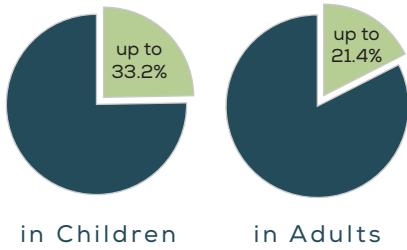


# WHY WE EXIST

While the nearness of sexual assault and trafficking seem distant to many of us, the harsh realities and statistics prove that these tragedies are not as far away as we think. Data shows that 1 in 3 women will experience sexual assault or violence in their lifetime. The numbers are staggering, and we must educate ourselves and engage to end this cycle.

## SEXUAL ABUSE & PSYCHE

Sexual abuse in the general population:



Participants found an association between a history of sexual abuse and the following:

- + Anxiety
- + Depression
- + Eating Disorders
- + PTSD
- + Sleep Disorders
- + Suicide Attempts

The International Labor Organization estimates that there are

**4.5 MILLION**

victims of sex trafficking worldwide

**73.3%**  
the percentage of cases referred by the National Hotline in 2016 that involved sex trafficking

**\$150 B**  
Amount human trafficking generates in illegal profits in a year



Early evidence suggests that heightened awareness of the association between sexual abuse and mental health disorders may improve health outcomes for abuse survivors.

## COST OF RAPE SURVIVORS

Per-victim lifetime cost of rape is:

**\$122,461**



In the previous 12 months:  
**1.93 MILLION WOMEN & 219,000 MEN**  
were first-time victims

**\$3.1 TRILLION**

National lifetime economic burden of rape estimate



Substance use constitutes approximately a quarter of the per-victim cost

**UP TO \$263,772**

Per-offense cost of rape and sexual assault as of 2014



Crime costs are a major component of contributing unit costs for substance abuse

Per-victim estimate is the minimal identifiable cost of rape, excluding all pain and suffering costs.

## TRAUMA & ADDICTION

It is estimated that the yearly economic impact of substance misuse is \$249 billion for alcohol misuse and \$193 billion for illicit drug use.

**27 MILLION**

The number of people in the US using illicit drugs or misusing prescription drugs

**66 MILLION**

The number of people that have participated in binge drinking in the past month



**OVER 40%**

of people with a substance use disorder also have a mental health condition



Many factors contribute to this "treatment gap," including the inability to access or afford care, fear of shame and discrimination, and lack of screening for substance misuse.

