

MISSION

The mission of LAAG, Inc. is to assist children, men, and women in promoting a balanced *life after* being sexually abused by creating a confident, caring, and personal environment.

When a child or adult tells you He or She has been sexually abused?

- ♥ Your reaction has the power to calm or upset a child/adult. **SHOW** your support and willingness to understand.
- ♥ Their greatest fear may be that he or she is to **BLAME**.
- ♥ **RESPECT** their privacy. Find a private place to **TALK**.
- ♥ **RESPOND** to questions and feelings in a calm, matter-of-fact way.
- ♥ Give **POSITIVE** messages like: “What the abuser did was wrong,” “I’m sorry that it happened to you” and “I know you are not responsible for what has happened to you.”
- ♥ **REMEMBER** it can happen as a child, and **AFFECT** you as an adult
- ♥ BE **SUPPORTIVE** and **TRUSTING**
- ♥ Do not be **JUDGMENTAL!!**

“FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”
(Hebrew 11:1)

If you think you may have been Abused as a CHILD?

You are not alone:

- Nearly 2 million Texans have been sexually assaulted, that is 13% of Texas population
- 1,479,912 are females and 372,394 are males
- Few victims report their assaults to law enforcement, (20% females, and 12 % males).
Overall, 18% of victims report assaults to law enforcement.
- Eighty-five percent of victims reported a spouse, partner, date, boyfriend/girlfriend, relative, or acquaintance raped them.

For more information, please contact
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Information provided by (A Health Survey of Texans: A Focus on Sexual Assault, 2003) and (National Violence against Women Study 1996.

**Contact Child Protective Services
or the Child Abuse Hotline
@ 1-800-252-5400 to Report Child
Abuse and Neglect**

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“The voice to abuse is silent”

Signs of a “SILENT CRY”

When children think no one will believe them, or they do not know how to tell us. They will change, and yes it is noticeable:

- ♥ Do not want to go to a specific place, or become fearful when around a particular person.
- ♥ Show sexual knowledge or behavior beyond their age.
- ♥ Overly affectionate and show signs of seductive gestures with peers and adults.
- ♥ Recurring genital infections or pain in their genital area.
- ♥ Sleeping problems such as bedwetting, nightmares, and fearful of sleeping in a dark room or alone.
- ♥ Eating problems.
- ♥ Learning disabilities, mental and behavioral problems. The possibility of withdrawing from friends and family.

LAAG, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization committed to promoting awareness and prevention in sexual, verbal, emotional, and physical abuse by *identifying, admitting, and advocating education within the church body and community.*

COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT!

- ♥ Information about sexual abuse can be a part of every child’s basic safety knowledge. Begin as early as you think your child will understand.
- ♥ Good communication begins with teaching children the correct name of each body part.
- ♥ Often we put off talking about sex with our children because of our discomfort, rather than the child’s ability to understand.
- ♥ Finding out what your child already knows is the perfect way to begin a conversation.
- ♥ Their answer will help you to identify what and information they may have received from friends, school, books, T.V., etc. Perfect opportunity to give the correct information
- ♥ **HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR!**

The sound made when sexually abused is often “*Silence*”

IMPACT OF SEXUAL ABUSE: THE “LIFE AFTER”

- ♥ It is estimated there are 60 million survivors of childhood sexual abuse in America today.
- ♥ Approximately 30% of women in prison stated they had been abused as children.
- ♥ Approximately 95% of teenage prostitutes have been sexually abused.
- ♥ Long-term effects of child abuse include fear, anxiety, depression, anger, hostility, inappropriate sexual behavior, poor self-esteem, a tendency toward substance abuse and difficulty with close relationships.
- ♥ If the child victim does not resolve the trauma, sexuality may become an area of adult conflict.

Statistics provided by United States Department of Justice, and National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse 1992.

Accepting Fears Toward Eternal Recovery