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Trainer's Circles of Safety Source of Cited Statistics

Statistics noted on slides:

1 in 10 - 10% of US population has experienced contact sexual abuse.

- Townsend, C. & Rheingold, A.A. (2013). *Estimating a child sexual abuse prevalence rate for practitioners: A review of child sexual abuse prevalence studies*. Retrieved from www.D2L.org/1in10

Cited in Workshop 1, slide 10 (The Scope of Sexual Abuse)

Up to 90% of child sexual abuse cases are perpetrated by someone the child knows and trusts. Of this 90% an estimated 60% of perpetrators of sexual abuse are known to the child but are not family members, and about 30% are family members.

- Finkelhor, D. (2012). *Characteristics of crimes against juveniles*. Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- Whealin, J. (2007-05-22). "Child Sexual Abuse". National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, US Department of Veterans Affairs.

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70-77% of sexual abuse or assault is at the hands of other juveniles

- Gewirtz-Meydan, A., & Finkelhor, D. (2019). Sexual abuse and assault in a large national sample of children and adolescents. *Child Maltreatment*, online first, 1-12. doi:10.1177/1077559519873975

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1 in 9 children is solicited sexually on the internet.

- Madigan S, Villani V, Azzopardi C, Laut D, Smith T, Temple JR, Browne D, Dimitropoulos G. The Prevalence of Unwanted Online Sexual Exposure and Solicitation Among Youth: A Meta-Analysis. *J Adolesc Health*. 2018 Aug;63(2):133-141. doi: 10.1016/j.jadohealth.2018.03.012. Epub 2018 Jun 18. PMID: 29921546.

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Statistics noted on trainer's notes:

Researchers estimate that only 38% of child victims disclose the fact that they have been sexually abused – this means that 62% of incidents involving sexual harm to a child are not reported.

- London, K., Bruck, M., Ceci, S., & Shuman, D. (2003) Disclosure of child sexual abuse: What does the research tell us about the ways that children tell? *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 11(1), 194-226.
- Ullman, S. E. (2007). Relationship to perpetrator, disclosure, social reactions, and PTSD symptoms in child sexual abuse survivors. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 16(1), 19-36.

Cited in Workshop 1, slide 7, (Won't Children Tell Us?)

40% of people trafficked in sex trafficking cases were involved familial trafficking:

- *Analysis of 2020 national human trafficking hotline data*. Polaris. (2022, January 13). Retrieved January 26, 2022, from <https://polarisproject.org/2020-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics/>

Cited in Workshop 1, slide 9 (Additional Forms of Sexual Abuse)

In 2020, social media (Facebook, Tik Tok, snapchat and others) reported over 125 million social media content and account removals for child sexual abuse concerns – including sexual exploitation.

- Bischoff, P. (2022, January 21). *The rising tide of child abuse content on social media*. Comparitech. Retrieved January 28, 2022, from <https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/child-abuse-online-statistics/>

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Nearly 40% of young people in a relationship have experienced at least one form of abuse via technology.

- Tompson, T., J. Benz, and J. Agiesta, "The Digital Abuse Study: Experiences of Teens and Young Adults," AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, October 2013. (http://www.apnorc.org/PDFs/Digital%20Abuse/AP-NORC%20Center%20and%20MTV_Digital%20Abuse%20Study_FINAL.pdf) (February 19, 2014)

Cited in Workshop 1, slide 9 (Additional Forms of Sexual Abuse)

1 in 25 youths received an online sexual solicitation in which the solicitor tried to make offline contact. In more than one-quarter (27%) of incidents, solicitors asked youths for sexual photographs of themselves.

- Wolak, Janis, David Finkelhor, Kimberly J. Mitchell, and Michele L. Ybarra, "Online 'Predators' and Their Victims: Myths, Realities, and Implications for Prevention and Treatment." *American Psychologist*, 2008, 63:111–128. (<http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/pdf/Am%20Psy%202-08.pdf>) (December 21, 2011)

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Approximately half of child sexual abuse victims report sexual victimization later in life.

