

# Victim Services Resource Manual

for pastors and lay leaders



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Dear Pastor and Lay Leader,

According to recent studies, 22 percent of the adults in the United States were sexually abused by the age of 18 (many before the age of 5). That means one out of four people in your congregation may have been abused. Perhaps your congregation is unusual and only one out of 10 were abused (no studies indicate an abused level less than 10 percent). Even 10 percent is a significant portion of your congregation.

With these shocking statistics in mind, we have developed this unique **Victim Services Resource Manual** to better educate church leaders regarding the surprising dimensions of child sexual abuse and to enable you to successfully confront a rapidly growing problem.

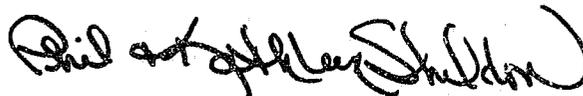
This manual is of crucial importance because pastors and lay leaders have more consistent access to these victims than anyone else with whom they may come in contact with. More importantly, in most cases, the leadership of the church is the only safe place for these victims to confide, to find God's love, assurance and healing.

While our **Victim Service Resource Manual** provides you with many of the resources you will require, it is not exhaustive. This manual is designed to provide you with enough information to get started. Our Child Protection Program and other organizations are available to support you, to provide you with additional resources and, where possible, we will direct you to counseling services in your community. These organizations will work with you and/or help you to bring healing to the victims of child sexual abuse and restoration to both victims and molesters.

After reading this manual, please take a moment to pray for the healing of the children who are being abused. Pray that those who are abusing them would stop and seek help. Pray for the parents who do not understand how deeply they are hurting their children. Pray for those who are prisoners of their own appetites, obsessions and perversions. Please pray for us as we continue to facilitate churches in serving the hurting.

The task set before us will not be easy. The rewards, however, are eternal.

For the children,



Phil and Kathleen Sheldon

# Child Sexual Abuse: the Crisis

**O**f the more than 1 million cases of child abuse reported annually in the United States, about 7 percent is sexual.<sup>1</sup> But, because only about 2 percent of the victims ever report the abuse, authorities believe the figure is considerably higher.<sup>2</sup>

## The Definition

What is child sexual abuse? What is the difference between a good touch and a bad touch? Angela Carl defines sexual abuse as the "exploitation of a child under eighteen by an adult or older child (*at least four years older than the victim*) for the purpose of the perpetrator's sexual gratification."<sup>3</sup> While this is not an ideal definition, it is helpful to remember that the issue of sexual abuse is about stronger, older or supposedly, more knowledgeable members of the human race exploiting younger, weaker, and trusting members of the human family.

According to Dr. J. Gary May, there are three major groups of sexual abuse: nontouching, touching and violent.

The nontouching offenses, he says, include verbal abuse, obscene telephone calls, exhibitionism, voyeurism (*peeping toms*) and the primal scene (*visual or auditory exposure to adults having sexual intercourse*). Touching includes fondling, genital or oral stimulation, pornography and intercourse. Violent acts include rape and physical injury, both of which can result in murder.<sup>4</sup>

"Fond or playful expressions of love and affection between adults and children," says Angela Carl, "are not child sexual abuse. 'Good touches' are important, as they often communicate feelings of love in a way that words or deeds cannot. Responsible adults automatically limit their physical exchanges with children to those expressions of warm, healthy, affectionate feelings that are appropriate for their relationship.

"Neither is it considered to be abusive when a health professional, parent, or other person caring for a child administers medical care to the child's genitalia. And bathing and powdering a young child's genitalia is necessary for good personal hygiene."<sup>5</sup>

## The Scope

In the summer of 1985, nearly 3,000 American men and women were asked whether they could remember any kind of experience from their childhood which they would now consider to be sexual abuse involving:

1. someone trying or succeeding in having any kind of sexual intercourse with you

2. someone touching, grabbing or kissing you or rubbing up against your body either in a public or private place

3. someone taking nude photographs of you, exhibiting parts of their body to you, someone performing some sex act in your presence

4. oral sex or sodomy

The poll defined as a victim anyone who answered yes to any one of the four questions. The results: 27 percent of the women and 16 percent of the men said they had been sexually abused as children.

To question number one, 9.5 percent of the men and 14.6 percent of the women answered yes. To question number two, 4.5 percent of the men and 19.6 percent of the women answered yes. Exhibitionism was the next highest with 1 percent of the men and 3.2 percent of the women.

Of the male victims, 62 percent (*9 percent of the total surveyed*) and 49 percent of the female victims (*13 percent of the total*) said they had experienced actual or attempted intercourse.

Boys were most likely to be abused by strangers; girls were more likely to be abused by family members.<sup>6</sup>

As much as 56 percent of reported child molestation cases are committed by adolescents, mostly male. In addition, most adult sex offenders began to experience deviant sexual arousal patterns before 18 years of age, which suggests that a significant percentage of adolescent sex offenders continue to commit sexual crimes as adults.<sup>7</sup>

Some researchers believe 1 in 10 families is involved in incest and that, for every 1 case reported, 25 are not.<sup>8</sup> A child is raped in America every 45 minutes.<sup>9</sup>

Lynn Heitritter and Jeanette Vought cite FBI reports that say pedophiles (*adults who are sexually attracted to children*) "claim that 20 million American men are sexually attracted to boys alone. A study of 1,000 pedophiles showed that less than 1 percent of those arrested were incarcerated."<sup>10</sup>

While under-reporting makes it difficult to get an accurate picture of the scope of child sexual abuse in America, unfounded reports provide yet another problem.

In testimony before the U.S. Congress, Douglas Besharov, former director of the U.S. National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, said "Each year, over 500,000 families are put through investigations of unfounded reports. This is a massive and unjustified violation of parental rights."<sup>11</sup>

## Sexual Abuse Profile

A study of identified victims by the Children's Division of the American Humane Association found that:

- In 41 percent of the cases, the offenses were repeated and occurred over periods of time ranging from weeks to as long as 7 years.
- Most of the offenders were males ranging in age from 17 to 68 and who tended to victimize children of their own race.
- In 75 percent of the cases, the offender was known to the child and/or to the child's family (27 percent were members of the child's own household).
- Victims ranged from infants to under 16.
- In 60 percent of the cases, the child was coerced by direct use of force or under threat of bodily harm. In 25 percent, the lure was based on the child's natural loyalty and affection for a relative or near-relative. In 15 percent, the child was enticed by tangible lures such as money or gifts.
- In about 50 percent of the cases, children told parents or others of the offense immediately after the occurrence or within one day. The rest waited from one week to 3 years or more before telling.
- Most victims lived with their natural mothers. Natural fathers were found in 41 percent of the homes. In 30 percent of the homes, the mother was the sole parent.



- Many families in the study sample were found to have a host of problems which predated the current sexual offense. The complexity and intensity of the problems tended to immobilize families in terms of seeking help voluntarily.

- Behaviour including promiscuity, gambling, substance abuse, criminal/delinquent acts or hostile/aggressive behavior was found in 41 percent of the parents.

- Fewer than 33 percent of the parents, after discovery of the offense, acted out of concern for or to protect the child. Most responses were directed against or in protection of the offender.

- Most parents were more concerned with the disruption of their own lives than with the welfare of the child victim. This was most common where the offender was a member of the household, a relative not in the home or a person known to the family.

- More than 1,000 court appearances were required for the 173 cases prosecuted in this study.

This resulted in much stress and tension for the child, an inordinate dislocation of normal activities for the parents or parent who appeared each time with the child and created in parents strong resentments against the process and the people responsible for it.<sup>12</sup>

# Failure of the Welfare State

**I** could tell you stories for the entire day of children unbelievably victimized by those responsible for their protection: both the parents they are taken from and then the child care workers they are given to. Stories of these raped and molested children are so incredibly commonplace in the world of foster care that they have become routine.



Thus began the testimony of Dennis Lepak, Vice President of the State of California Organization of Mental Health Advisory Boards and a probation officer for Contra Costa County.<sup>1</sup>

Foster homes, child protective services, therapy and juvenile courts are the government's solution for the problem of child sexual abuse. Does the solution work?

## Foster Homes

Each year, more than 440,000 children spend at least some time in foster care and for many it is a positive, nurturing experience.<sup>2</sup>

"In theory, foster care is supposed to be a short-term remedy designed to protect children from harm while parents have time to respond to treatment. However, the reality is far different. More than 50 percent of the children in foster care are in this 'temporary' status for over 2 years; more than 30 percent are away from their parents for over 6 years."<sup>3</sup>

In California alone, approximately 800 children die annually in foster custody.<sup>4</sup>

"Unfortunately, what the system does," Lepak explains, "is focus on the most efficient and easiest ways of getting young wards from their childhoods to their 18th birthdays. At that point, children's agencies can vacate the cases. Placement kids are then turned loose in an adult world where they can sink or swim. Unfortunately, most are not prepared emotionally, vocationally or financially to deal with that world. They are forced to rely on public assistance, and untreated drug and alcohol problems become acute. Many eventually end up in adult institutions and jails, again dependent on the system for support."<sup>5</sup>

In addition, "there is no incentive for foster homes and group homes to return children to families. Rapid turnover results in a loss of funds from unoccupied beds and the difficulties encountered in breaking in new kids. All the incentives for placement operators work against family reunification."<sup>6</sup>

Finally, there are many opportunities for abuse within the foster home/group home system.

In an investigation of corruption in the child protective system of California, Stephen Konnoff reported neglect, sexual abuse and physical abuse in foster custody situations. These abuses, he says, are common, not only in California, but in systems throughout the nation.

There were also cases of economic exploitation, "where the child or family is kept within the system solely to economically benefit a service provider," and this exploitation "includes the general economic benefit that a county economy derives from obtaining state funding for foster custody."

Konnoff says group facility operators and foster custodians "can also use drugs to control the behavior of children under their control."<sup>7</sup>

## Child Protection Services

According to Mead and Balch, "the vast majority of 'professionals' working in the area of child abuse have little or no specialized training in this field. A majority of today's cases, once found, are mishandled by poorly-trained, inept and unmotivated people.

"Protective services workers, trying to protect and help 150 to 200 families every month, can't possibly help very much. Law enforcement officers would rather chase bad guys, since they find that child-abuse convictions are hard to come by. District attorneys do not see these cases as 'high percentage' easy rulings and certainly won't make reputations for success if they spend time on these difficult-to-manage cases. Doctors get in trouble if they don't report cases, yet lose time in court and with patients if they do report."<sup>8</sup>

In addition to the frustrations suffered by those who are trying to help, there are a vast assortment of abuses and corruptions indulged in by those who are accountable to no one.

There is frequently no accountability in the child protection system. Even social workers, according to federal law, are immune from civil liability for their actions.

"...such absolute immunity from liability was applicable even where the prosecutor knowingly used perjured testimony, deliberately withheld exculpatory information, or failed to make full disclosure of all facts casting doubt upon the state's testimony."<sup>9</sup>

The list of corruption within the child welfare system (CWS) allegedly includes everything from the blackmarket sale of children to ordering unnecessary medical and physical examinations.

According to Konnoff, bribes are offered and taken by many involved in the CWS or court system. Coercion and intimidation are used as weapons against a parent who may sign "a 'confession' under the threat of forever being separated from his/her child." At the same time, a "child may be threatened with the arrest of either or both parents unless he/she 'cooperates.'"

"Fatigue expedient," he says, "arises when the CWS agent, perhaps overburdened or fatigued, embellishes a case with false or misleading information in order to move the case along in the system."

Sometimes, as a favor to a friend, "a CWS agent involved in a divorce/custody proceeding can take a child away from one parent and give him to the other parent without ever invoking the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

"Where a child refuses to 'talk' or cooperate with CWS agents, the child may be placed in isolation, denied food or access to toilet facilities.

"In all reports written for courts and/or agencies, the inclusion of hearsay is so common that few court bureaucrats would recognize this as a potential evil. Indeed, in many cases, the only 'evidence' offered is hearsay."

Imposing unnecessary services is yet another form of corruption in the child welfare services, Konnoff says. "The motives for this form of corrupt activity are several. These may include referring a family to an agent's spouse or a fellow agent for counseling, etc. Or, where there is an absence of deliberate or conscious corruption, this may involve sending a child to a sexual abuse examination when such sexual abuse was never indicated or reported. Ordering parents to attend parenting classes -- which teach how to care for infants -- is unnecessary when the parent's children are teenagers."

