



The Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc. (SASC) dba The Center at 909 provides free and confidential counseling, advocacy, support, and referral services to anyone impacted by sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. The Center is committed to providing education, awareness and training on sexual violence prevention and response for business, professional, and community organizations.

Services are provided without regard to actual or perceived race, color, religion (creed), age, national origin (ancestry), sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic status, marital status, disability, or military status.

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES:

- **24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 706.571.6010 or RAINN Hotline: 1.800.656.HOPE (4673)**
- **Medical Advocacy & Accompaniment**
 - **On-site Medical Forensic Examinations (adolescent/adult)**
- **Legal Advocacy & Referrals**
- **Law Enforcement Advocacy & Support**
- **Court & Trial Accompaniment**
- **Individual Counseling**
- **Support Groups**
- **Online Advocacy Chat Option**
- **Prevention & Community Education/Training**
- **Emergency Financial Assistance**
- **Victim's Compensation Assistance & Support**
- **Temporary Protection Order Information & Accompaniment**
- **Safe Shelter Assistance (no shelter on site)**
- **Interpretation Services Available**

WE HEAR YOU. WE SEE YOU. WE BELIEVE YOU.



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Impact & Effects of Sexual Violence

Sexual violence effects everyone. Many social problems are strongly related to a history of sexual violence. If we are to prevent or reduce occurrence of these social problems, we must prevent sexual abuse.

Stalking:

- 31% of women who are being stalked by an intimate partner have also been sexually assaulted by that partner.

Prostitution & Sex Trafficking:

- 60% of prostitutes have been sexually abused before the age of 16 by an average of 2 people for an average of 20 months.
- 70% of prostituted victims believed that being sexually abused as children influenced their decisions to become prostitutes.
- 91% of domestic minor sex trafficking victims in Georgia were enrolled in school at the time of their exploitation.
- Between 200 and 350 adolescent girls are sold online per month.
- 7,200 men purchase sex from a minor every month in Georgia accounting for 8,700 sex acts.

Substance Abuse/Addictive Disease:

- As many as 75% of women in treatment for alcoholism report a history of incest or childhood sexual abuse.
- In a study of males sexually abused as children, over 80% had a history of substance abuse.
- Victims of rape with post-traumatic stress disorder are 13.4 times more likely to have two or more major alcohol problems & 26 times more likely to have serious drug abuse problems.

Mental Health:

- 50-60% of psychiatric inpatients & 40-60% of outpatients report childhood histories of physical/sexual abuse.
- An est. 3.8 mil. adult women have had rape-related PTSD & an additional 211,000 will develop it each year.

HIV Risk Factors:

- There is a strong link between sexual abuse victimization early in life & later involvement with sexual behaviors that place women at risk for contracting HIV.
- In one study, 65% of the HIV+ subjects had been sexually and/or physically abused in childhood.

Self-esteem:

- Women with very poor self-esteem are 4 times more likely to have a history of childhood sexual abuse as other subjects.

Eating Disorders:

- Girls & boys who were sexually abused are significantly more likely to report eating disorders than their non-abused gender peers.
- In one study of women sexually abused as children, 63% had eating disorders.

Homelessness:

- One study of homeless women found that 38% had a history of childhood sexual abuse.
- 46% had a history of rape as an adult.

Teen Pregnancy:

- 62% of pregnant or parenting adolescents had experienced contact molestation, attempted rape, or rape prior to their first pregnancy
- Between 11-20% of girls were pregnant as a direct result of sexual assault.

Suicide:

- Rape victims are 9 times more likely than non-victims to have attempted suicide.
- In a study of males sexually abused as children, 50% had suicidal thoughts & 23% attempted suicide.
- 13% of women who are raped attempt suicide.
- Suicide is the number 2 cause of death for children ages 10-17 in Georgia.

Child Sexual Abuse:

- 76.8% of people who sexually abuse children are adults.
- 34% are family members. Only 12% are ever reported.