Island Counties annually (IA DHS and IL DCFS)



Every 6 hours a child in the US is a victim of Shaken Baby Syndrome (National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome)



Child abuse and neglect cost the Quad Cities \$259,502 every day in lost worker productivity, health care costs, special education costs, child welfare expenditures and criminal justice expenditures. (PCA America)



Trauma in childhood changes the way a child's brain develops and the way a child learns, grows and plays (Felitti and Anda)



CHILD ABUSE IS 100% PREVENTABLE!

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