Other abuses include extortion, kickbacks, perjury, fabrication of evidence, record tampering, unlawful detention, racism, sexism and ethnocentrism.<sup>10</sup>

## Therapy

"While the incidence of therapist-patient sexual relations has been estimated to occur in 6-10 percent of cases, Goodwin estimates the rate of abuse of incest survivors by helping professionals to be at least double or triple that figure. A recent study found that, in a sample of 30 adult survivors, 23 percent had been sexually involved or pressured to become involved with the professionals they sought for help."<sup>11</sup>

"Another threat to the child occurs when a 'therapist' or service provider uses the child or family as experimental subjects for the testing of a new psychological technique or theory, or medical therapy."<sup>12</sup>



## Juvenile Courts

In one study of 180 children suspected of being sexually abused, a "change in custody was not found to be related to the patient's age, sex, the perpetrator's relation to the child or access to the home, the presence of sexually transmitted disease, whether the child was also physically abused, or whether the child had developmental delay.

"These data," concluded the researchers, "suggest an absence of any discernible guidelines in the juvenile court's decision concerning custody change of a sexually abused child."<sup>13</sup>

"[T]he juvenile court is a secret court. In either a criminal or dependency proceeding neither the public nor the press is permitted to observe the action. In a dependency proceeding there is often no court recording and, in many instances, a parent involved in a dependency proceeding will not be informed of the exact allegations being brought against the parent until the moment he or she is called before the judge. Simple record-keeping, where it exists, is not standardized among the many jurisdictions and, in fact, the counties do not collect and report to the state even such elementary information as, for example, how many dependency actions were sustained and/or upon what allegations were dependency proceedings instituted."<sup>14</sup>

**A**buses and corruption in the juvenile court system include inappropriate placement in which allegedly neglected children are frequently placed "in a group facility containing children convicted of crimes. Also, it often happens that children who refuse to cooperate with the court or CWS agents are sent to psychiatric hospitals for 'treatment.' Children are also sent to out-of-county or to out-of-state facilities in order to prevent or discourage visitation with family members."

The court may exercise oppressive control of a family. "This may be manifested by requiring a parent to leave the family home for an indefinite time. The court might order a parent to submit to a house search at any future time or to submit to costly psychological counseling." In addition, "court or CWS workers often charge parents \$25 and up for an hour of 'supervised' visitation with their children."

The juvenile court can also be used "and has been used -- to harass children and parents who participated in civil rights demonstrations."<sup>15</sup>

## The Final Solution?

That the State is incompetent to solve the problem of child sexual abuse is evident even to the State. While some bureaucrats and social scientists believe a bigger budget will do the job, others, like Hugh LaFollette, believe the solution is to license parents. Parenting, he maintains, is an activity potentially harmful to children and one requiring competence if harm is to be avoided.

LaFollette would require all parents to be screened prior to giving birth. The Child Abuse Potential Inventory and/or the Family Stress Checklist would be used to identify parents who might be at risk of abusing their children.

Those parents who failed the test would not be licensed nor even permitted to take their children home from the hospital.

LaFollette also suggests the establishment of "a system of tax incentives for licensed parents and protective services scrutiny of non-licensed parents."

Claudia Pap Mangel, the author of the Family Law Quarterly article and an advocate of the LaFollette approach, further suggests "choosing a different term, such as parent 'certification' instead of parent 'licensing' to make the whole idea of state regulation of parenting more palatable."<sup>16</sup>

## Summary

Child sexual abuse is a serious problem, and the government has failed to solve it. It is riddled with opportunities for abuse and corruption at every step, from the child protection caseworker to the juvenile court judge.

However, it is the approach, the philosophy, that is at fault. While there are many "professionals" who further abuse children out of frustration, incompetence and sometimes even malice, there are also those who have saved lives and restored families.

## Symptoms of Sexual Abuse in Children<sup>1</sup>

### Early Childhood

- venereal disease
- vaginitis
- bladder infections
- pain in urinating or defecating
- persistent sore throats or unexplained gagging
- appetite changes
- changes in sleeping patterns
- sudden onset of fears or anxieties
- regression in developmental areas, eg. bedwetting, thumb-sucking, baby talk
- resisting a previously favorite activity
- refusing to be with a previously favorite person
- change in school performance
- self-injury, eg. biting, cutting or continuous masturbation
- graphic play
- precocious sexuality
- loss of personal identity
- a feeling of being "bad"

### Adolescence (any of the above, plus:)

- pregnancy

- psychosomatic complaints such as chronic abdominal pain, gastric distress or headaches
- bowel movements in underwear/bed-wetting
- anorexia, bulimia or other eating disorders
- withdrawal, fear and distrust
- isolation
- dependency
- self-abuse, including cutting the wrists or burning the body with cigarettes, particularly the genital area
- suicidal thoughts
- depression
- running away
- "acting out" behaviors, including arson, violence, stealing, cruelty to animals, promiscuity, substance abuse, vandalism, intentional "accidents," etc.
- sexual identity confusion

### Adult (any of the above, plus:)

- dysfunctional relationships, including perfectionism, passive dependencies or a need to control
- sexual dysfunction

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# Child Sexual Abuse and the Church

## Act One

Scrooge: "Are there no prisons?"

Gentleman (laying down the pen again): "Plenty of prisons."

Scrooge: "And the Union workhouses? Are they still in operation?"

Gentleman: "They are. Still. I wish I could say they were not."

Scrooge: "The Treadmill and the Poor Law are in full vigour: then?"

Gentleman: "Both very busy, sir."

Scrooge: "Oh! I was afraid, from what you said at first, that something had occurred to stop them in their useful course. I'm very glad to hear it.... I help to support the establishments I have mentioned -- they cost enough; and those who are badly off must go there."<sup>1</sup>

**J**ust as Scrooge coldly assigns the poor to the care of the State, the Church has often abandoned responsibility for sexual victims. According to Jesus, who is responsible for hurting people? Who has the answers? Who is able to restore and heal lives shattered by sexual abuse? Certainly, not an institutionalized political system.

Jesus was not addressing the State when He said, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."<sup>2</sup> Nor was Isaiah addressing anyone but God's people when he admonished them to "loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke."<sup>3</sup>

The State derives all of its authority from God.<sup>4</sup> And, when the State uses its authority properly, the people are free to "live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness," because God wants "all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."<sup>5</sup>

Part of the authority God has given to the State is to make laws. When a man violates God-authorized law, the State is authorized to punish him as an agent of God which "does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer."<sup>7</sup>

As enforcer of law and order, the State struggles to achieve its purpose; in the role the Church has assigned the State as caretaker of the abused and protector of children, it has failed. It is equally unable to restore either abusers or victims. While it's easy to point a finger at the State, the failure actually belongs to the Church.

It is to the Church that Jesus Christ gave the Word of God. It is the Church that has frequently failed to apply the scripture in ways that prevent abuse. As a result, families are suffering. When husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and children obey God, there is no sexual abuse.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."<sup>8</sup>

Certainly, you are not to blame if your child has been abused at the hands of a family member or stranger. Only if you are the abuser. But all abuse is the result of sin. If we would obey God and love one another, abuse would be no more.

Is that to say that you and your wife are to blame if one of your children is abused by a stranger? No. It is to say that the blame lies with the stranger's family. When mothers, fathers, husbands, wives and children obey God, there is no sexual abuse.



But we don't. Someone, then, must minister to these families, help heal the victims, teach mothers, fathers, husbands and wives the way they should go. And no one is better

equipped to provide that ministry than God's Church. Only the Church has the ultimate Counselor, who, "will guide you into all truth."<sup>10</sup>

Although God "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous,"<sup>11</sup> only the Body of Christ has been given the mandate, the power and the authority to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit and teaching them to obey everything" God has commanded us.<sup>12</sup>

It is Jesus, through His Church, who is the solution to child sexual abuse, for "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."<sup>13</sup>

(In scripture Jesus asked in the parable of the good Samaritan) "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.' (Luke 10:25-37) That is the Samaritan Strategy. That is the new agenda for Christian activism."<sup>14</sup>

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# Child Sexual Abuse Quick Reference

## Child Sex Abuser:

- Narrow definition used by Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement:

An adult who has a caretaker responsibility for a child, and engages in sexual activity with the child. (Sexual activities may include genital exposure, intimate kissing, fondling, masturbation, fellatio, cunnilingus, digital or penile penetration, etc.)

- General definition used by the general population:

Any sexual activity with a child-whether in the home by a caretaker, in a day care situation, a foster/residential setting, or any other setting, including on the street by a person unknown to a child. The abuser may be an adult or an adolescent.

## Sexual Exploitation:

Any use of a child for pornography, prostitution, or live sexual performances.

## Laws Against Child Sexual Abuse:

Every state has criminal laws which prohibit the sexual abuse of children. (The age of consent for sexual activity differs from state to state).

Every state prohibits the use of children for creating child pornography, with many states now prohibiting even the possession of child pornography.

Suspicion of child sexual abuse should be reported immediately to the local child protective services and/or local law enforcement agency.

## Federal Law:

Federal law prohibits the interstate transportation of children for child pornography and prostitution, and the production and shipment of child pornography in interstate and international commerce.

The F.B.I., U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and U.S. Customs Service enforce the federal laws against child pornography and prostitution.

## Statistics on Child Sexual Abuse:

In 1989, 2.4 million reports of child abuse and neglect were recorded nationally by child welfare agencies. Of these, 16% or 384,000 were child sexual abuse reports. (The total reports of child maltreatment in 1989 increased 10% from 1988).

Since 1976, the first year national reports of child abuse and neglect were kept, the 1989 reports reflected a 223% increase.

# The Way Out

## I was raped when I was 17 years old.

Many people prefer to use the term "date" raped. Unfortunately, some well-meaning people don't consider being raped by a boyfriend a "real" rape. And, to a few, the rapist is even perceived as a victim.

When a person is raped by someone she knows and loves and trusts, she is not only violently assaulted, she is also deeply betrayed.

For eleven years after the rape, I lived with guilt and fear.

I felt guilty because I believed it was somehow my fault. Maybe I sent the wrong signals. Maybe I could have stopped him.

And I feared everything. I could not be left home alone. I could not get into an elevator with a man alone. I carried my keys in between my fingers as weapons if I had to be out after dark.

People I met who also had been raped told me the best I could expect was to get used to it and go on. It will never get any better, they said. But I couldn't believe that. Surely the God who heals physical bodies and raises the dead could heal me.

It was not just the guilt and fear I needed to be rid of; it was the bitterness and unforgiveness. Like acid, they were eating me up inside. For eight years, I suffered what seemed like every sickness and infirmity in the book. I would just about get over one when something new would start up. This is, of course, not to say that everyone who is sick is not right with God. But, in my case, I am sure the bitterness and unforgiveness had a lot to do with it.

I knew I needed to forgive the boy who raped me, but I didn't know how. I did not understand forgiveness. I thought it meant to excuse someone, and I knew I could never excuse him.

All that changed on October 20, 1989.

Proverb 21:31 says "The horse is made ready for the battle, but the victory rests with the Lord."

I had fought the battle by myself for eleven years. I needed time to mourn, to grieve my loss. And people need to let a rape victim have that time. But my mourning time had long since passed.

Finally, the Lord won the victory for me. And He will do it for you too, whether you were sexually abused, know someone who was or want to counsel an abuse victim.

First, a victim of sexual abuse does not need to forgive herself or himself. He or she did nothing wrong. This was very hard for me to learn, so difficult to accept after so many years of bearing the guilt. But the Lord taught me through my young son.

One day, Philip was playing with another boy and, when the other boy wanted a certain toy, Philip shared it. Another day, the same boy came over and wanted the same toy. This time, Philip was not willing to share it. (He felt the boy was coming over for the toy and not for Philip.)

Philip no longer wanted the boy to come over. Philip was angry. He felt used.

The Lord asked me, "Should Philip forgive himself for being hit with the toy? Should he forgive himself for the names he was called? Should he for-

give himself for not being strong enough to hold onto the toy?"

No. He needs to repent and forgive himself only for being angry with the boy and refusing to forgive him.

Second, do not ask what, how or why this abuse occurred. The Holy Spirit will reveal these things to you in His perfect time. But, if you are unwilling to go on until you have the answers, you hinder your healing.