- Papalia N, Mann E, Ogloff JRP. Child Sexual Abuse and Risk of Revictimization: Impact of Child Demographics, Sexual Abuse Characteristics, and Psychiatric Disorders. *Child Maltreatment*. 2021;26(1):74-86. doi:10.1177/1077559520932665

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93% of boys and 62% of girls are exposed to Internet porn before the age of 18.

- The Nature and Dynamic of Internet Pornography Exposure for Youth by Chiara Sabina, Janis Wolak, and David Finkelhor from *Cyber Psychology and Behavior*, 2008

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Child sexual abuse has an economic toll – in the US, over \$200,000 for each victim.

- Fang, X., Brown, D., Florence, C., Mercy, J. (2012) The economic burden of child maltreatment in the United States and implications for prevent. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 36:2,156-165

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Statistics suggest the greatest risk for children behaving inappropriately with other children is 10 to 12 years old.

- Note 2020 revision: The number of youth coming to the attention of police for sex offenses increases sharply at age 12 and plateaus after age 14. Early adolescence is the peak age for youth offenses against younger children.
 - Finkelhor, D., Ormrod, R., Chaffin, M. (2009) Juveniles who commit sex offenses against minors. *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*, OJJDP, Office of Justice Programs

Cited in Workshop 1, slide 20 (Healthy Sexual Development: 6-8, 9-12)

Youth with disabilities are 3 times more likely to be sexually abused.

- Lund, Emily M., and Vaughn-Jensen, J. (2012). "Victimization of Children with Disabilities." *The Lancet*, Volume 380 (Issue 9845), 867-869.

Cited in Workshop 1, slide 24 (Special Considerations)

Studies universally confirm that sex offense recidivism among youth is exceptionally low—between 3–5 percent.

- Elizabeth Letourneau & Kevin Armstrong, *Recidivism Rates for Registered and Nonregistered Juvenile Sexual Offenders*, 20 *Sexual Abuse: J. of Res. and Treatment* 393 (2008).

Cited in Workshop 2, Slide 13 (Next Steps)

Additional learnings:

On the economic burden of child sexual abuse

- Letourneau, E. J., Brown, D. S., Fang, X., Hassan, A., & Mercy, J. A. (2018). The economic burden of child sexual abuse in the United States. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 79, 413-422. doi:10.1016/j.chiabu.2018.02.020

On healthy sexuality education being a key tool to preventing sexual abuse

- Schneider, M. & Hirsch, J.S. (2020). Comprehensive sexuality education as a primary prevention strategy for sexual violence perpetration. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*. Vol. 21(3) 439-455. Doi: 10.177/1524838018772855.

On the need to move away from only targeting educating children on csa prevention, and moving to involve parents and protective factors in keeping kids safe

- Rudolph, J., Zimmer-Gembeck, M. J., Shanley, D. C.,; Hawkins, R. (2017). Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Opportunities: Parenting, Programs, and the Reduction of Risk. *Child Maltreatment*, 23(1), 96-106. doi:10.1177/1077559517729479

On adults at-risk and help-seeking behavior

- Grant, B., Shields, R. T., Tabachnick, J., & Coleman, J. (2019). "I Didn't Know Where To Go": An Examination of Stop It Now!'s Sexual Abuse Prevention Helpline. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 34(20), 4225-4253. doi:10.1177/0886260519869237

On safety and risk in the cyber world

- Jonsson, L.S., Fredlund, C., Priebe, G. *et al.* Online sexual abuse of adolescents by a perpetrator met online: a cross-sectional study. *Child Adolesc Psychiatry Ment Health* 13, 32 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13034-019-0292-1>
- Whittle, H., Hamilton-Giachritsis, C., Beech, A., & Collings, G. (2012, November 17). *A review of Young People's vulnerabilities to online grooming*. Aggression and Violent Behavior. Retrieved January 26, 2022, from <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S135917891200122X?via%3Dihub>
- Identifying Teens at Risk: Developmental Pathways of Online and Offline Sexual Risk Behavior. Susanne E. Baumgartner, Sindy R. Sumter, Jochen Peter and Patti M. Valkenburg. *Pediatrics* December 2012, 130 (6) e1489-e1496; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2012-0842>