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*Sexual Assault  
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**2006**  
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# *Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton*

## *Mission*

The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton exists to:  
Empower individuals affected by sexual abuse and assault;  
Empower communities to take action against sexual violence.

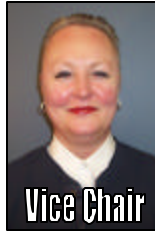
## *Core Beliefs*

*We believe...*

Sexual violence is an abuse of power and trust;  
People can heal;  
In valuing diversity and respecting all people;  
Individuals should be free to make their own life choices;  
Each person should have the opportunity to learn and grow;  
In creating a safe environment and maintaining confidentiality;  
Inability to pay should not be a barrier to receiving service;  
In providing support and advocacy for people  
who have been affected by sexual violence;  
Services must be accessible to children, adolescents, women and men;  
Communities must take action to protect  
vulnerable people and to become free from violence;  
Offenders, not victims, must take responsibility for violence;  
Teamwork is essential;  
Volunteers are crucial to our agency and provide a link to the community;  
In working with other agencies to further common goals.

# Board of Directors

# Personnel



## Board Members



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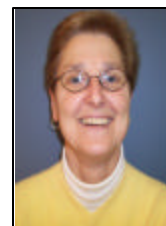
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Cathy S.					

# Message from the Chair



Every year presents SACE with its' share of challenges and opportunities and this last year was no different. With the dedicated work and selfless contributions of volunteers and staff SACE yet again remained within budget in 2006 while at the same time ensuring that our 24-Hour Crisis Line, Client Services Programs, Public Education Program, and Volunteer Program, continued to provide essential and highly valued services to the community.

On behalf of SACE I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the The United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, City of Edmonton Family and Community Support Services, Edmonton Community Foundation, A.B. Edie Equities, Alberta Solicitor General, Alberta Children's Services, Edmonton Region Board of Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Alberta Gaming, Servus Credit Union Kids Foundation, ECALA, Caritas Health Group Staff Charitable Donations Fund, Royal Alexandra Hospital Employees' Charitable Donations Fund and Civic Service Union Number 52. SACE is also supported by the contributions of many individual donors and we thank them for supporting the mission of SACE.

Special thanks to our many volunteers and the SACE staff for their commitment. Our volunteers are essential to the continuing success of the 24-Hour Crisis Line. Without them the 1000's of calls we receive every year would go unanswered, the office would not be as organized and the special events simply would not happen!

Pat Harrish, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee and the SACE Board continues to update and refine our Strategic Plan and continues to work with our Executive Director to ensure that we remain accountable to the community, our clients, and our funders for the delivery of our services.

I have had the opportunity to serve on this board since 2001 and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our volunteer board members, past and present, for bringing their unique skills and experiences to the SACE mission. As always working with them and our committed Executive Director Karen L. Smith has been very rewarding.

**J. Denise W  
Chair**

## **Sexual assault is one of the most under-reported crimes.**

...fewer than 10% of sexual assaults in both survey years were reported to the police. Police statistics show a decline in sexual assault rates which was most dramatic in the early 1990s. However, it is difficult to know to what extent this is affected by changes in victims' reporting behavior over time.

Victims' decisions to report the violence to criminal justice and social services depend on a variety of factors, some of which include fear of the offender, shame and embarrassment, and regional availability of services. The majority of victims of spousal assault and over 90% of sexual assault victims did not seek support from the criminal justice system.

(The Daily, Stats Canada, October 2006 )

# Message from the Executive Director

2006 will be recognized as the "Year of the Stork" at SACE! We are so fortunate to announce that 3 healthy babies and a toddler have arrived and twins are expected in the spring of 2007. Congratulations to all the new families!



As I look back over the year, I am grateful to the many individuals who showed great courage and determination as they asked for help to begin to heal from the sexual violence perpetrated against them. At SACE, we are also working to stop sexual assault and abuse before it starts. We know that this is the best way to move our community towards a world free from sexual violence. We need to work to shift attitudes in order to shift behaviour. We work every day to change our societal indifference towards violence and believe that it is not an inevitable part of our community.

The **United Way of the Alberta Capital Region** provides sustainable funding for our Client Services programs. This includes our 24-Hour Sexual Assault Crisis Line and our counselling for girls, boys, women and men. SACE was very fortunate to receive additional funding this year from the United Way for our adult counselling programs. This has had an impact on the number of individuals we can assist in their healing process.

