Facts About Child Sexual Abuse

**It is highly likely that you know a child who has been or is being abused.**

- Experts estimate that about 1 in 10 children are sexually abused before their 18th birthday.  
- Youth are the victims in 66% of all sexual offenses reported to law enforcement.  
- Youth are 2.5 times more likely to be raped than adults.  
- 35% of child victims are 11 years old or younger.  
- Children living without either parent (foster children) are 10 times more likely to be sexually abused than children that live with both biological parents.  
- Children who live with a single parent who has a live-in partner are at the highest risk: they are 20 times more likely to be victims of child sexual abuse than children living with both biological parents.  
- Children who witness or are the victim of other crimes are significantly more likely to be sexually abused.  
- 9% of all 10-17 year olds receive unwanted sexual requests while on the Internet.  
- 23% of all 10-17 year olds experience unwanted exposure to pornography.  
- About 75% of child pornography victims are living at home when they are photographed. Parents are often responsible.  

*The rate “1 in 10 children are sexually abused” reflects only physical contact acts of sexual abuse.*

90% of children who are victims of sexual abuse know their abuser. 

30% of children who are sexually abused are abused by family members. 

60% of children who are sexually abused are abused by people the family trusts. 

40% of children who are sexually abused are abused by older, or more powerful children. 

10% or less of children who are sexually abused are abused by a stranger.