



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





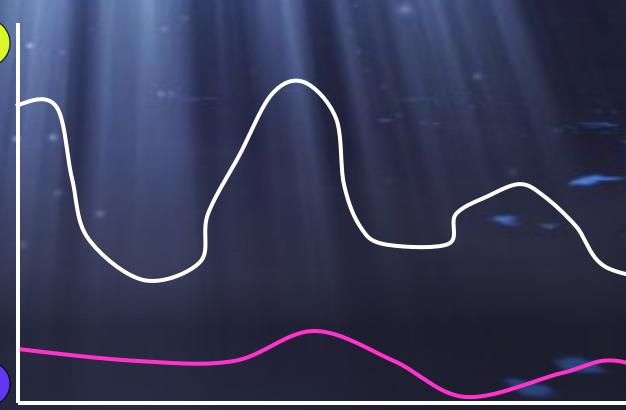
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Focusing Victim Services

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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.

