

Intimate partner violence and sexual violence statistics

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Domestic violence is a problem in Knox County

- In 2006, there were 1,261 calls to the New Directions Domestic Abuse Hotline. (New Directions)
- 185 cases of domestic violence were reported to the police in Knox County in 2006. (New Directions)
According to the US Department of Justice, only 54% of intimate partner violence is reported to police. This means that there were likely more than 370 actual incidents of domestic violence in Knox County in 2006. (Rennison, CM. 2001)

Domestic and sexual violence are more common than you may think

- 1 in 4 women are victims of intimate partner violence (physical assault, rape, stalking) at some point in their lifetime. (1995 NVAWS data in Tjaden, P. and Thoennes, N., National Institute of Justice, 2000)
- In 2001, 20% of violent crime against women was intimate partner violence, compared to 3% of violent crime against men. (Rennison, CM. US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. February 2003)

Teens are at risk

- About 1 in 11 adolescents reports being a victim of physical dating abuse each year. (CDC, MMWR, May 19, 2006)
- About 1 in 5 high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. (Silverman, et al. JAMA, 2001)
- Adolescent victims of dating violence are more likely to report binge drinking, suicide attempts, physical fighting, and current sexual activity. (CDC, MMWR, May 19, 2006)

Domestic violence harms children too

- Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to domestic violence in the US. (American Psychological Association, 1996)
- Children who witness family violence often suffer from social, emotional, or physical problems. Children who are exposed to their father abusing their mother are at greater risk for becoming abusers themselves when they grow up. (American Psychological Association, 1996)

Intimate partner violence has steep economic costs

- The costs of intimate partner violence annually exceed \$5.8 billion, including \$4.1 billion in direct health care expenses, \$900 million in lost productivity, and \$900 million in lifetime earnings. (CDC, Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States, 2003; as summarized by NCADV)
- When the costs of direct property loss, ambulance services, police response, pain and suffering, and the criminal justice process are considered, the total annual cost of intimate partner violence grows to \$67 billion. (Miller, et al. Victim Costs and Consequences: A New Look, 1996; as summarized by NCADV)
- Domestic violence has been estimated to cost employers in the United States \$3-\$13 billion each year. (Bureau of National Affairs, Violence and Stress, 1990; as summarized by NCADV)