Third, understand that you are not the only victim. When you were sexually assaulted, your parents too were deeply affected. It impacted your friends. And, unless you bring it out into the open and go to the Lord for healing, it will surely affect your future spouse and children. Ask God to reveal these things to you. Then begin to pray for their healing as well.



Fourth, pray for the person who abused you. While it may be very difficult at first, it is not as painful as living in continual fear and bitterness, and you can trust the Holy Spirit to help you eventually to see the abuser as He sees him. The boy who raped me did not do it alone. There was a very real spiritual dimension to the act. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of heavenly realms." The boy was a victim of pornography and

bound up by sexual lust. As the Lord began to reveal things to me about him, I found my hatred turned against Satan and my prayers sincerely toward the boy.

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Proverbs 21:31

Fifth, ask God for a victory verse to help you through some of the rough spots. Again and again, I asked the Lord; He gave me Proverb 21:31.

Sixth, Ask Him also for a personal ministry through which you can help others who have been abused. Paul told the Ephesians that a thief stops being a thief, not when he stops stealing, but when he gets a job and begins sharing with those in need. Share your story. Don't keep it bottled up. The more you talk and pray about it, the less you suffer until, one day, it no longer feels real. Instead, it seems more and more like it happened to someone else.

Finally, pray for the restoration of your virginity, innocence and trust.

The prophet Nahum said “The Lord will restore the splendor of Jacob like the splendor of Israel, though destroyers have laid them waste and have ruined their vines.” That is a pretty good description of sexual abuse. And you can be certain that the God who gives sight to the blind and raises the dead to life can restore to you what He created in the first place.

Pray that all the bonds are broken -- spiritual, physical and emotional. And pray that the Lord would heal and strengthen your bond to your husband. Even if you're not married yet, pray for your future husband.

Jesus too was abused, infinitely more than we have been, yet He forgave. He is not “a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.” But he was “tempted in every way, just as we are -- yet was without sin.

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Heb. 4:15-16)

*kathleen sheldon*

*You curse at your reflection*

*'Cause your hair won't stay in place.*

*Your eyes travel around the room*

*And rest upon a face.*

*Your papa's gold-framed image*

*Sits on your bedside stand.*

*You look at him, but all you see*

*Is his big curled-up hand.*

*A downward glance reminds you*

*Of bruised and swollen knees.*

*The phonograph is playing*

*But you hear your own soft pleas.*

*You look into the mirror*



*Where you notice darkened eyes.*

*Friends always ask you questions*

*And you always tell them lies.*

*But you're going out now.*

*You need to fix your hair.*

*You drive these thoughts away*

*Insisting you don't care.*

*Turning to the dresser*

*You spray your new perfume.*

*But all you smell is whiskey*

*The stench of dark and gloom.*

*A sudden door slam scares you.*

*You twitch and drop your comb.*

by Elizabeth

# Responsibilities and Resources



In court hearing after court hearing across the country, victims identified the religious community as a vital and largely untapped source of support for crime victims. The Government may compensate for economic loss; the state may punish; doctors may

physically heal; but the lasting scars of spirit and faith are not so easily treated.

Many victims question the faith they thought secure, or have no faith on which to rely. Frequently, ministers and their congregations can be a source of solace that no other sector of society can provide. It is in recognition of the unique role of the ministry that we offer the following recommendations:

1. The ministry should recognize and address the needs of crime victims.
2. The ministry should develop both seminary and in-service training on the criminal justice system, the needs of victims, and ways to restore victims' spiritual and mental health.

This passage and the text which follows, quoted from the final Report of the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, 1982 is a clear cry for help to the Body of Christ.

All too often, representatives from the religious community come to court only to give comfort, support, and assistance to the accused. This is indeed a noble endeavor, and this Task Force would not seek to discourage it. However, what we do seek, here as elsewhere, is a balance, a recognition that the victim certainly no less than the victimizer is in need of aid, comfort, and spiritual ministry. There is as

great a need for a ministry to victims as there is for a ministry to prisoners.

The almost total lack of church involvement in this area is not due to any failure of charity or compassion. The clergy operate under the same misconceptions and lack of information that contribute to secular insensitivity. Most people fail to meet the needs of crime victims because they do not appreciate the demands that the crime, the system, and the consequences of victimization impose. Seminary and in-service training that addresses the victim's needs is as necessary for the minister as it is for the doctor, the lawyer, or the psychologist.

There is much that can be done in addition to extending a willingness to listen and pray and give counsel; ministers and their congregations can help meet important needs. In some counties the victim/witness assistance program is operated by interfaith groups. In others, churches have undertaken extensive volunteer projects that provide 24-hour crisis counseling and court escort services in addition to emergency housing, food, and clothing. In some cities, ministers, priests and rabbis have formed an interdenominational chaplaincy corps that is on 24-hour call to go to the scene of a crime, to the hospital, or to the homes of victim's families to ensure that this tragic information is imparted with care and to provide the counsel and solace that they are so uniquely qualified to bring.

In most of these programs, the laity as well as the clergy are deeply involved. Even if there are programs offered by secular groups, or if the church is unable to cooperate in an extensive undertaking, each congregation should be mindful that every year, every congregation will have members who are victimized. It is hoped that these victims could turn to their community of faith to find understanding and support. In addition, those without faith also need help. Churches that minister only to their own meet but a small part of the prob-

lem and may discharge only a measure of their obligation.

According to a group called The Spiritual Dimension in Victim Services, as soon as a pastor makes known to his congregation that the church is aware of the extent and nature of child sexual abuse, he or a staff member is usually approached by victims, non-offending spouses or even the perpetrator himself.

Why? Because there are so many victims, so much guilt and so much pain. Many people in your congregation are desperate for help -- the kind of help only loving people and the Holy Spirit can provide.

## Mandatory Reporting Laws

**J**ust about every state has laws requiring people to report suspected child sexual abuse. These laws generally refer to professionals who encounter such cases in their normal activity. Those required to report include, but are not limited to: physicians, nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, therapists, family counselors, school teachers and administrators, daycare providers, foster parents, group home personnel, law enforcement personnel and government workers.

In many states, child abuse hotlines are offered to enable anyone who suspects child abuse to call and report someone anonymously.

The law differs from state to state concerning the responsibility of clergy to report such cases. While some may exempt clergy because of religious confidentiality, some members of clergy may be liable under the law if they also practice another profession which is covered by the law, for example, daycare provider, family counselor, Christian school administrator, etc.

All clergy need to be familiar with the requirements in their respective states. These requirements may be obtained by contacting your Attorney General's office.

For many pastors, priests, rabbis or lay ministers, certain tenets of faith or matters of conscience may pose a problem in complying with mandatory reporting laws.

These may include:

- confidentiality versus secrecy
- the safety and healing of the victim and his/her family in the light of the abuses and incompetence inherent in the child protective services
- how the church can minister to the victim, the offender and their families as they are taken through the system

- the safety of the victim if the clergyman or layman does not report
- the criminal and financial liability for failure to report.

These are all serious concerns and must be considered thoughtfully and prayerfully.

In the in-service training manual for clergy and congregations, The Spiritual Dimension cites a true story of a minister who "was called in to counsel a family where child sexual assault had been disclosed. The offender acknowledged that he had molested the daughter. He seemed repentant. The pastor counseled with him regarding stopping the activity and did not report the incident either to law enforcement or the child protective services.

"Four years later, the young woman, by then an adolescent, seriously attempted suicide and was nearly successful.

"When asked in the hospital why she had tried to take her life, she told of the molestation which had not stopped.

"Asked whether she had ever told anyone about it, she replied, 'Yes, the Minister.'"

## Where to Begin

The sexual abuse of children is not an attractive crime. It is looked upon as dirty and is so abhorrent to our culture that most would rather sweep it under the carpet and ignore it.

But it is too pervasive for that. It must be acknowledged. It must be confronted. It won't just go away. And victims won't "just get over it." Even in very young children and even when there is no physical damage, there is nearly always deep guilt and shame. Even young children know that what was done to them was wrong. And that guilt and shame is intensified because, in nearly every case, the sexual contact felt good. Most child molesters are particularly skillful at being kind and gentle, limiting their perversions to the non-violent and generously rewarding compliant behavior in the child. And there is only one Person who can remove shame and guilt.

**As a pastor or lay leader, you have two options. Your church can learn how to effectively minister to the victims of child sexual abuse, or you can refer your people to someone else.**

The following resources are far from exhaustive, and there are many other fine resources available. In addition, you may very well have needs that are not addressed by these resources. For this reason, we have included a brief questionnaire at the end of this manual. By completing it and returning it to us, you will help us to locate additional resources and to meet your unique needs more effectively.

**I**n 1983, the U.S. Justice Department commissioned Dr. Judith Reisman to analyze the content of about 700 issues of Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler. Dr. Reisman and her staff found more than 6,000 photographs, illustrations and cartoons depicting children -- nude children, children having sex with adults, children being raped and children having sex with animals and objects.

Half of the children depicted were between three and 11 years of age. Nearly all portrayed the child as unharmed or benefiting by the activity.

The **American Family Association**, headed by Rev. Don Wildmon, does not believe this type of material should have to be tolerated in American communities, whether in magazines sold in convenience stores, on television, at the local theater or on exhibit as art paid for with U.S. tax dollars.

To this purpose, the **American Family Association** has published an extensive list of periodicals, studies, directories and reports to alert concerned citizens to the dangers of pornography.

Its TV Monitoring Program, compiled each year, rates shows and sponsors on the amount of sex, violence and profanity they present on television. In addition, **AFA** publishes a concise directory of products and manufacturers with addresses and phone numbers, also addresses of networks and government officials.

More than 150 radio stations across the country carry the daily *Don Wildmon Report*. And, the *AFA Journal* provides television program reviews, information on retailers of pornographic magazines, advertisers, names and addresses, news briefs from around the nation and special features by noted national public figures, authorities and journalists covering a variety of moral and family issues.

As a result of the efforts of the **American Family Association**: the National Endowment for the Arts revised its procedure for giving grants; MCA/Universal lost several million dollars on its movie "The Last Temptation of Christ"; AT&T discontinued carrying dial-a-porn services; the Southland Corporation stores, along with 10,000 other convenience stores, pulled pornographic magazines from their shelves; the nation's 43 federal prisons removed porn magazines from their commissaries; Match Box Toys stopped production of 160,000 Freddy Krueger dolls; Sears Roebuck & Co. stopped selling Playboy products; Pepsi pulled Madonna's sacrilegious advertisements; and CBS cancelled The Garbage Pail Kids show before its fall debut.

For more information, write to **American Family Association**, PO Drawer 2440, Tupelo, Mississippi 38803, or call (601) 844-5036. (R)

**S**ince 1985, the **Child Protection Program** has distributed more than 3 million copies of its *Child Protection Guide* to parents, schools, churches and law enforcement officers. This popular publication is entering its fourth edition as we continue to provide the most up-to-date information regarding child abuse prevention.

The *Guide* is based upon the premise that there are answers to the crisis -- both long-term solutions impacting our entire culture and short-term preventative steps you can take to protect your child.

In addition to the *Child Protection Guide* and the *Victim Services Resource Manual*, **Child Protection Program** utilizes the electronic media to educate and inform the American public.

Every week throughout the year, our 900-Action-Line offers callers vital survival tips on the Family Resources Network. By simply dialing 1-900-226-3400, ext. K-I-D-S, callers learn how to prevent child abuse, recognize abused children, avoid high-risk situations and relate compassionately to abuse victims.

A charge of 95 cents per minute is added to the caller's monthly telephone statement. The net proceeds support the **Child Protection Program's** efforts.

They are also in the process of producing a series of television public service spots featuring **Child Protection Program** Honorary Chairman Phyllis Diller. These PSAs will be distributed to stations throughout the nation to tell the public there is a problem and to let the sexual abuse victims know there is hope.

**Child Protection Program's** Speakers Bureau offers some of the leading experts in the field of child sexual abuse available upon request for speaking engagements.

During the 1990 Christmas season, **Child Protection Program** provided toys and clothing to nearly 400 families in need in metropolitan Washington, DC and Dallas, Texas. The success of the Toys Not Tears program in these two test locations encouraged us to expand the project nationally next Christmas.

