

The mission of Hope For Healing.Org is to offer education, information, comfort, help and Christian support to survivors of sexual crimes or violence in the home, and to survivors' families, friends and the people who support them.

Offering:

- Education
- Email and Internet Support
- Library Loaner Program
- Telephone Support
- Referrals

About us:

Serving victims online since 1996, Hope For Healing. Org is the largest site on the internet for victims of sexual crimes with approximately 1 million hits yearly and is the only site focusing on spiritual issues.

Since it's beginning, the site has been accessed over 10 million times.

Awards and Accolades:

Founder:

*Daily Point of Light April 2002
Recognitions from
Former President George Bush
Current President George W. Bush
And others*

Website:

*Yahoo! Cool Site
Terrashare Resource Award
Golden Web Awards
Best of The Web Bronze Award*

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Helping

Clergy

Turn

Victims

Into

Survivors

*If you know our name,
you know support is
as close as your computer.*

The Stats:

1:3 women will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetime.
(FBI,1990)

1:5 men will be sexually abused as children. (FBI,1990)

1:4 Women will be victims of an act of domestic violence in their lifetimes. (National Domestic Violence Hotline, 2002)

Sexual crimes happen in every community regardless of race, socioeconomic status, religion, creed or national origin. It is an "equal opportunity" crime that knows no boundaries. It happens everywhere, even in your local church.

But you may never know it.



"I've seen the stats and am familiar with the numbers. What might this look like in my church?"

A 150 member church with 50 women, 50 men, 25 girls and 25 boys would look like this:

25 Women and girls either have been or will be raped.

19 Women either will or have already experienced an act of domestic abuse.

15 Men and boys either have already been or will be sexually abused.

A total of **59** members of your **150** member congregation either already are or will become, survivors of a sexual crime or violence in the home.

Not all of these people are being abused right now. Some already have been and some will be in the future.

They all will need your help. Sexual crimes are very under reported. In many instances, you will never know who falls into the above categories.

However, being open and knowledgeable to the effects of abuse will go a long way towards the healing of those who have been victimized.



"If so many are victimized, how come no one has ever come forward before now?"

In a survey done by HopeForHealing.Org, the number one reason a survivor gave for not telling someone is the fear of not being believed.

"Help! I'm the pastor of a rural, medium sized church.



A mother just phoned saying her daughter has been raped.

What do I do now?"

Learn Your ABC's!

Admit

that this happens in your church.

Believe

the survivor.

Counseling

and support resources are available on the internet and may be available in your community.

Contact us to help you find them. We're available via email or telephone 24 hours a day.

Why?

Because your members need your help.

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