The **City of Edmonton Family and Community Support Services** continues to provide much appreciated funding for our Public Education programs. Schools and community groups are requesting more and more information on awareness of sexual violence and how to put an end to this vicious cycle.

**Alberta Children's Services** has recognized the need to provide Alberta communities with financial assistance to deal with sexual violence issues across the province. In 2006 SACE received funding to enhance the work we do in our Client Services programs. Working through the Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Centres opportunities were created in 10 communities to improve services for victims of sexual violence.

In 2006, SACE completed the "**Let's Talk**" program funded by **Alberta Children's Services**. Excellent information was provided in a group format to parents of sexually abused children and teens. A successful group counselling program was initiated for adolescent girls.

Thank you to **Alberta Solicitor General** for the funding to provide Diversity Outreach/ Court Support and Intake.

The **Edmonton Community Foundation** has provided funding for the second year of our innovative "**War Rape**" project. This program is offered in response to the growing number of recent refugees and immigrants in the Edmonton area who have experienced sexual violence during a time of armed conflict, prior to arriving in Canada. The "**War Rape**" project provides counselling and community

outreach for victims and education to the community surrounding the issues involved.

Statistics tell us that individuals with disabilities experience an even higher incidence of sexual violence than the mainstream population. SACE appreciates the funding from the **Edmonton Region Board of Person's with Developmental Disabilities** to do specialized educational work with this community.

Financial support from the **Donner Canadian Foundation** has enabled Edmonton and 7 other Canadian cities to look at initiatives that would improve reporting, medical treatment, police investigation, prosecution and counselling for sexual assault victims. In 2006 this funding provided the opportunity for specialized training for cross-discipline professionals working in the area of sexual violence in Halifax, Charlottetown, Niagara Falls and Victoria.

SACE appreciates the financial backing of A.B. Edie Equities, Alberta Gaming, Servus Credit Union Kid's Foundation, ECALA, Caritas Health Group Staff Charitable Donations Fund, Royal Alexandra Hospital Employees' Charitable Donations Fund and Civic Service Union Number 52. In addition, SACE is grateful for the financial support of many local individuals who believe in the work we do.

Our organization is very fortunate to have a talented and dedicated Board of Directors. I would once again like to thank them for the support and guidance they provide in steering SACE forward. To Denise Watson, Susan Jamieson, Ryan Schetzle, Pat Harrish, John Ratcliff, Maryann Stepien, Sherry Melney, Mike Arrowsmith, Mary Francis Fitzgerald, Dana Stirrett, Miriam Weinfeld, Michelle Boden and JoAnn McCartney, a very sincere thank you.

I would also like to extend a very sincere thanks to Elaine Betchinski who represents SACE at the provincial association level. Elaine is the President of the Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Centres. Thanks, Elaine.

I would like to thank the dedicated and talented staff of SACE: Zara W, Deb G, Doreen J, Pat C, Sandy F, Marion D, Lacey B, Shirley H, Sophie P, Ewar J, Karen D, Mary B, Lenore L, Ryan N, Pamela O, Lisa H, Erin Martin, Harpreet B, Jill G, Monika P and Natascha W. Students Julie C, Alacia B and Matilda K have also contributed significantly to the success of SACE. We could not do the work we do in the community without you! At SACE we said sad goodbyes to Janice S, Primrose I, Becky L and Sonja G and wished them well. We wait for Tarra M and Belinda R to return from time off spent with the most beautiful babies in the world!

**Karen L S**  
**Executive Director**



At SACE, the financial goal each year is to get the most out of the funding dollars it receives. That goal was achieved again in 2006. SACE was able to continue to provide its invaluable services to the community, and do it in an economically efficient manner. The organization remains in a financially stable position.

At the heart of our stable position is the continued funding from our two core funders. We have been extremely fortunate to have a long, generous history of support from the United Way of Alberta Capital Region and The City of Edmonton Family and Community Support Services. Their funding is the cornerstone for our programs.

SACE is located in a wonderful building, and has enjoyed a great relationship with our landlord Allan Edie personally and A.B. Edie Equities Inc. corporately. We are thankful to Allan and his staff for all of their support, the assistance with our expansion and renovations, and the generous financial contributions each year.

Additional funding is provided to SACE from a number of organizations. This funding provides supplementary support to our core services, and also presents opportunities for additional, unique service provision. We would like to thank the following organizations for their financial support: Alberta Children's Services, Alberta Solicitor General, Edmonton Community Foundation, Edmonton Region Board Person's with Developmental Disabilities, ECALA, Servus Credit Union Kids Foundation and the Donner Foundation.