For more information, write **Child Protection Program Foundation**, 7441 Marvin D. Love Freeway, Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75237 or call (214) 709-0300. (S)

(S) refers to an organization that is secular in method and function. Likewise, (R) refers to an organization that is religious.

Since 1981 the **Children's Defense Fund** has worked in partnership with the religious community to multiply our effectiveness in bringing about change for the most vulnerable children among us. CDF's Religious Affairs Department staff works in conjunction with church staff and volunteers at all levels to mobilize congregations in every city and community in the United States to respond to poor and neglected children by engaging in public education, community outreach, and advocacy.

In 1991 **Welcome the Child**, a 144-page publication was developed and produced by the **Children's Defense Fund** in cooperation with many of the Christian denominations and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, as a child advocacy guide for the church. CDF is producing a version specifically tailored for African American churches, available in early 1992. A separate resource for Jewish congregations and organizations will be produced in late 1992.

CDF's staff includes specialists in health, education, child welfare, mental health, child development, adolescent pregnancy prevention, and youth employment. CDF gathers data and disseminates information on key issues affecting children. They monitor the development and implementation of federal and state policies.

For more information, write **Children's Defense Fund**, 122 "C" Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 or call (202) 628-8787 (R).

**Incest Survivors Resource Network International (ISRNI)**, founded in 1983, is an educational resource devoted to primary prevention and now functions by participating in committees and conferences of national and international organizations. ISRNI offers awareness of PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder) as a component of intergenerational transmission of verbal and physical violence, especially regarding overt and emotional incest. It urges development of Parents United chapters, which it sees as an example of restorative justice. ISRNI also recognizes the importance of adult children 12-step fellowships.

ISRNI was founded and is operated as a Quaker, religious peace witness by incest survivors concerned with the relationship of unresolved traumatic stress to strife and violence in the world, including barriers to effective conflict resolution.

ISRNI now concentrates on co-sponsoring conferences and symposia. For more information, write P.O. Box 7375, Las Cruces, NM 88006-7375 or call (505) 521-4260.(R)

Sexual abuse of women and children is called 'entertainment' by some in the media industry," says Sarah Blanken, Vice President of the **National Coalition Against Pornography**.

"This is not merely a moral issue, but also a vital community safety issue. Rape and sexual violence increase wherever pornography is available. It destroys the victims and those who use it. It is an \$8 billion a year industry, a money-maker for organized crime and others. Most of it is not speech and it is not protected by the First Amendment. It is often violent and degrading. It is perversion, violence and debasement."

The **National Coalition Against Pornography (N-CAP)** was founded in 1983 to respond to the devastating impact of illegal pornography on America.

With members representing numerous citizen action groups, foundations, religious groups and leadership networks, N-CAP works to increase public awareness of the harm caused by illegal pornography and to eliminate hard-core, illegal child pornography from the open market.

Within **N-CAP** are several specialized leadership networks.

The National Women's Leadership Task Force has united a broad base of women leaders from across the country to equip women to eliminate child pornography and remove illegal pornography from the open market.

With the top leaders of nearly 50 denominations, faith groups and inter-faith organizations, the **Religious Alliance Against Pornography** is one of the broadest religious alliances to ever address any social issue. Its leaders currently serve more than 100 million Americans.

And, the **Business and Professional Leaders Council** mobilizes and educates business leaders throughout America to combat illegal pornography.

Through special education programs, **N-CAP** trains thousands of citizens annually on how to rid their communities of illegal pornography.

It is active on the federal, state and local levels encouraging strong enforcement of laws against obscenity and child pornography. **N-CAP's** National Law Center assists in drafting improved legislation and with obscenity and child pornography.

Finally, it provides a wide variety of books, audio cassettes, videos and research reports to concerned citizens, groups and media representatives.

For more information, write to the **National Coalition Against Pornography**, 800 Compton Road, Suite 9224, Cincinnati, OH 45231 or call (513) 521-6227. (R)

Violence anywhere in our world can spread and affect our lives," wrote Dr. Thomas E. Radecki in *Dad Magazine* (July 1990). "Even if you don't own a TV set, your child is affected by values and behaviors of others at school. Each one of us is at

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risk from being attacked by individuals who have developed a value system of violence.

"I encourage you to gently but seriously protest violence wherever it appears. This may be at a birthday party your child has been invited to, or at school. A teacher gave my daughter a book making witchcraft and its violence appear exciting and interesting."

The **National Coalition on Television Violence** was created to alert the American public to the violence portrayed in today's media and to warn them of the dangers these constant depictions cause.

**NCTV** monitors radio, television, motion pictures, magazines and other media for violent content. In *NCTV News*, it publishes the latest research results, movie reviews and national news. **NCTV** also organizes consumer product boycotts and letter-writing campaigns to protest violent programming and graphic depictions.

For more information, write to **National Coalition on Television Violence**, PO Box 2157, Champaign, IL 61825. (S)

**N**ational Committee for the Prevention of **Child Abuse** will furnish you with free copies of their catalog as well as display copies of selected titles. Write **NCPCA Catalog**, P.O. Box 94283, Chicago, IL 60690, indicating the nature and subject of the event, the number of catalogs and the titles of display copies desired (limited to five titles), the date required, and the street address. Allow six weeks for delivery.

**NCPCA** has a variety of public awareness materials for use by other organizations, including print ads, a filmography, and child abuse prevention month resource packets.

**PRINT ADS** - **NCPCA** periodically produces a national media campaign in conjunction with the Advertising Council in New York City. Camera-ready copies of the print ads are available for reproduction in different dimensions to accommodate newspapers, fliers, newsletters, and the like.

**FILMOGRAPHY** - This is an annotated listing of films and videos from a variety of sources, entries include the name and address of the supplier.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH RESOURCE PACKETS** - Each packet contains resources to assist in planning activities for April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For information about these materials, write **NCPCA**, P.O. Box 2866C, Chicago, Illinois 60690 or call (312) 663-3520. (S)

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**W**hile there are many groups and organizations dedicated to the perpetrators of crimes, there are few which focus on the rights of the victims.

One of the major goals of the **National Victim Center** is achieving fairness and equity for the innocent victims of crime in the criminal justice system.

The **National Victim Center** works with adult and juvenile corrections agencies and parole agencies to promote victims' rights and develop strategies for public awareness, community education and media relations.

Since 1985, the resource library of the **National Victim Center** has responded to requests from a wide range of professionals, victim advocates and educators who rely on the collection (which currently contains 10,000 items and 1,000 subject folders) for their general and customized research needs.

The latest addition to the library is a *Facts-From-The-Stacks* reference kits. These kits offer brief synopses of each subject, related statistics and citations, selected legal and medical journal titles, books people are talking about, a guide to using your public library's inter-library loan services and other valuable resources. Current kits include:

- Child Abuse/Childhood Victimization Issues
- Domestic/Family Violence
- Elder Abuse
- Rape/Sexual Assault

In all 50 states, educators are required to report child abuse. The Crime Control Act of 1990 has also mandated teachers to report. Yet, less than 20 percent of teachers receive any relevant preparation in higher education teacher programs.

In response, the **National Victim Center** designed an *Educator's Guide on Child Adolescent Victimization* which identifies legislative issues facing educators, highlights indicators of abuse and child development issues, defines child abuse. In addition, it discusses the differences in interpretations between a child's and adult's connotations of sexuality, addresses adult responses to a child's sexual behaviors and outlines the development of policies to handle reports and deal with crisis response.

For information about membership and additional resource material, write to the **National Victim Center**, 307 West 7th Street, Suite 1001, Fort Worth, TX 76102 or call (817) 877-3355. (S)

**T**he **NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund** serves as a clearinghouse of information on the legal rights of survivors of incest and child sexual abuse. The Fund has recently developed a "Legal Resource Kit" to provide information to the incest survivor who is considering filing suit against a perpetrator. Also available are model legal documents and a child sexual abuse resource list (including selected bibliography and a list of hotlines and support groups). Upon request, **NOW LDEF** can provide a list of some attorneys nationwide who represent incest survivors in civil cases.

In a few selected cases, **NOW LDEF** has filed amicus curiae briefs. The organization has been particularly active in cases where adult survivors who have belatedly discovered their abuse have sued for damages. Write to **NOW LDEF** at 99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10013. (S)

**P**hil Phillips, whose **Child Affects** organization concerns itself with reviewing and evaluating today's toys, cartoons, comics and movies is a strong advocate of a child's need and desire for play. His concern, however, is that "the child be allowed to determine how he or she plays with a toy -- not the manufacturer or the producer."

"Children spend approximately 15,000 hours in play during their first seven years of life," says Phillips. "Play is a God-given instinct and method for children to educate themselves and to process information about the world. The selection of a child's toy and playthings should be uppermost in the parent's mind."

Phillips wrote *Turmoil in the Toybox* to address the hidden messages conveyed by toys and the book quickly became a national best-seller. He is also the author of *Horror and Violence, Halloween and Satanism*, and his most recent, *Saturday Morning Mind Control*.

"A lot of parents want to buy good toys for their children and they're not being served by major toy companies," says Phillips. "They also have no idea as to the influence of today's cartoons on young minds. Parents recall the days of *Bugs Bunny*, *Road Runner* and *Tom and Jerry* - a far cry from *Thundercats*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *BraveStarr*, *Ghostbusters* and *Care Bears* in terms of violence and religious concepts. Since *Masters of the Universe* appeared in 1982, television programs aimed at children have seen a 780% increase in violence."

Phillips plea to parents is that they not give in to the pressures of commercial-toon advertising. "Children rarely suffer any psychological damage by being denied a toy," he points out. "They may, however, suffer damage by being given certain toys."

For more information or to schedule a speaking engagement call (214) 771-9839.(R)

**I**n 1983, **The National Christian Counselors Association** was established as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of conducting research and developing a scripturally-based therapeutic procedure.

The resulting Temperament Analysis Profile (TAP) has proven to be reasonably easy to learn, save pastors and Christian counselors precious time in their counseling sessions and produce effective, positive and more immediate results with those being counseled.

**The National Christian Counselors Association** now offers a series of licensing programs which teach "temperament therapy" in which the T.A.P. is administered to determine the client's temperament needs and traits. The test is evaluated, and the counselor receives a complete profile which also provides specific information and suggests the best ways to counsel the client.

According to association president Richard G. Arno, Ph.D., "Temperament, in simple terms, is the genetic inborn part of man that determines how we react to people, places and things.

"In short, it influences how we interact with our environment. Temperament pinpoints our perception of ourselves and the people around us. It is also the determining factor in how well we cope with everyday stress and pressure."

After a candidate completes all the requirements and is approved by **The National Christian Counselors Association** Licensing Board of Examiners, he receives his license as a Licensed Pastoral Counselor.

Graduates are then permitted to enter the advanced training offered by the Licensing Board which, in turn, leads to certification as either

- Certified Crisis & Abuse Counselor
- Certified Adolescent Counselor

Graduates of the **N.C.C.A.** Licensing Program may also obtain their B.S., M.S. or Ph.D. degrees from several Christian universities.

**The National Christian Counselors Association** is made up of ministers, professional Christian counselors, testing specialists, medical doctors and teachers.

The entire staff is committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and believes that counseling is self-centered and useless, unless it is founded upon and directed by the Word of God.

For more information, write to **The National Christian Christian Counselors Association**, PO Box 171, Kittanning, PA 16201-0171, or call (412) 543-3229. (R)

## COUNSELOR TRAINING

**I**nstitute of Biblical Counseling (IBC), founded and directed by Dr. Larry Crabb, Jr., offers seminars on sexual abuse recovery. They also provide training in Biblical counseling for your church. After several years as Director of Counseling in a local church, and seven years teaching counseling in a seminary context, Dr. Allender serves as professor of counseling in the Master's program at Colorado Christian University and is the Associate Director of IBC.

Dr. Allender has developed unique seminars on sexual abuse and shame; his recent publication is entitled, *The Wounded Heart: Hope for Adult Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse*. His other publication is *Encouragement: The Key to Caring*.

For more information, write IBC, 16075 West Belleview Ave., Morrison, Colorado 80465 or call (303) 697-5425. (R)

## COUNSELOR REFERRAL

**F**or emotional healing of child sexual abuse, the services of proven Christian counselors are frequently needed. But how does one find counselors who work from a base of sound biblical doctrine instead of pop psychology?

