



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 abuse are brought to the Children's Advocacy Center each year.
- In 2018, there were approximately 630 interviews on-site at the CAC.
- CAC staff accompanied approximately 42 survivors through the court process.
- In 2018, there were 1,610 therapy appointments at the CAC and 202 clients attending counseling.
- 2018 clients by race
 - 56% - White
 - 16% - Black/African-American
 - 15% - Biracial or mixed race
 - 10% - Hispanic or Latino
 - 3% - Other or Unknown
- 2018 clients by age
 - 35% - 0-6yrs.
 - 43% - 7-12yrs.
 - 18% - 13-17 yrs.
 - 4% - 18 & up