I would again like to thank all of the individuals, corporations and organizations who made financial contributions to our organization last year, and urge their continued support to help SACE meet the increasing financial demands required to provide its services to the community.

Finally, I'd like to thank Deb G for her outstanding management of SACE's accounting, and executive director Karen S and the other staff members for their commitment to keeping SACE a fiscally responsible organization. It was a pleasure again to serve on this board and to work with Deb and Karen.

**Ryan S**  
**Treasurer**



Throughout 2006, the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton has continued to advance on our three key priorities - (i) providing responsive and proactive services to meet emerging community and client needs; (ii) being recognized as an essential community service, providing specialty programs to citizens impacted by sexual violence; and (iii) increasing the SACE profile/awareness within the community of Edmonton and surrounding area.

New initiatives identified this year, through our environmental scanning process, included the war rape project - developing a working partnership with the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers and war rape victims - and establishing Persons with Developmental Difficulties (PDD) education and links to counselling.

SACE was actively involved as a member of the Edmonton Domestic Violence Centre Advisory Committee, working collaboratively on a multi-agency strategy to provide a one-stop referral process for victims of family violence. In addition, SACE remains committed to working with AASAC (Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Centres) and ACWS (Alberta Council of Women's Shelters) to examine the incidence of sexual assault within the family context, and ultimately advance on the broad AASAC provincial government initiative.

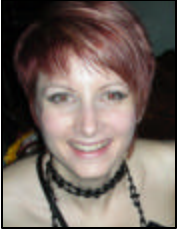
A Board retreat was held in October 2006, with the primary focus of reviewing and updating the SACE strategic plan. Efforts are underway to develop initiatives to enhance public awareness, developing partnerships at the municipal, provincial and federal levels; to explore opportunities to develop victim reconciliation models; to enhance services provided to aboriginal people; to develop a public education medium for circulation within Edmonton to other AASAC regions.

**Pat H**  
**Chair, Strategic Planning Committee**



*Telus Volunteers*

# Administrative Team



SACE changed a lot in 2006 with old friends leaving and new friends arriving. As always we have an awesome team of professionals making this such a great place to work.

*Financial Administrator*  
**Deb G**

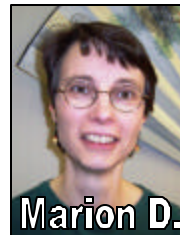


A nice occurrence in 2006 was arranging for the donation of a herd of stuffed bunnies by Servus Credit Union to be given to clients of the Child & Adolescent program. What pleasure these toys give our youngest clients.

Once again Natasha Weitzel was our summer student and was a great help at the beginning of 2006 in volunteer services. SACE is blessed with the most interesting and dedicated volunteers, I thank Marion D., Pat C., Doreen J., Joanne B., Sandy F. and Helen H. for their invaluable help. Special thanks to our past summer student, Patricia G. Although she has moved to Halifax she continues to maintain our website and solve our other HTML difficulties.

**Zara W**  
**Office Manager**

*Administrative Support Team*



**Marion D.**



**Doreen J**



**Pat C.**

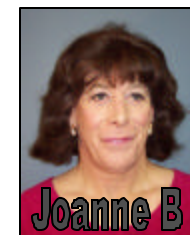


## *Bunny Bonanza!*

(Special thanks to  
Servus Credit Union Kid's Foundation)  
Child & Adolescent Counsellor  
Monika P Therapist



**Helen H**



**Joanne B**



**Natasha W**

**Sexual offenders** were less likely to have had previous convictions for similar offences ... those convicted of other types of violent offences. However, persons accused of sexual offences were more likely than other offenders to appear before court with **multiple charges**.

(The Daily, Stats Canada, July 2003)



# Client Services



As the new Director of Client Services as of September 2006, it is with great pride that I discuss the wonderful accomplishments of the counselling department. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the entire counselling department for the ongoing support from the United Way of Alberta Capital Region, Alberta Children's Services, Alberta Solicitor General, and Edmonton Community Foundation for providing funding for the client programs at The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE). Due to this ongoing support, counsellors at SACE continue to work with survivors and their support systems in healing from sexual violence, thus contributing to a healthier community.

