

# The Forgotten Victims of Child Sexual Abuse: *Disclosure and Resilience* *Features in Male Youth*

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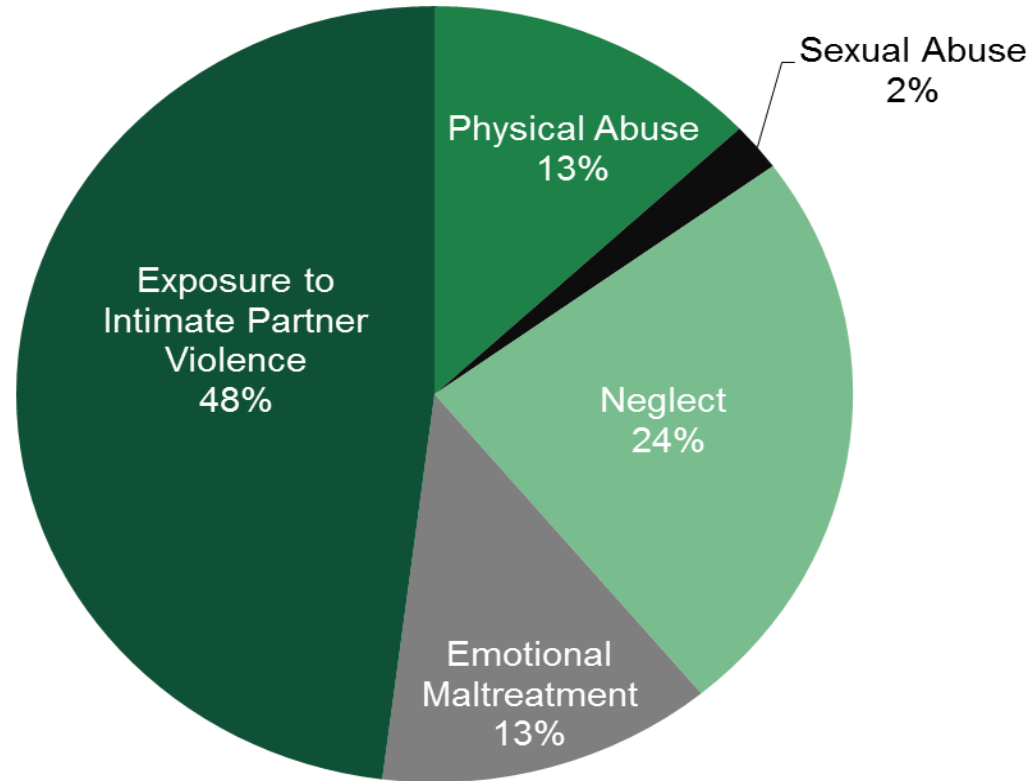
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# Child sexual abuse (CSA) rates low



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## What are the rates of sexual victimization among male adolescents?

- Review (Tannenbaum & Wekerle, in progress) of studies (2009-2014):

- ✓ 2% to 7.5% of male youths report CSA as compared to 5% to 27% in females

- MAP Study (561 child welfare-involved teens ages 14 to 17 years):

- ✓ n = 199 reporting CSA (36%) including 133 Females (67%); 66 Males (33%)

*Primary offender Father/Father Figure/Adult Male; Lower caseworker substantiation of males*

- ✓ Sexual assault (SA) is low, even though DV is high (50%; Tanaka & Wekerle, 2014).

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- Disclosure is lower in males (34% male adults never disclosed vs. 16% female adults in Quebec survey). 45% disclosed more than 5 years later.

- Lessons learned on male survivors' trajectories and experiences

## CSA impairment and resilience among males?

- PAJ study (N = 8 194 youth ages 14-18): 4% SA in male teenagers

	Non-SA boys	SA boys
Psychological distress	24%	50%
PTSD	5%	17%
Suicidal ideation	19%	47%
Revictimization (Dating violence)	48%	69%
Sexual dating violence	5%	18%

- Resilience features: self-esteem, coping, family and sibling support

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- RAMQ/MSSS/CJQ study (N = 882 SA – 25% males – 13 year follow-up)

Compared with non SA males:

- ✓ 3-5 times more mental health services and up to 4 times more hospitalizations
- ✓ Similar physical health services and up to 10 times more hospitalizations

Compared with SA females:

- ✓ Up to 2.4 times more mental health services but similar rates of hospitalizations
- ✓ Up to 2.1 less physical health services and similar physical health hospitalizations