



## Child Sexual Abuse Statistics

- Nationwide, 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18.
- 1 in 7 children are solicited on the Internet.
- Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults (including assaults on adults) occur to children ages 17 and under.
- An estimated 39 million survivors of sexual abuse exist in America today.
- The median age for reported sexual abuse is 9 years old.
- More than 20% of children are sexually abused before the age of 8.
- 30 to 40% of victims are abused by a family member and as many as another 50% are abused by someone outside the family whom they know and trust.
- Only 10% are abused by strangers.
- The majority of sexual assaults on juveniles occur in a residence, in the afternoon.
- 40% of those who sexually abuse children under age 6 are themselves juveniles.
- 40% of suspected child abuse cases also included a history of domestic violence.

**Child abuse is a community problem. We must work together to find ways to protect and treat our children. Kristi House is doing just that. We are here for the children.**

## We Need Your Help

Donations from individuals and community groups will ensure that Kristi House and the Orlowitz-Lee Children's Advocacy Center will be able to continue providing quality services and programs to children in Miami-Dade County.

All gifts to Kristi House are tax-deductible. Your contribution may be paid over a period of several years for maximum financial advantage.

A named or memorial gift may be given to perpetuate a donor's expression of esteem and respect. A wide range of these opportunities is available. Please call Kristi House for more information.

## Other Ways to Help

In addition to financial contributions, the Center can use donated items such as magazines for children, new toys and books, paper goods, general office supplies and cleaning supplies.

Volunteering is another way you can participate. Kristi House welcomes you to join the growing team of dedicated volunteers who give their time and talents to help children in need. Please contact us for more details.

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CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# It Happens. It Hurts.



## There's Help.



## The Tragedy of Child Sexual Abuse

**T**here are more than 41,000 reports of child sexual abuse in Florida each year. In Miami-Dade County alone there are nearly 2,000. But these figures don't tell the whole story. There are countless other children who are sexually abused every day who keep their secret locked away, sometimes for their entire lives. How do we reach these children? Who are they? What do we do if we suspect a child is being abused? Where do I turn if my child is sexually abused?

Kristi House is here to answer all these questions.

## Kristi House Serves the Children

Kristi House is a non-profit organization providing services for children and their families, who are victims of sexual abuse. Formed in 1996, Kristi House was named for a 9-year-old girl who was sexually abused and impregnated by her mother's boyfriend, giving birth at age 10. Sadly, her case is not unique. Many of Kristi House's clients find themselves in similar situations, but these children now have a safe place to go for help.



In 1997 Ellis K. Orlowitz and Enid Lee made a \$1 million donation, and with \$2 million raised from the private sector, the Kristi House, Orlowitz-Lee Children's Advocacy Center was built. This child-centered facility opened its doors in 1999 and houses law enforcement, child protective, medical, legal and mental health agencies all under one roof.

Through the advocacy center, Kristi House serves sexually abused children by providing a community resource, a treatment center and a bridge to law enforcement. They combine all the services a victim and his/her family will need to help start the healing process.

## What is Child Sexual Abuse?



Child sexual abuse is defined as any and all sexual contact between an adult and a child. This includes physical acts such as: fondling, inappropriate touching, rape or attempted rape, or using a child to create pornography. Sexual abuse acts can also be nonphysical such as, indecent exposure, talk about sex designed to shock a child, or allowing a child to watch or hear sexual acts or materials.

Sexual contact between two juveniles can also be abusive if there is a significant difference in age, development or size. Sexual abuse involves a sexual activity with a child where consent is not or cannot be given.

Under Florida law, health care professionals, teachers and school personnel, law enforcement, social workers and day care professionals must contact authorities when they suspect abuse. However, reporting is not limited to these professionals. Anyone who has knowledge or suspicion of child abuse should contact the Florida Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) or local law enforcement.

## Healing the Hurt

### Services Kristi House Offers

#### CASE MANAGEMENT

Kristi House case coordinators work directly with families providing access to therapy, and connecting them to supportive agencies. We work in collaboration with the State Attorney's Office, law enforcement and the Department of Children and Families to help families recover from the trauma of sexual abuse.

#### THERAPY & REFERRAL SERVICES

Individual, group and family therapy services are provided at the Center and its three satellite locations in neighborhoods closer to clients. Best practice protocols with proven results for child sexual abuse victim are used.

#### PREVENTION & OUTREACH

Kristi House provides presentations to students, staff and parents in key Miami-Dade schools. The program teaches children to stop touch they don't want before it becomes abuse, without suggesting that someone they love and trust might hurt them.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Kristi House provides transportation for families in an effort to eliminate this major barrier to treatment. The Kristi House Van transports victims and their families from their homes to their various appointments.

#### CASE TRACKING

Kristi House uses a secure, web-based client management system to track all data relating to cases. Outcomes and research collection are also facilitated through the system.

#### RESEARCH

Kristi House conducts studies in the areas of risk and protective factors, development of psychological symptoms, and the course and outcome of various treatment interventions.

#### COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Kristi House has played a leadership role in improving the community response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Often misidentified as criminals instead of victims, most of these children, typically girls and as young as 12 or 13, were sexually abused before becoming entrapped in lives of prostitution and pornography. Project GOLD provides the full continuum of services for high-risk victims.

### State Attorney's Office Services

The Children's and Special Needs Unit of the State Attorney's Office (CSNU), is housed at the Orlowitz-Lee Children's Advocacy Center and provides videotaped forensic interviews that are used by the State Attorney to prosecute perpetrators of child abuse. These taped interviews limit the number of times a child must tell the story of his/her abuse reducing the need to relive the trauma.

Other partner agencies include:

- University of Miami Child Protection Team
- Local Law Enforcement Agencies
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- Guardian Ad Litem Program
- Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center, Jackson Hospital