## *Child and Adolescent Program*

This past year has seen a number of significant changes in the counselling department. In the spring of 2006, the 'Let's Talk Program', funded by Alberta Children's Services, was completed. This program included a series of Parent Information Nights as well as an eight-week group for adolescent girls that had experienced sexual abuse/assault. The parent information nights were well received and provided helpful information for parents and supporters of children and adolescents who had experienced sexual violence. It was our goal to help these supportive individuals understand the impact of sexual violence on their loved ones so that they were more able to appropriately deal with difficulties.



Adolescent girls in group counselling also benefited from 'Let's Talk', which allowed these clients to share their experiences and connect with other youth. Michelle T, Tarra M and Karen D enjoyed developing and presenting the materials to our clients and their families. Crown Prosecutor Allison

Downey was a frequent presenter. Many thanks to her for the added service to our clients

The Child and Adolescent Program continues to work closely with referring agencies such as the Child and Adolescent Protection Centre at the Stollery Children's Hospital and the Zebra Child Protection Centre. Other referrals come through Children's

Services, school counsellors and private therapists. Counselling and play therapy are offered to children aged 3 to 17 years, once the abuse has been reported to the appropriate authorities. We also require that, if needed, the child be interviewed prior to beginning counselling so that there is no contamination of their initial disclosures to police or Children's Services. After these steps the parent or caregiver is asked to call one of our Child and Adolescent Therapists in order to complete a phone intake and they are given the next available appointment.

In order to heal from the devastating affects of sexual abuse and assault, it is vital that our young clients experience safety within their relationship with the therapist and in the counselling environment. At SACE, we have worked hard to create such an atmosphere in our unique playroom, complete with its own puffy clouds and huggable wishing tree. Thank you to the Servus Credit Union Kids Foundation for their generous donations which allow us to update our toys and to create our wall of HOP-E covered with stuffed bunnies.

Sadly, the Child and Adolescent Counselling Program had to say goodbye to our fearless leader, Janice S, in September of 2006. Janice worked at SACE in the Child and Adolescent Program for several years and was also Director of Client Services for over two years. Janice played a central role in addressing the needs of those impacted by sexual violence. Janice was invaluable in the lives of many people at SACE and elsewhere, through her individual work with clients and their families, her work on various community committees, and finally to her training of volunteers. We would like to thank Janice for her passion, creativity, and professionalism at SACE and send our best wishes to her in her new endeavors in Calgary.

On a positive note, the Child and Adolescent Program was very fortunate to find a new therapist to partially fill the void created with Janice's departure. Monika P, M. Ed., joined the SACE team four days per-week in September and she 'hit the ground running'. Monika's past experience with clients at the Elizabeth Fry



# Client Services

Society in Kelowna has served her well to prepare her for the types of issues our clients present. Monika has been an invaluable addition to the Counselling Department and SACE. She has demonstrated excellent initiative in joining organizational committees and keeping us all informed of various social activist concerns. Monika's dedication has proved helpful as the Child and Adolescent Program received a record number of calls in the last months of 2006.

## Adult Counselling Program

The Adult Counselling Program staff once again demonstrated dedication and diligence in addressing the needs of our adult clients. With the help of a new full-time intake worker, Pamela O, who was hired in August, our adult clients have faced limited waiting times prior to receiving services. Pamela's excellent organizational abilities and professionalism have proved to be an essential addition to our program.

Our adult program has also benefited from the expertise of several of SACE's long-time employees.

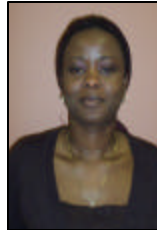


Shirley H continues to see adult clients on an individual as well as group basis. Mary Banda also continues to serve the needs of adult clients and especially the unique needs of the various diverse communities within Edmonton. Mary also provides court support and information for clients as well. Becky L took some time

off this past year to pursue her goal of making the Canadian Olympic Team. Becky will continue her work with adult clients as a contracted employee doing the Sexual Assault Groups with Pamela in May of 2007. We would like to thank Becky for her excellent work in the adult program and the wonderful gifts she brings to SACE.



## Adult Group Counselling Program



This fall we had two students from the Grant MacEwan Social Work Program join us to help facilitate the adult AMAC 1 group with Shirley. Alacia B and Matilda K have been valuable additions to



SACE through their contributions in group, taking crisis calls and participation in counselling meetings. Also this fall, Jill G from the U of A joined Shirley for her Monday evening AMAC 1 group. Shirley was so impressed with Jill's skills that she has recently been hired on to work two days per week in our adult program. Welcome Jill!



