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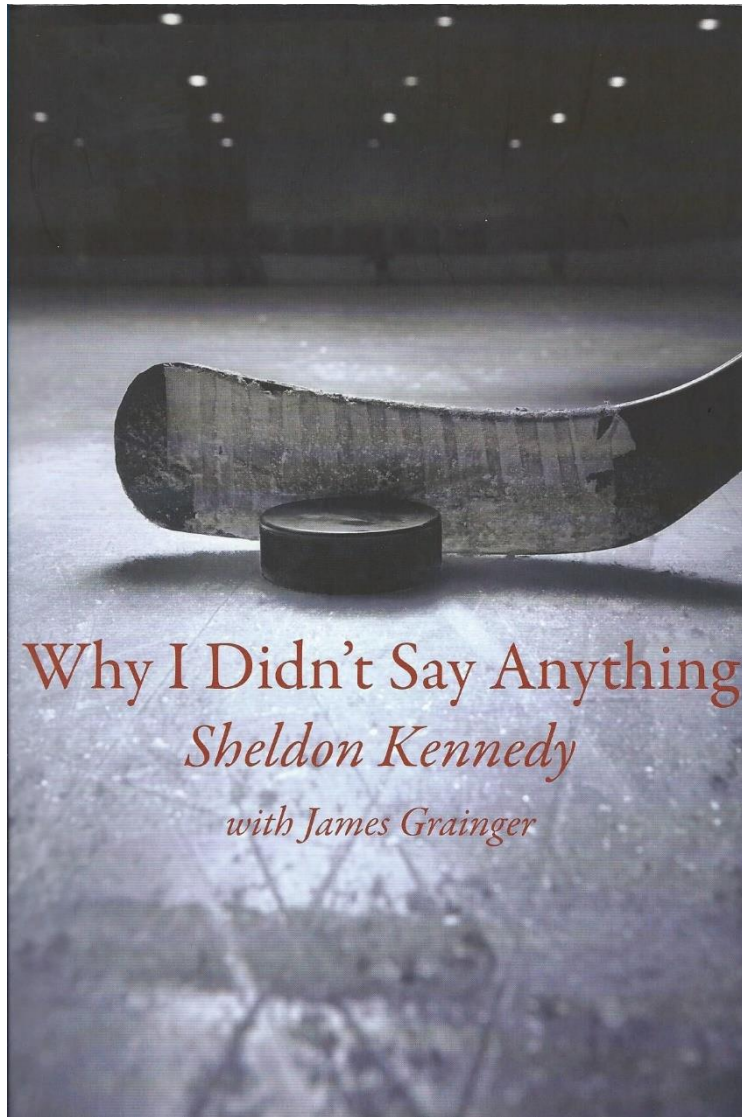
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Why I Didn't Say Anything
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with James Grainger



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Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

37% to 50% of children who have been abused develop Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and **almost 100% children who are abused develop partial symptoms of PTSD.**

(Trask, Walsh & Dilillo, 2011)



Revictimization

3 to 5 times more likely to be **revictimized** physically or sexually by the time they finish high school

(Trickett, P., Noll, J., & Putnam, F., 2011; Barnes J, Noll J, Putnam F, Trickett P., 2009)





Homelessness

Children who are sexually abused are **26X more likely** to experience homelessness

(Daniel B. Herman et al., 1997)



Mental Health

Children who are abused will have **4X as many contacts** with mental health resources in adulthood

(Spataro, J., Mullen, P., Burgess, P., Wells, D., & Moss, S., 2004).

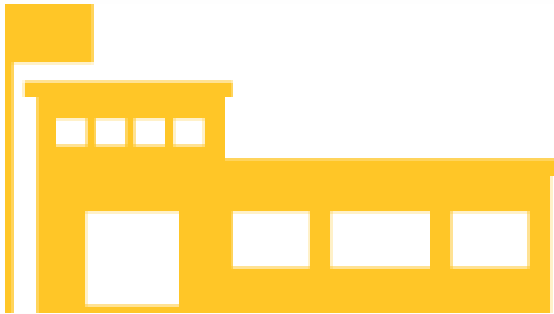




Legal Problems

Nearly **four times** more likely to be arrested as a juvenile and **twice as likely** to be arrested as an adult

(Lansford, Miller-Johnson, Berlin, Dodge, Bates, & Pettit, G. S., 2007)



School Problems

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Unplanned Pregnancy

3 times more likely to have an early, unplanned pregnancy

(Irish, L., Kobayashi, I. & Delahanty, D., 2009)



Addiction

72% of individuals in a detox program reported sexual and physical abuse histories. Of these, **75%** had experienced abuse for the first time as children.

