



## Child Sexual Abuse Statistics

- National studies find that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday.
- Ninety percent of sexually abused children are abused by family members or someone the family knows and trusts.
- 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.
- The majority of sexual assaults on juveniles occur in a residence, in the afternoon.
- Research suggests that in a quarter to a half of all cases of child sexual abuse the perpetrators are children acting out on other children.
- 40% of suspected child abuse cases also include a history of domestic violence.

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**Child sexual 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.**

## In the Words of Clients and Parents...

*"My experience at Kristi House was amazing, the entire staff was warm and welcoming. My therapist was such an enormous help for me, I always felt like I could confide in her and she'd help me with anything. The coping exercises and information sessions helped me understand my feelings. For all of this, I am forever thankful."*

*"I appreciate from the bottom of my heart the assistance my son received, especially the help he got from his therapist. May God bless you all."*

*"I wish I could write an essay but all I can say is thanks to my therapist, I overcame everything. I'm glad I met her. This was the best thing that happened to me."*

## We Need Your Help

Donations from individuals and community groups will ensure that Kristi House and its Orlowitz-Lee Children's Advocacy Center will be able to continue providing quality services and programs to children in Miami-Dade County. We turn no child in need away and don't charge families for our services so that cost is never a barrier to getting help.

All gifts to Kristi House are tax-deductible. A wide range of giving programs is available. Please call us for more information or visit our website.



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## CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

# It Happens. It Hurts.



## There's Help.



## The Tragedy of Child Sexual Abuse

**A**n alarming 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday. Worse, however, is that most children who are sexually abused will 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 these questions.**

## Kristi House Serves the Children

Kristi House is a non-profit organization providing services for children who are victims of sexual abuse. Formed in 1995, 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 another \$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.

Through the advocacy center, Kristi House serves sexually abused children by providing a community resource, a treatment center and a bridge to law enforcement. Kristi House coordinates all the services a victim and his/her family will need for 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, size or development. 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.

## Our Partners

State Attorney's Office – Sexual Battery and Children's and Special Needs Units

Florida Department of Children and Families

University of Miami Child Protection Team

Local Law Enforcement agencies

Guardian Ad Litem program

Jackson Hospital

Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center

## Kristi House Services

**CASE COORDINATION** – Kristi House works directly with families to help them through the crisis, stabilize and connect them to an array of supportive wrap-around services and agencies.

**THERAPY** – Individual, group and family therapy services are provided at all Kristi House locations. Only interventions proven to be effective are used by our mental health clinicians.

**TRANSPORTATION** – Kristi House provides transportation for families to help them get to therapy and other appointments.

**PREVENTION & OUTREACH** – Kristi House provides education and prevention programs in for parents and caregivers, children of all ages, service providers and other child-serving professionals.

**RESEARCH** – The University of Miami and Florida International University are partners on research into client outcomes in an effort to continually provide the best possible interventions for children and families.

## Specialized Programs

**PROJECT GOLD** – Kristi House operates Florida's first Drop In Center with specialized services for girls 12 to 18 who have been trafficked for sex. Case coordination, enrichment programs, therapy and support services are provided.

## PATHWAYS for CHILDREN with PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

The *Pathways for Strong Families* program, based on an evidence-based group treatment model, addresses problematic sexual behavior in school-aged children. *Pathways* works with caregivers and youth to increase safety and communication as well as promote healthy, positive choices.

## Community Education

Kristi House provides monthly education and training programs for the community at no cost to participants. Courses include *Children & Traumatic Stress*, *Stewards of Children*, *CSEC 101*, and *Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior*. See web calendar.