We offer a variety of groups to the survivors of sexual abuse or assault. SACE has tried to address the needs of identified clients by offering several groups to clients. The following groups were offered in 2006.

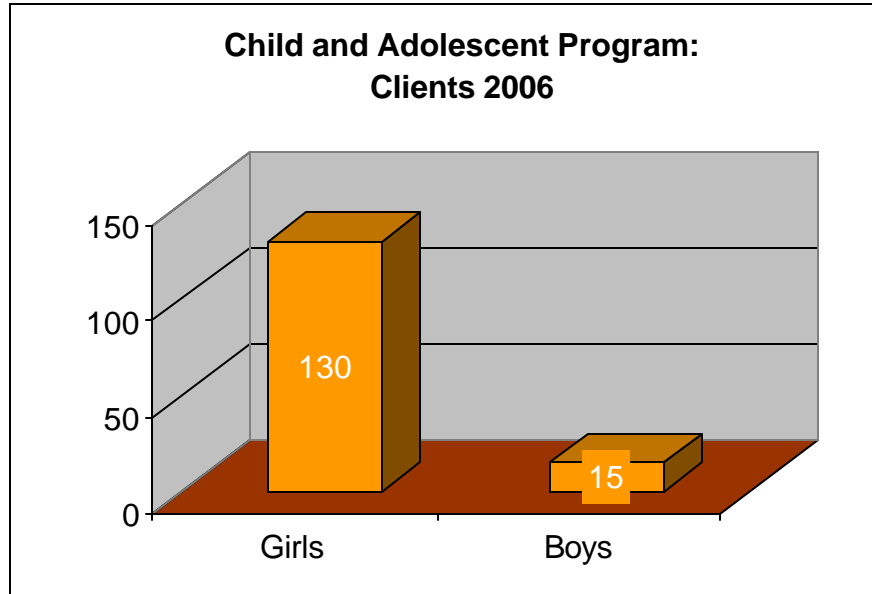
Adults Molested as Children (AMAC 1 & 2): These groups combine group exercises, discussion and handouts on issues such as feelings toward the offender, body image, and overcoming the effects of abuse. Participants must be over the age 18 and also must complete a screening interview prior to their entrance into group. AMAC 2 builds on the skills gained in AMAC 1 and allows survivors to continue to receive support and education through the group process.

Sexual Assault Survivors: This group addresses the trauma of sexual assault through discussion and exercises. Participants must be 18 and over and complete a screening interview prior to their entrance into group.

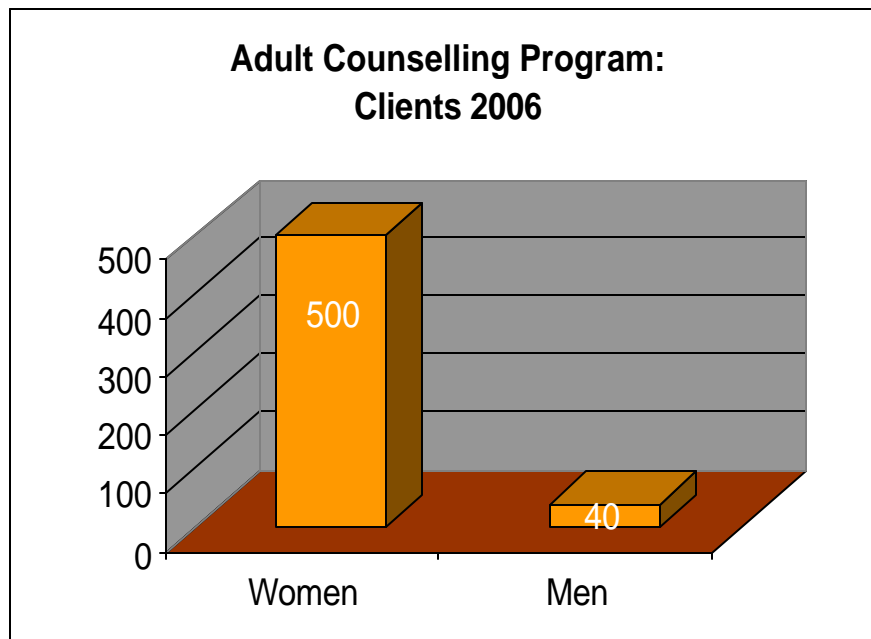
Process Group: This groups runs weekly. It is an ongoing group that draws on the participants' sexual trauma. Participants need to have successfully completed AMAC 1 and 2 or SASS groups. There is also the possibility of a screening interview prior to starting with this group.

