

# BREAKING THE SILENCE

...to stop the cycle of pain

## Child Abuse in America Lecture Handout

### National Child Abuse Statistics 2007

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/>

- ⇒ 3.5 Million Reports of Abuse ...
  - ◆ About 60% Reports Investigated
  - ◆ About 905,000 Reports Substantiated
  - ◆ More Than 103 Victims Every Hour
- ⇒ Breakdown of Substantiated Reports ...
  - ◆ 56% of Victims Age 7 & Under
  - ◆ 51% of Victims Girls & 49% Boys
  - ◆ 61% of Perpetrators were Women
- ⇒ About 1760 Abuse & Neglect Deaths ...
  - ◆ More Than 4 Fatalities Every Day
  - ◆ 12% had Received Prior "Family-Preservation" Services
- ⇒ 90% of Victims Abused By "Parent"

### Long-Term Consequences (Short List)

<http://www.prevent-abuse-now.com/>

Hostility & Anger Management Difficulties  
Self-Mutilation / Self-Inflicted Violence  
Suicidal Ideation, Suicide Attempts, Suicide  
Fear, Anxiety, Depression  
Eating Disorders, Obsessions, Compulsions  
Substance Abuse & Addictions  
Other Psychiatric Disorders  
Difficulties in Normal or Healthy Functioning  
High Risk Sexual Behavior  
Criminal Behavior  
Difficulties Holding Employment  
Relationship & Trust Issues  
Poor Self Esteem, Low Sense of Self-Worth

## Resources/Support for Abuse Victims

Fresno County CPS Hotline: 559.255.8320

EOC Sanctuary Youth Shelter

1545 N Street, Fresno

Sanctuary Crisis Hotline: 1.800.820.4968

Childhelp® USA National Child Abuse Hotline: 1.800.4.A.CHILD

Girls & Boys Town 24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 1.800.448.3000

## Resources/Support for Adult Survivors

W. Gary Cannon Psychological Services Center: 559.456.2777

(Low Cost/Sliding Fee Therapy for Low Income Individuals)

FCC Psychological Services: 559.442.8268

(Free Therapy for Current Students at Fresno City College)

CSUF Health & Psychological Services: 559.278.2734

(Free Therapy for Students at California State University, Fresno)

National Crisis Hotline: 1.800.784.2433

DragonPack.Com®: <http://www.dragonpack.com/>

## Getting Involved: Making a Difference

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<http://bts.dragonpack.com/>

Joyful Child Foundation: <http://www.thejoyfulchild.org/>

Childhelp® USA: <http://www.childhelp.org/>

PROTECT: <http://www.protect.org/>

## Questions / Scheduling Presentations / Contact Info

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## Mission Statement:

Breaking the Silence is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of child abuse realities and prevention techniques through survivor empowerment and community education.

Child Abuse Is Everybody's Business

Child Abuse Is Everybody's Problem

Silence Protects only the Perpetrators

If Not US,  
Then WHO Will Make the Difference?

**CONTACT BREAKING THE SILENCE  
TO GET INVOLVED  
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