**Focus on the Family** offers a special Counseling Referral Service. All of the counselors or counseling groups referred have been specially screened to ensure the quality of the care they provide.

To be referred to pre-screened Christian counselors anywhere in the nation, call (714) 620-8500, and ask for the counseling department.

In addition, if you know of Christian counselors or agencies in your area and would like them to be considered for this referral service, please encourage them to contact **Focus on the Family**.

For more information on **Focus on the Family** broadcasts, periodicals and other publications, write to **Focus on the Family**, Pomona, California 91799. (R)

**T**his group offers information on all kinds of abuse from a biblical counseling perspective. Services offered are crisis/individual support, support groups, victim/court advocates, material and resources, referral service, educational programs. They also have a listing of hot lines, shelters, books, counselors, support groups and newsletters available.

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For more information, write **Survivors of Abuse Ministry, Inc.**, P.O. Box 1661, Martinsville, IN 46151, (317) 342-5971. (R)

**T**he Boy Scouts of America have produced a 29 minute video titled "A Time To Tell". This is a unique approach to a sensitive subject. It is designed to help 11 to 14 year old boys recognize, resist and report sexual molestation.

The Child Protection Program wants to insure that this video receives the largest possible audience. A campaign is now underway to encourage television stations and other private groups to air this video.

For more information, write to **Child Protection Program**, 7441 Marvin D. Love Freeway, Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75237 or call (214) 709-0300. (S)

**T**he Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the Clearinghouse on Family Violence Information provide information about maltreatment within families to professionals and the general public. In response to requests, the clearinghouses disseminate publications, annotated bibliographies, and fact sheets; conduct database searches; and provide reference and referral services. The Clearinghouses are administered by the National Center on Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN), which is part of the Administration for Children and Families, within the Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information, contact **Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and Clearinghouse on Family Violence Information**, PO Box 1182, Washington, D.C. 20013 or call (703) 821-2086. (S)

**F**orKidsSake, Inc. is a private missionary outreach program founded in 1974 by Jim Mead and his family. The primary emphasis of the program then and today is to establish a Christian-based program towards the early recognition, intervention and ultimate prevention of child abuse through education.

The problems of child abuse and molestation are community problems best solved by the community, says Mead, and the church as a part of their missionary outreach has the perfect opportunity to protect innocent children. There is a missionary outreach needed right in your own community, there are victims of abuse and molestation and abusers and molesters in your church pews each and every week.

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**For Kids Sake, Inc.** helps churches in their community establish missionary outreach programs. Some of these programs include the following:

**Color Me Safe** - Molestation prevention child safety information for all children.

**Parenting and Child Safety** - In person presentations or video programs on helpful hints and do's and don'ts for parents or parents-to-be.

**Research Library** - Their library provides professional assistance in helping children.

**Publications and Video Tapes** - A complete line of professional, parent and children's materials.

**Community Awareness Programs** - Speakers present detailed factual information on child abuse, molestation and community involvement in prevention.

**Crisis Intervention Crash Team** - Staff is available to provide step-by-step assistance when allegations of abuse have been made within the church. Please call immediately.

**Professional Training** - Staff provides training seminars for all professionals in your community working with children and including clergy.

For more information, call or write **For Kids Sake, Inc.**, 31676 Railroad Canyon Road, Canyon Lake, CA 92380 or call (714) 244-9001. (F)

**I**ncest Resources, Inc. Provides educational and resource materials for survivors and for professionals working with incestuous families and adult survivors of incest. It also provides training and consultation by survivor-therapists.

For more information, send a written request for the *I.R. (Incest Resources)* flier series and a self-addressed stamped envelope (two first-class stamps are required) to **Incest Resources, inc.**, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. (S)

**T**he National Center for Fathering was developed to strengthen men in their "fathering skills". They provide curriculum as well as a personal fathering profile to use for learning and discussions in small groups. Fathers will receive a questionnaire and later a 12-page computerized report on their completed questionnaire. Along with the questionnaire, there is an initial seven-week course to assist them in strengthening their fathering skills in four major dimensions. This group also offers training for men to become leaders/counselors of these groups. The certification packet costs of \$65.00.

You may inquire by phone or write for more information regarding seminars in your area. This would be a wonderful Sunday School class or community outreach for men. Write to **National Center for Fathering**, 217 Southwind Place, Manhattan, KS 66502 or call (913) 776-4114. (S)

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**M**ovieguide: A Biblical Guide to Movies and Entertainment is published every other week by Good News Communications. Each issue is filled with biblically-based reviews of the latest films.

In addition to listing the objectionable images and dialogue in the movies, Christian film critic Ted Baehr discusses the movie's premise, the characters' morals and the portrayal of the Church and of the world. *Movieguide* magazine also contains significant articles which explore current events in the entertainment industry.

**Movieguide** broadcast is heard on many Christian radio stations around the country and is carried by the USA Radio Network and Family News in Focus. The television version of **Movieguide** is aired by FamilyNet and other stations.

For more information, write to **Movieguide**, P.O. Box 9952, Atlanta, GA 30319. For instant movie and video reviews and the latest on the NC-17 controversy, call 1-900-226-3400. The charge is 65 cents per minute. (R)

**T**he National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) serves as a clearinghouse of information on missing and exploited children; provides technical assistance to citizens and law enforcement agencies, offers training programs to law enforcement and social service professionals, distributes photos and descriptions of missing children nationwide, coordinates child protection efforts with the private sector, networks with nonprofit service providers and state clearinghouses on missing persons and provides information on effective state legislation to ensure the protection of children.

A 24-hour toll free telephone line is open for those who have information on missing or exploited children: 1-800-843-5678. The TDD hotline for the hearing impaired is 1-800-826-7653. The NCMEC business number is (703) 235-3900.

A number of publications listed here, are available free of charge in single copies by writing the Publications Department of the National Center at the address below:

### BOOKS:

- Camp Director's Guide
- Child Molesters: A Behavioral Analysis
- Child Pornography and Prostitution
- Children Traumatized in Sex Rings
- Child Sex Rings: A Behavioral Analysis
- Interview Child Victims of Sexual Exploitation
- Investigator's Guide to Missing Child Cases
- Nonprofit Service Provider's Handbook
- Parental Kidnapping
- Selected State Legislation

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- Youth at Risk

### BROCHURES:

- Child Protection (also in Spanish)
- Child Protection Priorities in State Legislation
- For Camp Counselors
- For Hospital Professionals
- Informational Brochure
- Just in Case...(a set of nine brochures dealing with issues ranging from Daycare to Testifying in Court)
- My 8 Rules for Safety
- Publications Brochure

For more information, write **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 550, Arlington, VA 22201. (S)

**P**LAYING IT SAFE® is a national, award-winning, non-profit educational safety program for children ages three to seven. Its presentation is done on a per-class basis in the schools and addresses the critical issues of abuse and neglect, drug awareness, abduction and general safety.

The program is offered nation-wide and offers program support materials, including a **PLAYING IT SAFE®** book which outlines messages within the program.

For more information, please write to **PLAYING IT SAFE®**, 123 Eileen Way, Syosset, New York 11791, or call (516) 921-6868. Outside of New York, call 1-800-Play-It-Safe. (S)

**T**he **Safer Society Program**, a non-profit Vermont based project of the New York State Council of Churches provides referrals for the assessment and treatment of sexual victims/survivors and offenders at no cost. By telephone only, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. They also have video and audio cassettes dealing with this issue and guided workbooks for sex offenders.

For more information, contact **The Safer Society Program**, for referrals call (802) 897-7541 or write RR1, Box 24-B, Orwell, VT 05760. (S)

**W**hite Feather and Company Publishers, Inc. produces educational materials to prevent child abuse, molestation, abduction or exploitation.

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They currently produce a children's book, *A Good Knight Story*, that introduces such lessons of safety. It is utilized by such child advocacy organizations as People Against Child Abuse (PACA), ChildHelp USA and the National Missing Child Search Society and has been adopted in school systems (endorsed by the National Association of Elementary School Principals) and embraced by both parents and children.

*A Good Knight Story* was written by a former police investigator, Edward Jagen, and is a fairy tale that teaches children the kinds of tricks or cons people use to lure children from sight in order to abuse, molest, abduct, exploit or murder them. It also teaches children to judge the safety of a person or situation by the action or request of the individual, not by their appearance. Most children identify strangers as mean, scary people and do not realize the potential danger of a nice or familiar person. The fairy tale format allows children to learn in a non-threatening and non-frightening environment. One of the added bonuses of the program is that it elevates children's self-esteem and sense of security, a vital part of protecting children from harm.

For more information, write to **White Feather & Company Publishers, Inc.**, P.O. Box 354 Solomon, MD 20688 or call (800) 444-BLUE. (S)

## HOMOSEXUALITY

(excerpted from "What Homosexuals Need Most" by Bob Davies, Focus on the Family magazine, 3-91)

**T**he discovery that someone is involved in homosexuality can be a greater trauma than his death. Even the news that a co-worker, employee, neighbor or church member's relative is homosexual can be deeply unsettling. How should the Christian respond?

The first reaction may be to pull away from the person who has embraced homosexuality. But victorious parents and professional counselors have other advice. In short:

- Love unconditionally. Reject the sin, not the person
- Communicate hope. "At least 85 percent of the lesbians I talk to have been victims of abuse," says Darlene Bogie, a counselor in the San Francisco area. These issues, although deep-rooted, are not too much for God to handle. He is "the god of hope."
- Refuse condemnation. Entering the homosexual lifestyle comes from the child's decision -- not the parent's failures.
- Parents need to ask forgiveness for any mistakes they made with their children.
- Seek God daily for help in your own life as well as in the lives of your children.

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- Be realistic. While thousands of men and women have overcome homosexuality, for most of them it has been a long-term process.
- Commit your loved one or acquaintance to God through constant prayer.
- Know that healing will come.

The following organizations can help you minister to men and women struggling with homosexuality in your congregation:

**Exodus International**, PO Box 2121, San Rafael, CA 94912, (415) 454-1017. Information on ex-homosexual ministries in North America and overseas. Literature and support groups for those overcoming homosexuality, plus additional resources for parents. (R)

**Spatula Ministries**, PO Box 444, La Habra, CA 90631. Directed by Barbara Johnson, **Spatula** offers resources for parents, including literature, tapes, books and a monthly newsletter. (R)

**Regeneration Books**, PO Box 9830, Baltimore, MD 21284, (301) 661-0284. Offers current Christian books on homosexuality and related issues. Write for a free catalog. (R)

Also read *Deadly Secrets* (NavPress, 1990) by Keith Wall and Karen Linamen, which tells the story of one young man's struggle with homosexuality and how his Christian parents stuck with him until his death from AIDS. (R)

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**I**n 1976, Dr. Fred Gross began to combine biblical principals, faith and prayer with solid therapeutic techniques and founded the **Christian Therapy Hospital Program** in Palmdale, California.

Since then, Dr. Gross and his team have ministered to thousands of sick and hurting people from every walk of life and every Christian denomination.

More than 60,000 people throughout the United States have successfully participated in his Christian Therapy specialty workshops. Dr. Gross has developed out-patient and day treatment counseling services, authored two books on Christian counseling, has been a consultant to many church leaders and has developed a highly respected training program for pastoral counseling. His daily radio program "Christian Therapy," is heard on stations in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Massachusetts, North Carolina and California.

"Christian therapy", Dr. Gross explains, "is not preachy, denominational, rigid, guilt-producing or humanistic. It is

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based upon the Word of God and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, thus making it far more powerful and effective than traditional forms of therapy or psychology and entirely appropriate for Christians.

"The highest, most respected forms of therapy are then integrated with God's Word to result in such positive benefits as repentance, forgiveness, emotional release, hope, renewed thinking and freedom and victory in Jesus Christ."

The **Christian Therapy Hospital Program** is a short-term treatment program in a community hospital environment, staffed to meet the full spectrum of needs in treating adults and adolescents.

Each patient's personalized treatment plan is developed by the team -- consisting of psychiatrists, psychologists, marriage and family counselors and 24-hour licensed nursing staff. The team is committed to the belief that the therapeutic process is enhanced through a personal application of faith, scripture, prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for loving me back to health," wrote one patient. "That first phone call I made to your program literally saved my life! I am learning a new way of living without abuse, sadness and pain."