**Karen D**  
**Director of Client Services**

# Client Services



In 2003, just under 28,000 physical assaults and over **9,000 sexual assaults** against children and youth aged 17 and under were reported to the 122 police services.  
The Daily Stats Canada, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2005



# Diversity Outreach & Court Support Program



In the past year, the Diversity Outreach / Court Support Worker was available to provide customized presentations\workshops to various targeted communities\groups identified in the program. The Program was able to reach over 800 participants providing applicable information regarding the impacts of sexual violence and the laws that apply. Over 875 hours were spent providing direct general assistance (information, intervention, and referrals) to the clients. The Diversity Outreach/ Court Support Worker was also available to provide assistance in court preparation (160 hours), distributed 60 Financial Benefits application packages, and 2 Victim Impact Statement packages. As a victim advocate, the Diversity Outreach/ Court Support Worker assisted over 48 clients accessing legal and police services. The Diversity Outreach/ Court Support Program would like to thank the Alberta Solicitor General for providing on going financial support.

## *Collaboration and Consultation*

The Diversity Outreach/ Court Support Worker collaborated closely and continues to work with the following organizations in initiatives against family violence: Changing Together... A Center of Immigrant Women, Catholic Social Services, Mennonite Center for Newcomers, Multicultural Health Brokers Co-op, Multicultural Mental Health Brokers, ASSIST Chinese Community Services, Alliance Jeunesse-Famille De L'Alberta Society, Planned Parenthood, La Foundation Madeleine Sanam Foundation... for the Emancipation and Autonomy of African Women, Islamic Family and Social Services, Millwood Welcome Center, Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Edmonton Community Services – Elder Abuse intervention Team, Edmonton John Howard Society – Victims Assistance Program, Edmonton Immigrant Services Association, and Capital Health STD Center.

SACE is proud of the relationships we have developed with the diverse communities. We are currently involved in different community based initiatives against family violence while continuously examining opportunities on how to collaborate and share expertise. SACE is also committed to responding to community emerging needs by providing customized workshops\trainings and services in diverse communities.

**Mary B**

## *The War Rape Project*

The War Rape Project is a group interested in and working with refugee communities in Edmonton. The main focus is to bring attention to the sensitive but important issue of war rape. War Rape refers to any act of sexual violence committed during wartime. This may include rape, sexual mutilation, forced prostitution, forced public nudity and/or being forced to be a witness to acts of sexual violence.



In April 2006, SACE hired Ewar J B as the outreach worker for the War Rape Project. Ewar has had extensive experience with the immigrant and refugee communities in Edmonton and has worked with ethno-cultural communities since her arrival in Canada.



For the past year Ewar and Dr. Sophie Y P have had great success in implementing the outreach component of the program and have connect with more than 60 different agencies. This has led to numerous requests for presentations and training and generated interest for future presentations, training and workshops. We look forward to partnering with these agencies and communities to explore future activities.

In the past year we were able to reach over 300 people through our community work and committees. We were invited to present at the annual Diverse Voices Family Conference and also at the Canadian Council for Refugees in Montreal. The War Rape Project was also nominated for The Duncan & Craig Laurel Awards which recognizes the Innovation and Creativity of Non-Profit Organizations.

Closer to home, Public Education, the War Rape Project and the Compassionate Witnesses Working Group collaborated ion a 2 day professional development session for community members and agencies. We would like to thank the Compassionate Witnesses Working Group for contributing their unique expertise to the War Rape Project. The War Rape Project is grateful to the Edmonton Community Foundation for their generous support and funds to support this community project.

**Sophie Y P  
Ewar J**

# Public Education



2006 has been an exciting year for Public Education. The team has started on some new projects and has reached out to many individuals and groups in the Alberta Capital Region. SACE sincerely appreciates the ongoing financial support of the City of Edmonton Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to the Public Education Program.

Part of the excitement this year was Tarra M, Belinda R and Primrose I all giving birth in 2006 to healthy, beautiful babies and Sonja G obtaining a full time teaching position.

As a result, there was 133% staff changeover with 3 new Public Educators joining SACE. Erin M, Harpreet B and Lisa H were all hired to assume Public Education positions. (We will also be looking into disconnecting the water cooler so as to prevent much of the staff changeover that occurred in 2006!)



