

## **Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse KNOW THE STATISTICS**

### **WHAT IS SEXUAL ABUSE?**

When an adult involves a child in ANY sexual act, including  
Fondling  
Exhibitionism  
Voyeurism  
Exposure to pornography  
Internet "chatting" around sexual topics

### **THE STATISTICS ARE SHOCKING**

- \*1 in 4 girls sexually abused before age 18
- \*1 in 6 boys sexually abused before age 18
- \*1 in 5 children receive a sexual solicitation while on the Internet
- \*Most never tell
- \*39 million survivors of childhood sexual abuse in U.S.

### **CHILDREN ARE AT HIGHER RISK THAN ADULTS FOR SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION**

- \*More than 67% of all sexual assault victims are under 18
- \*Median age is 9 years old
- \*1 of 7 victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement agencies is under age 6

### **TYPICAL CHILD VICTIMIZERS ARE LIKE MANY PEOPLE YOU KNOW...**

- Approximately
- \*90% are male
  - \*90% are religious
  - \*75% are Caucasian
  - \*80% are/have been married
  - \*65% are middle income or above
  - \*50% are college educated

## **CHILD VICTIMIZERS TARGET CHILDREN THEY KNOW...**

*Family member	<b>40%</b>
○ Biological Child	20%
○ Stepchild, Adopted, Foster child	30%
○ Siblings	10%
○ Nieces and Nephews	20%
○ Grandchild	5%

*Acquaintance	<b>50%</b>
○ Child of Friend, Neighbor	40%
○ Student, Sports Participant, Mentee, etc.	50%
○ Babysitter	5%

**\*Only 10% ARE STRANGERS**

**\*More than 80% of sexual abuse cases happen in one Adult/one Child situations**

## **CONSEQUENCES TO VICTIMS AND SOCIETY**

- \*Drug and Alcohol Dependence
- \*Depression, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, and Anxiety
- \*Eating Disorders
- \*Debilitating Fear, Nightmares
- \*Delinquency
- \*Teen Pregnancy
- \*Sexual Disorders, Prostitution
- \*Increased Illness, Hospitalizations

**What can responsible organizations and corporations who cater to children and their families do to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse?**

- \*Pay Attention
- \*Understand the Impact
- \*Create Hiring Policy
- \*Create One-on-One Policy
- \*Create Reporting Policy
- \*Train Employees/Volunteers