



The mission of Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc. (SASC) dba The Center at 909 is to provide free and confidential counseling, advocacy, support, and referral services to past and present survivors of sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking. SASC is committed to providing continuing education, workshops, and training programs on sexual violence prevention and response for professional and community groups, including law enforcement, students, medical providers, and others in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and surrounding areas.

Services are provided without regard to actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, or disability.

- **24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 706.571.6010 or RAINN Hotline: 1.800.656.HOPE (4673)**
- **Medical Advocacy & Accompaniment**
 - **On-site Medical Forensic Examination**
- **Legal Advocacy & Referrals**
- **Law Enforcement Advocacy & Support**
- **Court & Trial Accompaniment**
- **Counseling Referral & Assistance**
- **Support Groups**
- **Prevention Education & Training**
- **Community Education & Awareness Training**
- **Emergency Financial Assistance**
- **Victim's Compensation Assistance & Support**
- **Temporary Protection Order Information & Accompaniment**
- **Safe Shelter Referral**
- **Emergency Shelter Assistance**

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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.

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.

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.

Stalking:

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

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.

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.

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 (Georgia Cares).
- Between 200 and 350 adolescent girls are sold online per month (The Schapiro Group).
- 7,200 men purchase sex from a minor every month in Georgia accounting for 8,700 sex acts (The Schapiro Group).

Self-esteem:

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