The Public Education team has been busily working on a number of exciting projects over the past year. Public Ed updated and created new volunteer training sessions for crisis line volunteers. These sessions include boundaries and assertiveness training, criminal harassment (stalking), sexual harassment, and drug-facilitated sexual assault (rape drugs).



Public Education has also been fortunate this year to have had two nursing students, Natalie and Sharon, who are enrolled in the community nursing program at the University of Alberta, do their practicum placements with us. The students were able to increase their knowledge and awareness of issues surrounding sexual violence in the community. They were also able to help us update our Dating Violence pamphlet and create a new Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault pamphlet during their time at SACE. The Public Education Department has been updating



SACE's pamphlets and information handouts as the year has progressed, and the student's contribution greatly assisted in this process. We look forward to having more student placements in the coming year.

Public Education also created a detailed manual outlining the Junior High and High School sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape drugs presentations. We have begun to develop a volunteer training program for volunteers who wish to assist with presentations to raise awareness of issues of sexual violence in the community. The manual that was created has been an integral part of this process as a tool for training volunteers.

Public Ed has worked diligently on all of these projects in addition to delivering numerous workshops and presentations within schools, community groups and other agencies. The education program reached well over 18,000 participants of diverse ages, occupations and cultural backgrounds in 2006.

The Public Education staff also represent SACE in the community by serving on many committees. These committees include: Expecting Respect, Take Back the Night, International Women's Day Committee and the Edmonton Area Sexual Assault Centres' Public Education Committee.

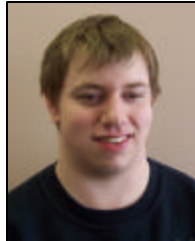
We also attended numerous workshops and information sessions to increase our knowledge and awareness of issues of sexual violence in the community; these include: "Safe Guarding Our Youth: A Community Internet Safety Conference"; "Diverse Voices Family Violence Conference"; and "Enhancing Culturally Responsive Capacities in Programs and Practice" A cultural competency workshop. These committees, workshops and community involvements have enhanced our knowledge and networking.

**Erin M**  
**Lisa H**  
**Harpreet B**

# Public Education

## PDD Project

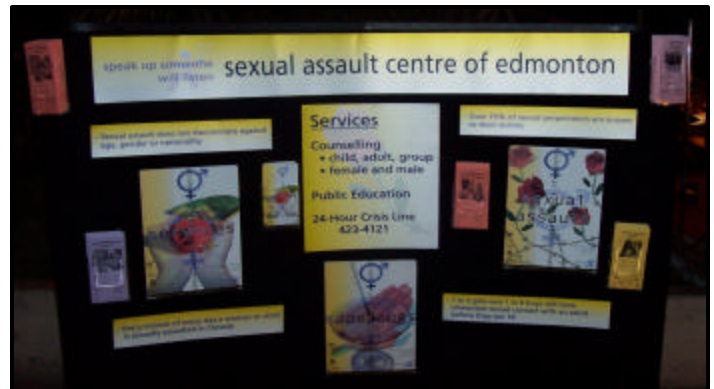
SACE is would like to thanks Edmonton Region Board Person's with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) for this project funding. Our PDD Project has entered its 2nd year. We have created a Public Education



