

THE IMPACT OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE



ECONOMIC

Fact:

The CDC estimates that the U.S. spends billions annually for the costs of child abuse.

Fact:

These expenses are largely paid for by the public sector - the taxpayer.

Fact:

Child sexual abuse has lasting societal consequences. The costs impact multiple sectors including healthcare, criminal justice, child welfare, and special education.

**THE AVERAGE
LIFETIME COST OF
CHILD ABUSE PER
VICTIM IS \$210,012.**



SOCIETAL

Fact:

Delinquency and crime, often stemming from substance abuse, are more prevalent in adolescents with a history of child sexual abuse.

Fact:

The risk of teen pregnancy is much higher for girls with a history of child sexual abuse.

Fact:

Academic problems in childhood are a common symptom of sexual abuse.

**39% OF 7- TO 12-
YEAR-OLD GIRLS WITH
A HISTORY OF CHILD
SEXUAL ABUSE HAVE
ACADEMIC DIFFICULTIES.**



HEALTH

Fact:

Mental health problems are a common long-term consequence of child sexual abuse.

Fact:

Child sexual abuse is associated with physical health problems in adulthood.

Fact:

Substance abuse problems beginning in childhood or adolescence are some of the most common consequences of child sexual abuse.

**MORE THAN 70% OF
MALE CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE SURVIVORS SEEK
TREATMENT FOR ISSUES
LIKE SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
SUICIDAL THOUGHTS,
AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.**