The **Christian Therapy Hospital Program** is currently located at Buena Park Community Hospital, 6850 Lincoln Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620. The program accepts only patients who voluntarily request admittance. There are no involuntary admits or locked units. The services of the program are covered by most insurance plans.

For more information, call the **Christian Therapy Hospital Program** HOTLINE center at (800) HELP-4-ME. (R)

**T**here is hope for every victim who feels that no one cares or can help. No one is exempt from the pressures and problems of life, especially those who have experienced victimization. In many cases the burden becomes so great that people become stuck in painful and destructive life styles which lead to depression, anxiety and feelings of hopelessness. Compulsive, addictive behaviors also result as attempts are made to postpone the pain and cope with these problems alone.

**New Life Treatment Centers** has helped thousands of adults and adolescents begin a new life through our caring programs. **New Life Treatment Centers** offers Christ-centered care for adults and adolescents dealing with:

- Depression and Codependency
- Victims of Physical, Sexual or Emotional Abuse
- Eating Disorders

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- Compulsive Sexual Behavior
- Drug and Alcohol Addiction

**New Life Treatment Centers'** program is designed to promote both spiritual and emotional growth by integrating biblical principles with the highest quality clinical care and treatment methods. This is accomplished through a process of education, communication and active participation. Every unit is staffed by clinically trained conservative Christians. Each adult unit is also staffed with a chaplain and each adolescent unit with a full-time youth pastor. **New Life** is a place you can trust.

**New Life** regularly treats people from all parts of the United States and offers a variety of treatment options: in-patient care for adults and adolescents, partial hospitalization for adults and a wilderness program for adolescents.

New hope for a new life begins with your phone call.

For adult help call (800) 227-LIFE. For adolescent help call (800) 332-TEEN.

**F**or many victims of child sexual abuse, their self-image has become, as Robert S. McGee wrote in *The Search for Significance*, "no more than a reflection of their past."

**Rapha** was founded in 1986 to try to change that perspective. Its counselors believe that while low self-esteem is never the only problem, it is such a major issue. If not dealt with adequately, one is kept from experiencing lasting, positive results.

Within three years, **Rapha** became the leading provider of in-patient care in the nation, treating 10,000 patients in four-and-a-half years. Ninety-four percent of the patients surveyed said they would return to **Rapha** or refer someone else.

Dr. James Mallory, former professor of psychiatry at Duke Medical School, stated, "Mental health professionals have become increasingly aware that multiple factors are involved in illness. They are recognizing that a person's religious practices and beliefs about God have a profound influence on response to life events.

"The **Rapha** program is committed to dealing with the full spectrum of issues impacting mental health. A person's spiritual needs are given special attention from a distinctly Christian perspective. Many Christians have refused to seek such help, for fear of being in a damaging anti-Christian environment. The **Rapha** program alleviates that fear once and for all."

Beverly LaHaye, founder and president of Concerned Women for America, says, "Whether the person in need is a troubled teenager or an emotionally-distraught adult, **Rapha**

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can handle the challenge. And they will help in a way that honors the Lord Jesus Christ and upholds the Word of God.

This provides the best possible situation for a person in-desperate straits -- the finest medical care, coupled with Christ-centered therapy."

Dr. Morris Chapman, President of the Southern Baptist Convention says, "Our dream for Christ-centered treatment centers has finally become a reality through **Rapha**. It's an overwhelming success!"

**Rapha Hospital Treatment Centers** are located in more than 20 hospitals across the United States. Children, adolescents and adults are treated for everything from depression and substance abuse to suicidal thoughts and obsessions.

**Rapha** treatment programs are covered by most major insurance companies. Also, as a valuable help to out-of-town patients, **Rapha** provides a free Travel Assistance Program for patients and their families.

For more information, call (800)383-HOPE. (R)

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**S**ince its establishment in 1987, **American Association for Lost Children, Inc.** has located dozens of missing children. Unlike other groups, which are mainly resource organizations, **AALC** physically goes out and finds the abducted children.

"That's why I started **American Association for Lost Children, Inc.,**" says Mark Miller. "Missing children deserve more than a picture on a milk carton or flier."

A former stockbroker and salesman, Miller earned his license as a private investigator to enable him to look for lost children. His association is the only non-profit group that actively finds and returns missing and kidnapped children and re-unites them with their loved ones at no cost to the families.

Says the U.S. Department of Justice, "I have read with interest the heartwarming accounts of the children your organization has located and of the subsequent reunions with loved ones. I applaud the efforts of the staff and volunteers of **American Association for Lost Children.**"

For more information, contact **American Association for Lost Children, Inc.,** PO Box 41154, Houston, Texas 77241, or call (713) 466-1852 or 1-800-873-5678. (S)

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**T**rained counselors provide crisis counseling for abuse victims. Information and referral services are also available for specific, long-term, treatment. Call the **National Child Abuse Hotline** at (800) 422-4453. (S)

**C**alifornia-based organization providing crisis intervention and services to sexually exploited children ages 11-17 involved in prostitution or pornography. Services include a six bed shelter, 24-hour hotline and street outreach program. A national referral service is available.

For more information, contact **Children of the Night**, P.O. Box 4343, Hollywood, California 90078. Call (818) 908-4470, or in California only, call (800) 564-COTN.

**A** national network of experienced and sympathetic professionals, **Childsavers, Inc.** was founded in response to the more than 1,000 calls for help that Phyllis H. Gordon received following her televised testimony before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee in Juvenile Justice hearings on Child Sexual Abuse Victims in Court on May 2, 1984.

Gordon, herself a mother whose two young daughters were sexually abused by their father, quickly learned the in's and out's of the child protective system and the juvenile courts.

Phyllis H. Gordon currently holds the position of Executive Director of **Childsavers, Inc.** She has played a major role in achieving changes in child abuse legislation and judicial policy to protect child victims. She has participated in the preparation of landmark child protection legislation in the state of Maryland.

Ms. Gordon oversees the management of numerous abuse cases. She provides crisis intervention and counseling and functions as liaison between mental health professionals, attorneys and clients.

"**Childsavers** is a support system to reduce pain, fear and trauma. **Childsavers** has helped over 3,000 children recover from the horror of sexual abuse," states Ms. Gordon.

A **Childsavers** phone line is available to answer your call for Help! at (301) 251-9099.

Court cases involving child sexual abuse are rarely treated with sufficient compassion or recognition of the child's special need for protection and emotional security. In many cases, the abuser is given the right to have continued social visits with the victim.

**Childsavers** attempts to be present at some court hearings to provide the personalized professional support that this crisis demands.

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**Childsavers** also provides expert services to the courts, attorneys, physicians and social service agencies.

**Childsavers** prepares its clients for court appearances, informs them of their rights and teaches them the most effective strategies for dealing with the institutions they encounter in the frustrating attempt to protect their children. Most cases of sexual abuse are hard to prove because the victim is very young. When questioned about the abuse, the child frequently feels caught between the love for two parents, and may acknowledge and then deny that the abuse occurred, based on fear of retaliation.

For more information or to send a tax-deductible donation, please write to **Childsavers, Inc.**, PO Box 10564, Rockville, Maryland 20849-0564 or call (301) 251-9099. (S)

**M**any Americans live on the edge of disaster. Teenage drug addicts and prostitutes fill our streets. Children run frantically to escape satanic cult involvement or physical and sexual abuse in fractured families. As victims of a society that often neglects their critical needs, too many kids choose suicide.

**Compassion Connection** is an emergency outreach, bringing hope to America's hurting youth and anguished adults. Hope for the hurting and help for the helpless is its mission. **Compassion Connection** is there for anyone, anywhere, at anytime.

This foundation is a national network of organizations and individuals whose mutual interests focus on salvaging lives. Appropriate intervention ensures that sound counseling meets the unique need of troubled people. By combining the knowledge and resources of helping agencies and concerned professionals, they give the hurting a reason for their tomorrows. **Compassion Connection** is the bridge to a better life for thousands of troubled people and goes into action the moment desperate cries are heard.

**Compassion Connection** is dedicated to providing ideas and assistance through training seminars, marketing and funding concepts, and moral encouragement. Such benefits are available to unsung heroes across the nation, who need our support in their efforts to save our society from emotional degradation, physical abuse, and spiritual poverty. Computerized, cross-referenced records of approved organizations are available according to method of assistance and location through the HOPE Line (1-303-985-HOPE).

For further information please write **Compassion Connection, Inc.**, P.O. Box 36C, Denver, Colorado 80236. (R)

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**C**oncept 7 Foster Family Agency is a non-profit organization serving Southern California, recruiting and training foster parents and placing children, ages birth through teens in **Concept 7 Foster Homes**. Supervision, support and payment are also provided to **Concept 7** foster parents.

For more information, call (800) 327-7017. (S)

**I**n 1990, **Covenant House** provided crisis care, educational and vocational counseling, medical care and referral services to nearly 28,000 youths through its 15 locations across the U.S., Canada and Latin America. A shelter for runaway and homeless kids under age 21. **Covenant House** offers short and long-term assistance to young people who are abandoned, victims of child abuse, drug abuse, prostitution, etc. The Nineline, a 24-hour toll-free hotline, handled more than 120,000 crisis calls last year from troubled youngsters and parents. Counselors on the Nineline can be reached at (800) 999-9999.

**E**veryday, wrote Palmer and Sheila Ramsey in their book **Getting Free and Staying Free**, *there is more and more evidence pouring in of the need for a consecrated and concentrated ministry in deliverance. Indeed, for many, it is the difference between life and death. Still, after much exposure, deliverance continues to be shrouded in darkness and unbelief. Ignorance of the spiritual battle that is being fought all around us, and even through us, has brought the Body of Christ into confusion, dissension, division and, most often, failure.*

Sheila's mother died of Huntington's Chorea, an incurable brain disease that rarely strikes before 30, never kills after 40 and never misses a generation.

But Sheila, her two sisters and brother are past 40 and still alive -- the only recorded family in the world, according to the Huntington's Foundation in New York, to have survived the disease. They escaped after Sheila learned that Huntington's Chorea is the result of a family curse that originated in the practice of witchcraft. An examination of her genealogy turned up a grandmother in the fifth generation who was a full-blooded Indian and who was well-known in the Oklahoma Territory for her skills in sorcery. Her sons were the first in the family to have died of the disease.

Scriptures states that the unconfessed sins of men cause curses which are passed down through generations. Deuteronomy 23 says the curses go as far as the tenth generation.

Out of Sheila's family experience, God raised up **Gospel Revelation Ministries, Inc.** Since then, Sheila and Palmer Ramsey, along with the other members of their teams, have served as ministers of God's deliverance to the Body.

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A victim of child sexual abuse is wounded not only physically and emotionally, but also spiritually. Doctors can bring partial healing. Christian counselors, pastors or psychologists can minister to the soul. But the child and the molester were not alone when the abuse took place. Just as they were surrounded by a great cloud of heavenly witnesses (Hebrews 12:1), demonic spirits played their respective roles, often given access through curses. This aspect too must be addressed in the healing process, says Sheila.

More and more, **Gospel Revelation Ministries, Inc.** and other deliverance ministries are encountering the spirits of incest, perversion, pedophilia, rape, homosexuality, pornography and all the other dark spiritual powers that prey on children. For this reason, the Ramseys have developed a special seminar to train and equip deliverance teams in the local church.

To invite a deliverance team to minister to child sexual abuse victims in your congregation or to find out more about these specialized training seminars, write to: **Gospel Revelation Ministries, Inc.**, 625 Opal Lane, Richardson, Texas 75080, or call (214) 437-9911. (R)

**N**ational Runaway Switchboard has a 24-hour hotline for youth 18 years and under and their families providing crisis intervention, information and referral service, message service between youth and their parents/guardian, conferencing services between youth and their parents and/or an appropriate agency.

Call the **National Runaway Switchboard** at (800) 621-4000. (S)

**T**he **National Youth Crisis Hotline** offering a national referral service providing crisis intervention for runaways and parents of runaways, rape and abuse victims, drug and alcohol addictions, etc. Assistance with shelters, teen-centers and transportation is available for callers under the age of 18. 24-hour service, 7 days a week. Call (800) 448-4663.

