



#### **Sexual Assault Victimization** Erin Patterson-Sexson, Lead Advocate Standing Together Against Rape

## The Numbers

### FY 2011

- 1143 Clients served
- 900 Hospital/SART/CAC responses
- 259 Adult SART Cases
- 13 Anonymous Victim Report



## The Numbers

### FY 2011

- 5% under 6 years old
- 38% 6-18 years old
- 51% 19-59 years old
- 6% 60 years and older
- 16% are male



## The Numbers

### FY 2011

- 39% acquaintance
- 31% family member
- 16% stranger
- 14% intimate partner



# Manifestation of Traum

## The Offender looks for...

Vulnerability
 Age. Disability, Intoxication, Distracted, Naive, Innocent

 A person with a marginalized lifestyle
 Questionable credibility, criminal history or behaviors

 Opportunity
 Isolation, in need of assistance, lonely



# Into the Spider Web





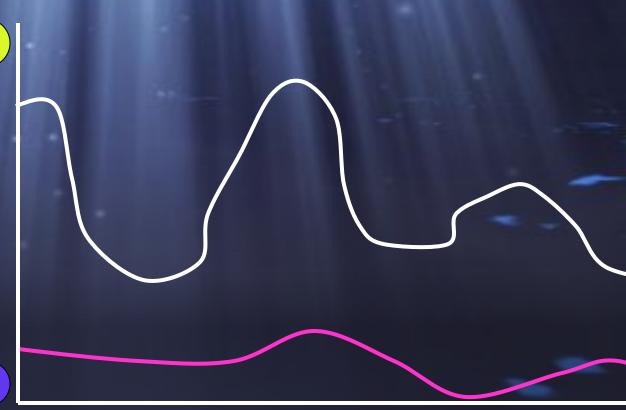
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## Focusing Victim Services

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Social Service and Public Safety efforts must be continuously and constantly focused on this population





### Many victim survivors

• Lack a safe place to live

Homeless, substandard housing, share housing

 They have no money, no power and at the highest risk for revictimization.

## **Our Dilemma**

- Many offenders have numerous victims before a crime is reported, investigated, prosecuted and the offender sentenced.
- We release untreated convicted sex offenders to our streets also with no place to go, they end up at homeless shelters and in homeless camps.
- The cycle continues. Victims are victimized and their trauma is magnified.



## What 's needed?

- Safe, reliable respectful places to go for services.
  - Time to heal
- Less blame and more support.
  - Educated juries
  - Community awareness beyond the myth

- To be believed, to be seen and to be heard.
- To have real and sustainable options.
  - Housing
  - Child Care
  - Treatment
  - Employment
  - Education



## Trends

- Increased violent/lethal assaults
- More homeless
- Complex issues
  - Immigration
  - Custody
- Internet used to
  - Drawn in
  - Harass
  - Stalk

Revictimization

#### But also...

- Increased prosecution in Anchorage
- Greater public awareness
- An exceptional SVU
- Dynamic SART Team





### Thank you.