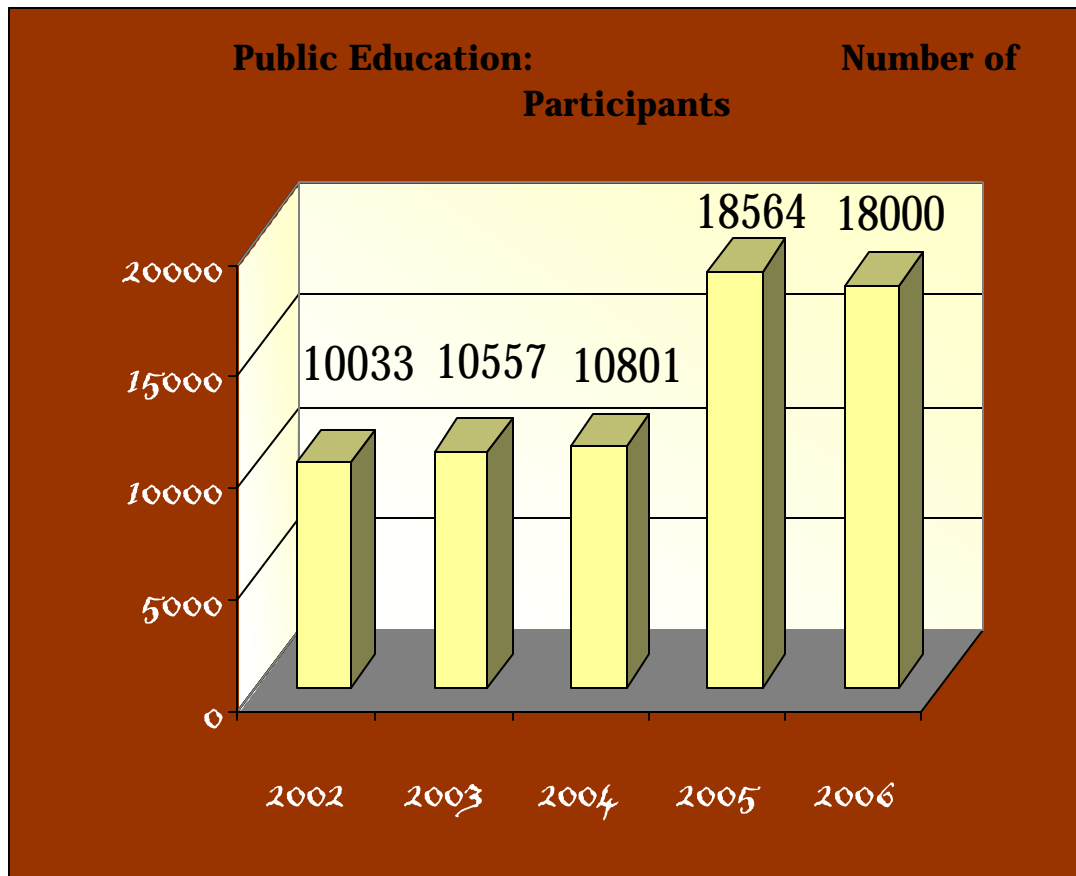
Presentation to be delivered to persons with developmental disabilities, service providers, the police, Crown Prosecutors and SART nurses (Sexual Assault Response Team). This presentation is also being incorporated into our existing Public Education Program that SACE delivers in the schools. We are in the process of developing a number of brochures about sexual assault and the disabled population. We

are continuing to conduct focus groups with members of the disabled population as well as service providers. We are grateful to our funders for the opportunity to work on such an important and exciting project.

**Lenore L  
Ryan N**



Public Ed Display Booth



# Volunteer Services



2006 was a fast paced year of 'firsts' for the Volunteer Department at SACE. After joining the SACE team in February 2006, I've had the opportunity of experiencing everything about the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton's volunteers, volunteer program and training for the first time!! I am truly

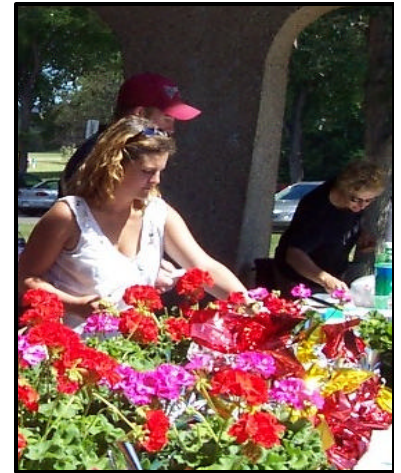
honoured to be part of such a great organization which is supported by volunteers who are so knowledgeable, passionate and in essence, inspiring!!

Volunteers are the key to the continuing success of our organization at the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton as they provide our foundation of support. They are a crucial role in our daily operation. Without the listening skills, empathy and dedication of our volunteers, our 24-hour crisis line would not be possible. Without the daily support of our office volunteers, many tasks would remain incomplete. Without the tireless dedication and effort of our bingo and casino volunteers, much needed funding would be unattainable. So, with 200 active volunteers donating time, talents, insights, and energy in all aspects of the agency, we are able to provide quality and enhanced service to our clients and to the community at large.

It is critical that every survivor affected by sexual violence have somewhere to turn when they feel they need support. Our 24 Hour Crisis Line volunteers provide a high standard of support and crisis intervention to survivors affected by sexual violence in Edmonton and surrounding area. They offer a safe, confidential, non-judgmental space where callers can talk about their experience and receive support from trained listeners. