



...Because One Victim Is Too Many...

Child Sexual Abuse: The Aftermath

Even though sexual abuse may have ended, both children and adult survivors can often times face a lifetime of problems in several areas:

Academics

39% have academic difficulties **50%** comprehend below the 25% percentile
26% experience grades dropping **48%** have below-average grades

Delinquency and Crime

2 times as likely to run away from home **3-5** times the risk of delinquency

Adult survivors are more than **2** times as likely to be arrested for a property offense or for a violent offense

Emotional and Mental Health

80% meet the criteria for at least one psychiatric disorder by age 21

2 times as likely to commit suicide, suffer from depression, and be obese

3 times as likely to develop psychiatric disorders **4** times as likely to have an eating disorder

More than **70%** of male survivors seek psychological treatment for issues such as substance abuse, suicidal thoughts, and attempted suicide

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Sexual Behavior

3 times as likely to have sexual behavior problems
(ex. over-sexualized behavior, sexual promiscuity)

Girls who are sexually abused are **2.2** times as likely to become teen mothers

45% of pregnant teens report a history of child sexual abuse

Males who are sexually abused are **more likely** to impregnate a teen

Substance Abuse

3 – 4 times more likely to abuse drugs

Females are **3** times more likely to report substance abuse problems

Males are **2.6** times more likely to report substance abuse problems

Physical Health

Are at **greater risk** non-life threatening conditions (fibromyalgia, severe PMS, chronic headaches, irritable bowel syndrome, and reproductive and sexual health complaints)

Are **30%** more likely to have a serious medical condition (diabetes, cancer, heart problems, stroke, or hypertension)

Male adult survivors have **2** times the HIV-infection rate of non-abused males

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