






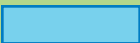



2007 Sexual Violence Services in Virginia

Highlights

-  The sexual victimization of children is a primary concern for victims (adults and children) seeking services.
-  43% of children and youth seeking services were sexually violated by their parent, step-parent, or parent's partner.
-  2 in 3 adults seeking services were sexually violated by a family member, including a Spouse and/or Co-habiting partner.
-  The number of adults seeking services from a sexual assault service provider increased by 8% from 2006 to 2007.
-  Fewer than half of the individuals seeking crisis services indicated that the incident had been reported to law enforcement.

Recommendations

-  Secure funding to provide comprehensive services to children and youth who have experienced or been exposed to sexual violence.
-  Expand prevention programming for children, youth, and adults to prevent sexual violence before it occurs.
-  Increase the availability of community education and training programming through Sexual Assault Crisis Centers across the Commonwealth so that family, friends, and allied professionals are prepared to respond to victims effectively.
-  Enhance public safety, promote offender accountability, and increase victims' immediate access to services by promoting the establishment of Sexual Assault Response Teams in Virginia.

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Crisis Services

Sexual Violence Service Providers responded to 12,535 crisis situations in 2007 and provided 41,750 services to victims, family members, friends, and allied professionals. In addition to hotline calls, advocates responded to 3,661 crises in person.

Safety continues to be a primary concern for victims of sexual violence in crisis.

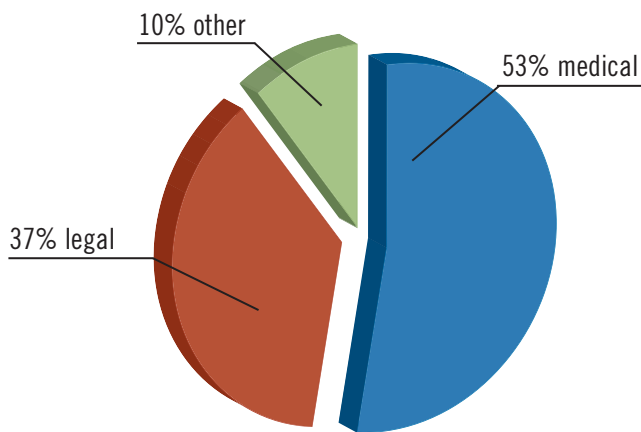
50%

of crisis contacts responded to safety concerns.

1 in 5

crisis contacts were with allied professionals. Allied professionals rely on sexual assault service providers as a critical resource when assisting victims in crisis.

Accompaniment Services



Type of Accompaniments in 2007

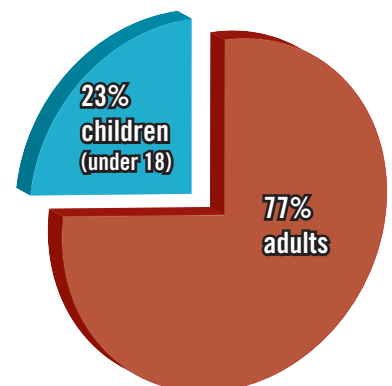
Sexual violence is a violent crime that is terrifying and often difficult to report to law enforcement. Legal, medical, and other accompaniments are critical services to address the emotional needs of victims, help minimize additional trauma, and to facilitate the reporting process.

Seeking health care may also be difficult for individuals who have been sexually violated. Advocates provide medical accompaniments to offer support to victims during medical exams, including forensic exams performed in the immediate aftermath of a sexual assault/rape.

Advocacy Services

Sexual Assault Service Providers assisted 2,703 adult and child victims of sexual violence in 2007, providing 42,108 hours of advocacy services.

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Advocacy Services in 2007