**National & Local Child Sexual Abuse Statistics**

**NATIONAL (Darkness to Light)**

* 1 in 10 kids will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.
* Nearly 70% of ALL sexual assaults, including assaults on adults, occur to children ages 17 and under.
* Most sexual abuse takes place in the home.
* Only about 1/ 3 of child sexual abuse incidents/cases are identified and even fewer are reported.
* Child sexual abuse is likely the most preventable health problem children will experience.
* About 90% of children who are victims of sexual abuse know their abuser.
* False reports of child sexual abuse are rare. Only 4 to 8% of reports are fabricated. Most are by adults in a custody battle.

**LOCAL (Children’s Advocacy Center of Kent County)**

* There are 154,000 children in Kent County.
* 15,000 have been or will be sexually abuse by their 18th birthday.
* 99% of child sexual abuse survivors know their abuser; 50% are family members.
* Over 1,000 children suspected of being sexually abused are brought to the Children’s Advocacy Center each year.
* In 2017, there were approximately 600 interviews on-site at the CAC.
* CAC staff accompanied approximately 40 survivors through the court process.
* In 2017, there were approximately 1,600 therapy sessions at the CAC, which is roughly 206 clients attending counseling.
* 2017 clients by race
	+ 55% - White
	+ 16% - Black/African-American
	+ 10% - Biracial or mixed race
	+ 9% - Hispanic or Latino
	+ 10% - Other or Unknown
* 2017 clients by age
	+ 0-6yrs. - 33%
	+ 7-12yrs. - 44%
	+ 13-18 - 18%
	+ 18 & up - 5%