Evidence in Action

Fostering Integrated Social Practice

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Victims of child abuse are **26x** more likely to experience **homelessness** in the future.

Adverse childhood experiences are risk factors for adult homelessness? (1997) American Journal of Public Health

Children who experience child abuse are **59%** more likely to be **arrested** as a juvenile.

Brightfuture4kids.org/learn/statistics

Victims of child abuse have **90%** worse **health** than the general population.

Effects of child abuse and neglect for adult survivors (2007) American Society for the Positive Care of Children

**70-80%** of sexual abuse survivors report excessive **drug and alcohol** use.


**76%** of Canadian adults report some form of **trauma** exposure in their lifetime.


People who have experienced trauma are **15x** more likely to attempt **suicide**.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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A Model of Collaboration

- Human Services
- Justice and Solicitor General
- Education

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Who We Serve

- 7,900 victims of child abuse have been assessed since April 2013 (124/month)
- 95% knew their abuser(s)
- 46% were abused by their own parent/caregiver

Age distribution:
- less than 1 year old: 3%
- 1-3 years old: 11%
- 4-7 years old: 27%
- 8-11 years old: 22%
- 12-15 years old: 26%
- 16 years old: 11%

Gender distribution:
- Female: 63%
- Male: 33%
- Trans-identified or unknown: 4%

Aged 12-17: 26%
Under the age of 12: 74%
65% of youth age 12-17 presented one or more of the above challenges assessed at the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre.
Preliminary Social Return on Investment Results

• Annual cost of child abuse in Canada is estimated at $21.5 billion (Law Commission of Canada (Bowlus, McKenna, Day & Wright, 2003))

• Annual cost of child abuse in Alberta is estimated to be $2.4 billion (Law Commission of Canada (Bowlus, McKenna, Day & Wright, 2003))

• The SKCAC needs to achieve only a 0.1% (one tenth of one percent) reduction in the annual costs of child abuse in Alberta in order to have a positive SROI (KPMG)

• Productivity improvements in just one team (Joint Investigative Child Abuse Team) at the SKCAC are valued at ~$550,000 annually (KPMG)
“To know better is to do better”