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- **Temporary Protection Order Information &
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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.
- Among children who were sexually abused, the odds are 27.7% times higher that they will be arrested for prostitution as an adult than non-victims.
- 70% of prostituted victims believed that being sexually abused as children influenced their decisions to become prostitutes.

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 than non-related 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.
- 33% of women who are raped contemplate suicide.
- 13% of women who are raped attempt suicide.



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