(Liebschutz, Savetsky, Saitz, Horton, Lloyd-Travaglini, & Samet, 2002)





Employment

More than **3 times as likely to have been fired in the past year.**

(Lansford, Miller-Johnson, Berlin, Dodge, Bates, & Pettit, G. S., 2007)



Suicide and Self Harm

4 times more likely to report self-harm and suicidal ideation than those who do not experience abuse

(Irish, L., Kobayashi, I. & Delahanty, D., 2009)



A MODEL of COLLABORATION



Treaty 7



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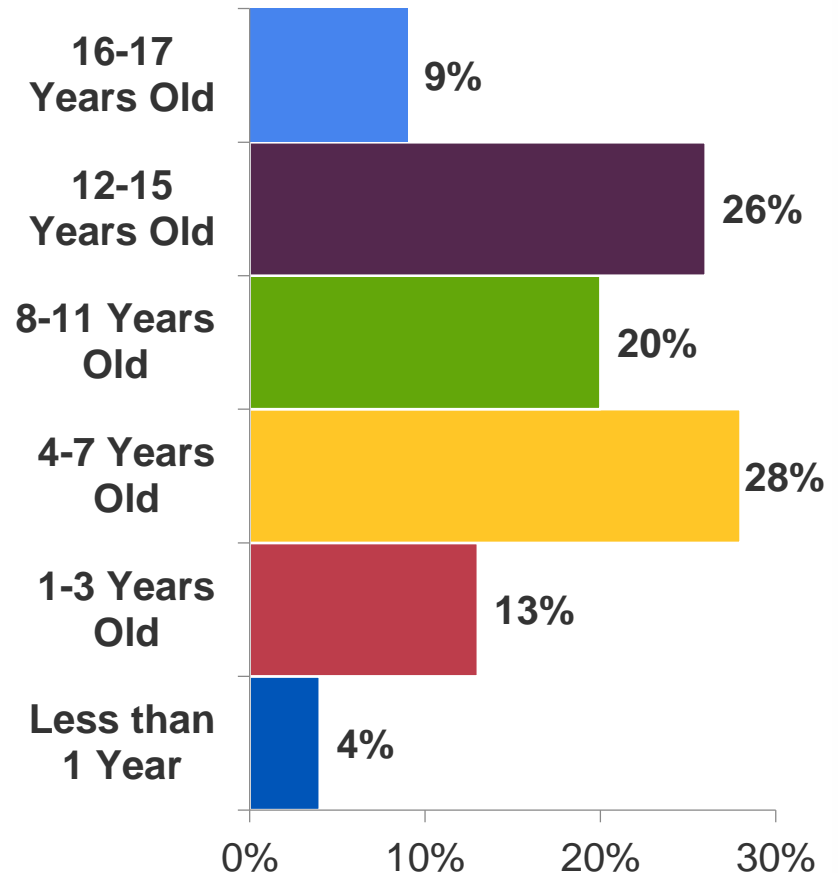
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Who We Serve

