

## **Sexual Assault Crisis Center–Fox Valley Inc.**

### **Fact Sheets**

#### 2006 SACC Statistics

- Unduplicated sexual assault victims who received services, 632.
- Client contacts/hotline calls/information and referral, 566.
- Individual counseling, 632.
- Support groups, 136.
- Personal or legal advocacy, 180.
- Community education/prevention/outreach (presentations), 389.
- Community education/prevention/outreach (total attendees), 15,932. This figure represents an approximate increase of 15% over 2005.
- 2006 SACC Presentations Prevention Education
- 354 In-School Presentations
  - 6,263 Elementary students
  - 1814 Middle School students
  - 3,370 High School students
  - 733 teachers and parents
- 35 Non-school programs
  - 3,752 adults

#### Facts About Sexual Assault (Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault)

- Rape is the least-reported crime due to embarrassment, shame or fear of not being believed.
- 93% of sexual assault survivors are violated by someone they know, someone they trusted.
- Individuals who are the same race as their victims perpetrate most sexual assaults.
- Sexual assault can happen to any woman, child or man. Everyone is at risk; however, the vast majority of sexual assault victims are women.
- Sexual assault is not caused by what the victim is wearing, where she happens to be or what she happens to be doing. It is always the responsibility of the assailant.
- Sexual assault is a crime motivated by violence, anger and power. It is not an act of sexual desire.
- Regardless of the circumstances, sexual assault is never the victim's fault.
- 80% of all rapes are date or acquaintance rape and often involve the use of drugs and/or alcohol.
- Most common age of date rape victims is between 14-24 years of age.
- The average age of a Sexual Assault victim in Wisconsin is 15.
- 1 in 5 teens using the internet have been sexually solicited
- 44% of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Assaults occur to children age 10 and under.

- 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys are molested before the age of 18
- In a typical classroom 1 in 6 children have had some experience that would qualify as Sexual Assault
- 58% of assaults take place in the victim's or offender's home
- The average age of a sex offender is between 17-25

## Possible Indicators of Sexual Abuse

- Sleep disturbances or bedwetting.
- Loss of appetite or eating disorders.
- Withdrawal from usual activity.
- Changes in school performance.
- Aggressive or regressive behavior.
- Sudden/continual protesting when left with caregiver.
- Fire starting.
- Animal abuse.
- Unusual interest/knowledge of sexual matters inappropriate for child's age.
- In adolescents, signs of abuse include running away, truancy, rebellion, substance abuse, sexual activity, suicide attempts, eating disorders, self-mutilation or depression.

## How to Avoid Having Your Child Victimized

- Provide appropriate supervision.
- Talk to children about safe/unsafe touch, no matter who is touching them.
- Teach children about their private parts (covered by bathing suit).
- Explain the difference between “good” and “bad” secret.
- Encourage children to tell someone (a trusted adult) if they have concerns or questions.
- Make home a place where children feel safe talking about their feelings/problems.
- Nurture children’s sense of self-worth.

## The Sexual Assault Crisis Center-Fox Valley

Established in 1978 with a grant from the Wisconsin Council on Criminal Justice.

It is a non-profit crisis intervention agency dedicated to providing support and services to survivors of sexual abuse, their families and others affected. Services are confidential and provided free of charge.

### SACC Mission

To provide personalized care for victims of sexual assault, to their families and to others in our community who may be affected by sexual violence.

To inspire change and instill a sense of hope and healing by offering comfort, advocacy, resources, and education.

### SACC Programs

- Crisis intervention
- 24-hour Crisis Hotline
- Medical advocacy
- Victim Advocacy
- Crisis Counseling
- Legal Advocacy
- Support groups

## Facts About Offenders

- FBI estimates there is a sex offender in every square mile of the US and have a 3% chance of being caught, with less than 5% of victims disclosing.
- Average age in Wisconsin is between the ages of 17 and 24.
- Most of them are married.
- 96% are male.
- Often abused as children themselves.
- Pick out or select a child.
- Do not see themselves as abusers.
- 95% know their victim.
- About 35% have past abuse/violence from their childhood

## The Internet

It would be impossible for a 32-year-old sexual predator to pass himself off as a peer in the hallways, study halls and cafeterias of a middle school or high school.

But he can with the Internet. A child or teen literally has no way of knowing he or she has been sharing intimate details about his or her life with a sexual predator.

How would they? How could they?

Exposure to inappropriate material and contacts is happening with increasing frequency on the Internet. For example, according to the national Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- 1 in 4 kids online has been exposed to pictures of naked people or people engaging in sex.
- 1 in 5 kids online is sexually solicited.
- 1 in 33 kids online is aggressively solicited—asked to provide their telephone number or address, invited to meet the aggressor, sent gifts or money.
- 1 in 17 kids has been harassed or threatened, and less than 10 percent of these instances are reported.
- 1 out of every 5 children online are sexually solicited
- Children at greatest risk are girls between 7th and 9th grade, with boys representing 25% of this population