Crisis intervention is also available to the hearing impaired, Monday thru Friday, 9-5 P.S.T. on this dedicated line, (800) 447-6263. (S)

**O**live Crest Treatment Centers for Abused Children is a nationally recognized non-profit organization serving Southern California and America, with 25 family-type homes that provide care and treatment for abused, abandoned and troubled children ages infant to 18. Services include: early childhood intervention homes for toddlers to eight year-old children, short and long term assessment homes,

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abuse cyclehomes for boys who have been sexually abused, a foster family program, an independent living skills program, public, non-public and on-grounds school. 1991-92 plans include beginning a national board.

**Olive Crest** provides a comprehensive care program encompassing social, psychological, physical and spiritual development of the child's life.

For more information, write or call **Olive Crest Treatment Centers for Abused Children**, 1300 North Kellogg, Suite D, Anaheim, California 92807, or call (714) 777-4999, or FAX (714) 777-0278. (S)

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**T**he American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) is a fast-growing multidisciplinary professional society dedicated to improving communication, support, and practice among professionals who respond to child abuse on a daily basis. Since APSAC's incorporation in 1987, over 1900 social workers, physicians, psychologists, attorneys, judges, nurses, researchers, educators, administrators, police officers, and other professionals in 50 states and several U.S. territories and foreign countries have joined. APSAC members work with child victims and adult survivors of neglect and physical and sexual abuse, with victims' families, with perpetrators of abuse, and with educators and parents in establishing prevention programs.

Developing guidelines for practice is one of APSAC's major goals. Members are urged to participate in any of the nine Task Forces that have been formed to date to establish national interdisciplinary guidelines. The following task forces are currently at work:

- Assessment and Treatment of Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse
- Assessment and Treatment of Perpetrators of Child Sexual Abuse
- Ethical Practice
- Ethnic and Minority Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect
- Medical Evaluation of Suspected Child Abuse
- Peer Review of Expert Testimony
- Psychological Maltreatment

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- Psychosocial Evaluation of Suspected Sexual Abuse in Young Children (this Task Force published Guidelines in October, 1990)
- Use of Anatomically Detailed Dolls

Benefits of membership include APSAC's 20-page quarterly newsletter, *The Advisor*, a one-year subscription to the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, discounts on publications, training tapes, and conferences; the opportunity to participate in APSAC's Guidelines Task Forces, free copies of Guidelines for Practice produced by the Task Forces and the opportunity to participate in the APSAC chapter in your state. For information, call 312-554-0166, or write APSAC, 332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60604. (S)

**T**he Association of Sexual Abuse Prevention Professionals is a membership organization committed to prevention of child sexual abuse. Founded in 1985, this international organization sponsors conferences and informational retreats, publishes and newsletter, advocates for sexual abuse victims, and networks prevention programs.

ASAP believes in working for the END to what they are against (sexual abuse), and promotion of what they are FOR: nonviolent relationships, positive sexual attitudes, just laws, and good health curricula. Because there is a role in prevention for everyone, parent or professional or teacher or therapist, membership in ASAP is open to anyone wanting to support and contribute to prevention of child sexual abuse. For information, write ASAP, Box 421, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005 or call (616) 349-9072. (S)

**T**he International Network Against Incest and Child Sexual Abuse is a cooperative worldwide network of individuals concerned with and/or working in the field of incest and child sexual abuse. These individuals can then contact one another concerning their fight against incest and child sexual abuse.

For more information, write Alberta Montano DiFabio, C.A.C. and Virginia Klein, Ph.D., 18 South Cadillac Drive, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 U.S.A. or call (908) 722-2933. Facsimiles may be sent to (908) 722-9665. (S)

**T**he International Conference Against Incest and Child Sexual Abuse (ICIRP). Incest occurs throughout the world. But, few nations speak of it. In 1986, two women, Virginia Klein from America and Genevieve Piret from Switzerland, spoke of the fact that incest was not discussed in Switzerland. They decided that this silence was not acceptable. The outcome was the first International Conference on

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Incest and Related Problems, attended in 1987 by 400 people from 19 countries. These conferences have continued to grow and succeed.

For more information, write Virginia Klein, Ph.D., 18 South Cadillac Drive, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 U.S.A. or call (908) 722-2933. Facsimiles may be sent to (908) 722-9665. (S)

**T**he Network for Professionals Concerned About Child Sexual Abuse. This group has monthly seminars to discuss treatment and advocacy issues in the field of child sexual abuse. Networking allows members to identify appropriate resources for clients. If you are in the Arlington, Virginia area, the meetings are the second Friday of every month, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. They suggest you bring a sack lunch if you wish to eat. Meeting place: Family Studies Center, VA Polytechnic Institute, 2990 Telstar Court, Room 247, Falls Church, Virginia. Membership is \$10.00 and includes a quarterly newsletter.

For more information, contact Jean Albright, Chairman, John Marshall Family Institute, 2501 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22207 or call (703) 243-1050. (S)

**T**he National Resources Center on Child Sexual Abuse is an information service for consultation and referral for professionals. This group takes a secular approach to healing the sexually abused. They also suggest some Native American Indian Healing Methods (body, mind, soul), Multidisciplinary Training and Consultation that includes comprehensive conferences and internships for exploration of investigation, management, treatment and prosecution on child sexual abuse cases. *Roundtable*, a quarterly publication, is very informative on issues of child sexual abuse.

For more information, write to National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse, 106 Lincoln Street, Huntsville, AL 35801 or call (800) KIDS-006/ (800) 543-7006. (S)

**T**he Spiritual Dimension in Victim Services is a non-profit educational organization established in 1984 to educate the religious community, all faiths, in violence prevention and survivor assistance. Members of Spiritual Dimension's Board of Directors are all people of strong personal faith. Spiritual Dimension operates nationally from its headquarters in Sacramento, California.

The religious community is fast becoming another valuable resource in present efforts to bring justice, healing and restoration to victims of crime. The mission of **Spiritual Dimension** is to encourage the involvement of the people of

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God of all faiths in 1.) positive, healing assistance to victims of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, rape, burglary and assault, and 2.) faith-based prevention efforts.

Training opportunities for clergy and congregations are directed toward positive helpful ministry to victims. Other services include individual consultation with clergy and religious leaders and individual consultation with victim assistance providers.

**Spiritual Dimension** has developed a training manual on victim assistance for clergy. This was prepared for distribution to registrants of specific trainings funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice. Additional copies will be available for sale by December 1991. The cost will be \$15.00 plus postage and handling. They may be ordered from the **Spiritual Dimension**.

For more information write **Spiritual Dimension in Victim Services**, 2700 L. Street, P.O. Box 163304, Sacramento, California 95816 or call (916) 446-7202. (R)

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**O**ne young man had been a Satanist for eight years. According to his testimony, after seeing the sacrificial death of a prostitute and his best friend who lived on the streets, he got sick of it all and ran.

Reportedly, death threats are coming from his brother, the coven's high priest who is also wanted for murder. He burned all his Satanic paraphernalia and accepted Christ into his heart.

Tammy McClure looked to be around 20 years old, but she spoke as a child of ten. She was born and raised in a Satanic coven. Overweight, about 5'4" tall, Tammy has massive scars all over her arms, inch long, quarter-inch wide, dozens of scars on her arms, stab wound in her side, places where she said she had been mutilated in rituals. She talked about living in a pink basement with 60 other children, newborn to 17.

When asked where the children came from, she replied, "Some are kidnapped, some are born into it by the mamas who give babies, that's all they do. They're breeders. They (children) didn't get out -- except for the weekend kids. They had lower numbers.

"That's what we were, we didn't have names, we were numbers. They got beat to death, starved to death, some of the babies never even made it."

**Dunamis Impact Outreach Services, Inc.** was formed in the winter of 1988 in response to the rise in occult crimes.

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**Dunamis Impact Outreach Services, Inc.** offers research papers and audio cassettes to law enforcement officers, crisis intervention workers, parents, teachers, churches, community service groups, child care workers and students.

Files and information packets include: ritual abuse, Witchcraft and Halloween. Cassette tapes include: "Talking to Your Teen," "Introduction to Demons and Deliverance" and "Satanism: Why Do People Get Involved?"<sup>E</sup> It is anticipated that more will be provided and made available for purchase in the near future.

In addition, **D.I.O.S.** offers law enforcement assistance; private investigation and documentation; crisis intervention and victim assistance; and referral and networking with agencies.

**D.I.O.S.** regularly uses local newspapers, radio shows and television to increase public awareness. **D.I.O.S.** also offers a number of different educational programs for law enforcement, crisis intervention workers, parents and teachers, church groups, community service organizations, childcare workers and even students.

For more information, write to **Dunamis Impact Outreach Services, Inc.**, 11956 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Suite 523. San Diego, CA 92128 or call (619) 485-9849, ext. 523. (R)

**R**itual child abuse, according to **Writeway**, is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. It is also one of the most overlooked crimes by both law enforcement and counseling agencies.

These crimes are, in part, being ignored due to the religious freedom issue, the lack of prosecutable evidence and the question of the reliability of the testimony of child victims. Also, very few states have laws on the books addressing ritual crimes.

Ritual crime connected with occultic or satanic rituals uses victims ranging from infants to young adults. As bizarre as it may seem, ritual crimes include everything from infant human sacrifices to ritual sexual molestation of daycare and elementary school children.

Teenagers, under fear of bodily harm by occultists, are frequently enslaved to be used for recruiting purposes and as "breeders," that is, young girls impregnated by a coven leader whose child will later be used for infant sacrifice. Young adults are often used for illegal activities including drug pushing, prostitution and child-kidnaping.

Only in the past five years has ritual abuse crime become a topic of discussion in law enforcement seminars and among social workers. Most recently, it emerged as a new physiological/psychological dysfunction to be addressed by church and professional counselors.

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However, these groups frequently have difficulty dealing with ritual abuse survivors, since they do not have a religious perspective for understanding the "evil is good/good is evil" concept of occultic rituals.

In addition, they place little credibility in the testimony of survivors, since their behavior usually appears paranoid/schizophrenic, and their occultic ritual experiences are so bizarre that most people have trouble believing such grotesque activities could really happen in their neighborhoods.

To help both law enforcement and counseling agencies to understand ritual crime and deal with ritual abuse survivors, **Writeway Literary Associates** has developed a number of investigative and counseling-related educational tools.

The availability of these materials is restricted to church counselors, professional counseling agencies, social workers, members of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies.

For a free list of available tools, write to **Writeway**, PO Box 10428, Costa Mesa, California 92627, or call (714) 850-0349. (S)

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**A**dults Molested as Children United (AMACU) are men and women who were sexually abused as children by those in authority over them such as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, older siblings, and/or others. Many have spent years in therapy or in institutions. Many have not had the opportunity to have access to therapy. Often they have difficulty in maintaining lasting relationships and holding jobs.

AMAC's, like younger Daughters and Sons United (DSU) members, often think they are alone, that no one knows what they have been through. Finding others with whom they can share their feelings and experiences can ease the burden created by secrets and fears they might have carried for years.

Contact with AMAC's presents an opportunity for parents, including offenders, to see the long range effects of untreated child sexual abuse. These include feelings of pain, anger, fear, abandonment, shame, isolation, and betrayal. This helps victims as well as other adults (such as step-parents) who are parenting sexually abused children.

Parents United also provides an opportunity for AMAC's to confront mother/father figures in groups-directly or in role-playing. Death, separation, or fear may prohibit an AMAC

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from confronting their abuser directly. They may confront their abuser by writing to them or they may use role-playing to release their feelings.

AMAC's also participate in speaking engagements. They help open closed doors and let people know that child sexual abuse does exist and that there is a place where people can get help. They reach out to other victims to let them know they are not alone.

Professionals are able to redirect negative feelings and behaviors toward positive and constructive activities. AMAC's learn to be independent and assertive which leads to personal growth and helps in everyday life and in their careers. This enables the victim of child sexual abuse to help themselves and others become "survivors."

For more information, contact **AMACU**, c/o Parents United, P.O. Box 952, San Jose, California 95108-0952. (S)

**B**ecomers is a support group designed to promote emotional and spiritual healing from the experience of childhood sexual abuse. It takes its name from 1 John 3:2 (Phillips): "Here and now we are God's children. We don't know what we shall become in the future. We only know that, if reality were to break through, we should reflect His likeness, for we should see Him as He really is."

The objectives of **Becomers** include providing a safe and accepting atmosphere and encouraging group members to actively participate with God in the healing of their damaged emotions.

**Becomers** groups require each group member to be in individual counseling concurrent with their participation in the **Becomers** program.