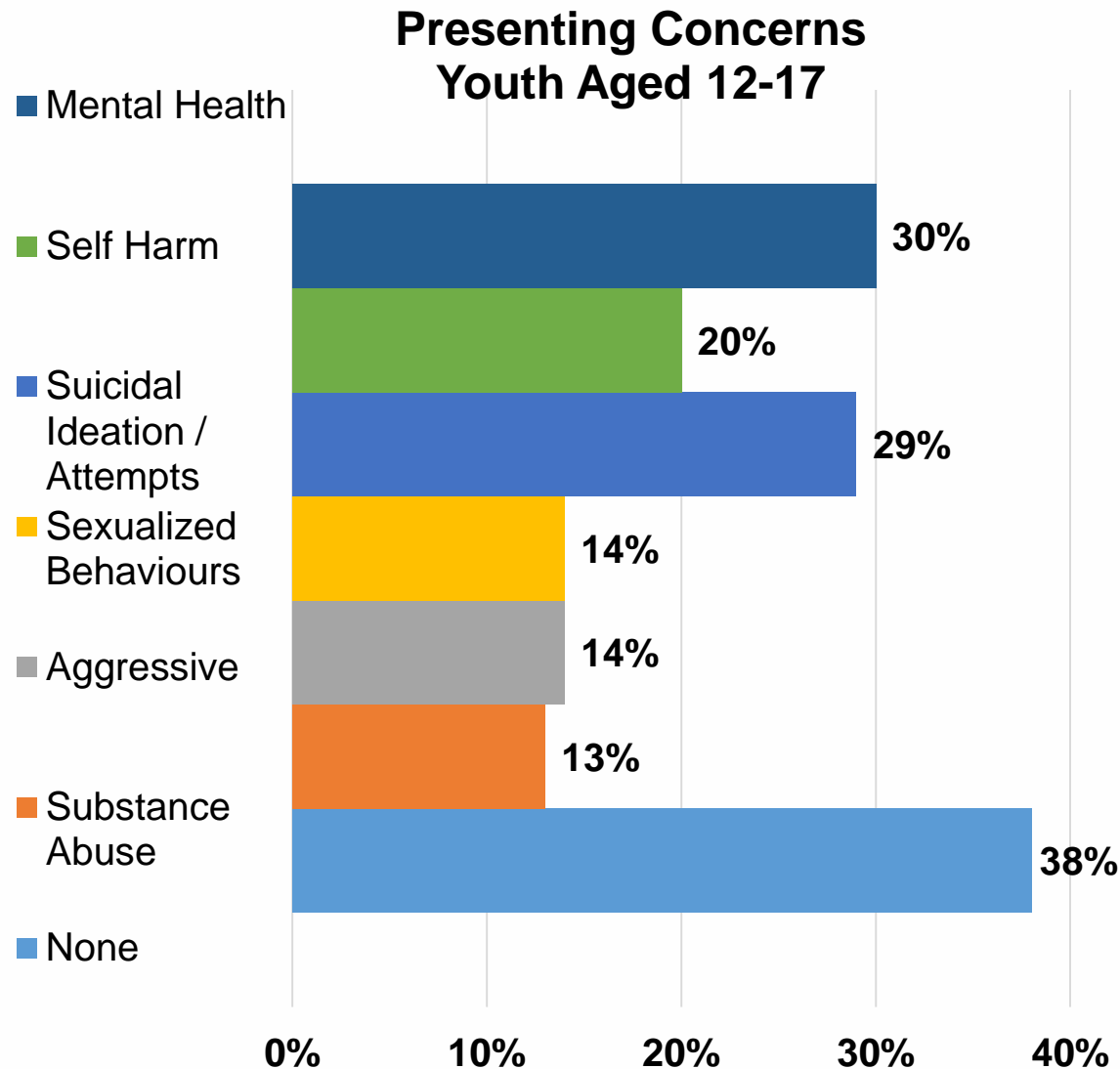
- 3,013 victims of child abuse were served in first 25 months (121 per month)
- 95% knew their abusers
- 44% were abused by their own parent/caregiver
- 7/10 were cases of sexual abuse
- 2/10 were cases of severe physical abuse and neglect
- 1/10 were cases of domestic violence, medical child abuse and sexual exploitation

Ages of Children and Youth Served



Issues Presented

- 1/3 struggle with mental health, suicidal ideation or attempts, substance abuse, self-harm, sexualized behaviours or aggressiveness
- Of youth between 12-17 years old, 63% present with one or more of these issues
- 1 in 3 youth present with multiple concerns



Evidence of Outcomes

- Child Abuse Emergencies at the Alberta Children's Hospital are assessed and addressed by the SKCAC multidisciplinary team within 90 minutes rather than hours.
- In 100% of cases, representatives from police, child protection and health (therapy and medical) participated in daily case assessment and planning. (SKCAC)
- 62% of the cases were managed collaboratively with at least two partners. (SKCAC)



Evidence of Outcomes

- Prevention and intervention by a team of Police and Public Health Nurses for vulnerable pregnant women decreased child protection involvement from 31% to 17%. (SKCAC)
- Children receiving preparation and support by a Child Life Specialist had their sexual and physical abuse examination time reduced by up to 50%. (SKCAC)
- Guilty pleas and conviction rates increased from 20% to 60-80% after the opening of the Centre. (Zebra Child Protection Centre)



Preliminary Social Return on Investment Results

- Annual cost of child abuse in Canada is estimated at \$21.5 billion
- Annual cost of child abuse in Alberta is estimated to be \$2.4 billion
- The SKCAC needs to achieve only a 0.1% (one tenth of one percent) reduction in the annual costs of child abuse in Alberta in order to have a positive SROI
- Productivity improvements in just one team (Joint Investigative Child Abuse Team) at the SKCAC are valued at ~\$550,000 annually





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