Meetings are an hour and a half each, and a nine-week commitment is required for each session.

**Becomers** has developed a Nine-Step Recovery Program:

- Step One: I recognize that I am powerless to heal the damaged emotions resulting from my sexual abuse, and I look to God for the power to make me whole.
- Step Two: I acknowledge that God's plan for my life includes victory over the experience of sexual abuse.
- Step Three: The person who abused me is responsible for the sexual acts committed against me. I will not accept the guilt and shame resulting from those sexual acts.
- Step Four: I am looking to God and His Word to find my identity as a worthwhile and loved human being.

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- Step Five: I am honestly sharing my feelings with God and with at least one other person to help me identify those areas needing cleansing and healing.
- Step Six: I am accepting responsibility for my responses to being sexually abused.
- Step Seven: I am willing to accept God's help in the decision and the process of forgiving myself and those who have offended me.
- Step Eight: I am willing to mature in my relationship with God and others.
- Step Nine: I am willing to be used by God as an instrument of healing and restoration in the lives of others.

The book *Helping Victims of Sexual Abuse* (Bethany House Publishers, Minneapolis, MN 55438, 1989) by Lynn Heitritter & Jeanette Vought provides an in-depth study of child sexual abuse and explains in detail how to organize a **Becomers** group within local communities and churches. (R)

**D**ughters & Sons United (DSU) is a component of Parents United. It is a community of young people who provide member-to-member support, understanding, caring and help to others through times of crisis and readjustment.

**DSU** members find that they are not alone. They find others who have similar experiences and feeling. They find a safe place to open up, knowing they will be accepted and understood. They support each other, listen and learn from each other and are better able to understand themselves and their families.

Members meet regularly under the leadership of professionals who lead discussions of issues relevant to their physical and emotional health and well being. They deal with feelings of guilt, hurt, anger, love, confusion, resentment, happiness, and pain. They help members talk about these feeling and the changes that are happening in themselves and their families. Professionals also educate young people in areas of social behavior, identity, sexual relationships, venereal disease, birth control, and respect for themselves and others.

They may participate in speaking engagements to educate the public and to encourage an understanding of families troubled by child sexual abuse. They give information about **DSU** and themselves by sharing as much personal information as they feel comfortable with. They hope their efforts will make it easier for children and parents to seek help and stop further abuse.

Goals deal with enhancing self-esteem and self-determination. This leads to independence which helps prevent reoccurrences and future problems with emotional and sexual relationships.

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For more information, contact **AMACU**, c/o Parents United, P.O. Box 952, San Jose, California 95108-0952. (S)

**F**ounded by survivors of incest, "**Looking Up**" is dedicated to serving the needs of victims and survivors. The agency provides professionals with educational publications, consultation, referral and training.

"**Looking Up**" services include support, education and consultation, wilderness programs, workshops and retreats.

"*Looking Up Times*" is a publication published semi-annually and is written entirely by incest survivors. *The Survivor Resource Chronicle* provides practical information, news, editorials and resource on a quarterly basis.

For more information, write to "**Looking Up**", PO Box K, Augusta, ME 04332-0470 or call (207) 626-3402. (S)

**M**any victims of child sexual abuse turn to drugs or alcohol when they can't seem to find the healing they need anywhere else. Many of the adults who abuse children are also addicted to these substances.

The chemically dependent person lives in a cycle of crisis, confusion, failure and disappointment. This causes him to do things he thought he would never do. It keeps him trapped in chemical abuse with a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness.

To help people free themselves from this cycle, Rev. Charles Burton and his wife Sharon founded the **Overcomers Chemical Abuse Recovery** program. This 12-step program, based on biblical principles, gives the recovering chemical abuser hope for a sober, successful future.

"The addiction problem is in the Church," says Rev. Burton. "One out of every four people is affected by chemical abuse. Three out of four women and two out of five men who participate in the **Overcomers** program have been sexually abused.

"It's a sham," he says, "that a hospital can charge from \$10,000 to \$30,000 a month to rehabilitate a problem with a 30-day treatment. So they take that \$30,000 and put them back on the street and, even though some get over the chemical problem, it still doesn't solve the emotional problems in 30 days. So they have to have a place to go, and that's the local church.

"There's nothing magical about what we do. The scripture says the body gets strong when every member does its part."

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But the Church needs to learn how to do its part and not just pray with a person, say "God forgives you," and now you're okay.

**Overcomers** offers small discussion groups; daily behavior training, personal assistance, a daily recovery workbook entitled *A Daily Choice*; an inmate recovery program and group leadership training.

Through **Overcomers**, family members are learning how to help their loved one find lasting freedom from the destruction of addictive chemicals.

Trained staff, former addicts, alcoholics and their family members teach the principles of the 12-step **Overcomers** program as it has worked in their own lives.

For more information, write to **Overcomers, Inc.**, PO Box 427, Rockwall, Texas 75087, or call (214) 709-4866. (R)

**P**arents United is a self-help organization dedicated to the assistance of parents, children, and others concerned with child sexual abuse.

**Parents United** began under the direction of Hank Giarretto, Ph.D., in Santa Clara County, CA. It is the best known nationwide organization representing the interests of sexually abused children and their families.

Members of **Parents United** and its components, **Daughters and Sons United (DSU)** and **Adults Molested as Children (AMACU)**, are or have been involved in intrafamilial sexual abuse. These include offenders, spouses of offenders, children who have been molested, adults molested as children and others (siblings, step-parents, spouses of AMACU's). **Parents United** works closely with Social Services, the Judicial system, and other professional agencies to ensure the handling of child molestation in a humanistic manner for everyone involved.

**Parents United**, Social Services, and therapists work hand-in-hand so that families can remain together whenever possible. By informing the public of the existence of **Parents United**, we can extend a helping hand to anyone who has experienced this trauma.

For more information, write to **Parents United**, P.O. Box 952, San Jose, California 95108-0952. (S)

**P**ure Life Ministries is a haven where Christian men locked in sexual bondage can turn. It is a place where heartbroken wives can turn for support and understanding.

**Pure Life Ministries** offers biblically-based teaching materials to lead the person in the proper direction toward victory.

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It offers counseling over the telephone. However, it is requested that a person purchase a copy of *Sexual Idolatry* from the ministry first, because it offers the answers for those with sexual addictions. Then, when the person talks to a counselor over the telephone, the counselor will be able to discuss how to apply those answers to the individual situation.

**Pure Life Ministries** has chapters in many cities where weekly support group meetings are held.

It has a six-month live-in program at the **Pure Life Ministries** ranch in northern Kentucky. Single men stay at the ranch, while couples provide for their own housing close by. Participants are required to hold a job during their stay.

In addition, Steve Gallagher, the founder of **Pure Life Ministries** and author of *Sexual Idolatry*, is available for services. He also holds a weekend conference about counseling those in sexual sin called *Purity In The 90s*.

"Integrity and boldness in addressing the issues of morality, sexuality and purity is not an option for us today," said Gary Goodell, Dean of **LIFE Bible College**, Foursquare Denomination. "Steve has that integrity and boldness. God used his message to release great healing on our campus. This ministry is timely and must be heard."

"Steve Gallagher has a deeply moving message," says Tom Dooley, the "Voice" of the **Billy Graham Association**, "that every church in America needs to hear."

Dr. Jerry Kirk, president of the **National Coalition Against Pornography** says, "I'm grateful for one who loves the Lord and who understands spiritual warfare, is committed to the healing of porn addicts and sex addicts and can be an instrument of that healing."

For more information, write to **Pure Life Ministries**, PO Box 345, Crittenden, KY 41030, or call (606) 428-2255. The **Pure Life Ministries** counseling number is (606) 428-2920. Messages may be left at 1-800-635-1866. (R)

**T**oday's children must cope with everything from divorce to drug abuse. Growing up with divorce, alcoholism, abuse, latch key homes, and long distance moves away from family and friends is hard, particularly for young children.

The **Confident Kids** Support Group Curriculum teaches children the skills necessary to understand, talk about and cope with their life circumstances in healthy and positive ways. It guides children and their parents into a relationship with God and teaches them to use prayer and Scripture as resources in dealing with these circumstances.

Children in grades one-six learn important life skills through games, skits, and small group discussion/prayer times. Meeting concurrently, parents learn to apply these skills at home.

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In both groups, participants grow as they discover they are not alone in their pain.

The **Confident Kids** curriculum includes complete lesson plans for four 8-week units: *Getting to Know My Feelings*, *Living in My Family*, *Growing Through Times of Change* and *Making Wise Choices*. There are also copy masters for reproducing all necessary worksheets and forms, outlines for parents group, training module and additional resource sections and a **Confident Kids** music tape. A two-day training seminar for **Confident Kids** leaders is also offered.

For more information, write to **Confident Kids**, 721 W. Whittier Blvd., Suite H, La Habra, CA 90631, or call (213) 697-6201.

**Confident Kids** is a ministry of **The Recovery Partnership**, a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to encouraging the development of distinctly Christian recovery ministries. Another such ministry is The National Association for Christian Recovery.

In addition, Dale Ryan, Executive Director of **The Recovery Partnership**, and his wife Juanita, have written a series of eight *Life Recovery Guides*.

These books are rooted in the conviction that the Bible can be a significant resource for recovery. They are designed to assist victims in finding out for themselves what the Bible has to say about different aspects of recovery. All of the studies use a workbook format with space provided for writing answers to question.

The books cover recovery from family dysfunction, distorted images of God, shame, bitterness, abuse, loss, addictions and codependency. They are available through the National Association for Christian Recovery.

*Steps* is its quarterly newsletter, which is designed to help people integrate their recovery with their Christian faith. Subscriptions are \$16/year from The National Association for Christian Recovery, PO Box 11095, Whittier, CA 90603. (R)

**S**urvivors of **Incest Anonymous, Inc.**, is a 12-step, self-help recovery program. There are no dues or fees and they define incest very broadly. They stress that the victim is not to blame. They have 37 pieces of literature (total \$23.50), international support groups, bi-monthly bulletins, an information and referral hotline, pen-pals and speakers.

If you would like information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with two postage stamps to **Survivors of Incest Anonymous, Inc.**, P.O. Box 21817, Baltimore, Maryland 21222-6817 or call (301) 282-3400. (S)

# CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions by circling either Y (yes) or N (no).

1. Do you have procedures in your nursery, Sunday school, mother's day out, vacation bible school and other activities involving children to screen out potential molesters, help possible victims of child sexual abuse and/or provide any prevention-oriented training? Y / N (circle one)

2. Are you currently aware of any victims of child sexual abuse in your congregation? Y / N

3. Do you currently have counselors available to your congregation who are trained to minister to child sexual abuse victims and their families? Y / N

4. Would you be interested in having someone speak on child sexual abuse at your church? Y / N

5. Would it be helpful to you to have copies of the *Child Protection Guide* to distribute to your congregation? Y / N (Simply send your request to our Administrative Office in Dallas, or call (214) 709-0300).

6. Would you be interested in sponsoring a seminar for counselors at your church? Y / N

7. Do you have resources available to those struggling with chemical dependency, eating disorders, inappropriate sexual behavior and other manifestations of child sexual abuse? Y / N

8. Would you like additional copies of the *Victim Services Resource Manual* to share with other pastors in your area? Y / N (Please contact our Dallas office)

9. Child Protection Program is planning a seminar to train Pastors and Lay leaders to assist victims of child sexual abuse. Would you be interested in attending? Y / N

10. What is the best way Child Protection Program can assist you and your church in the area of child abuse prevention? Y / N

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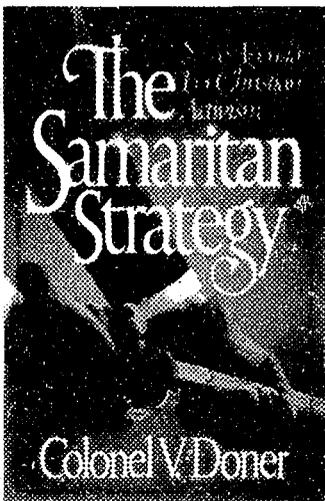
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## The Samaritan Strategy

by Colonel V. Doner



On page 8 of this publication, there is a quote from *The Samaritan Strategy* that summarizes God's mandate to us to help those in need.

A **FREE** copy of *The Samaritan Strategy* will be sent to the first 100 respondents.

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Honorary Chairman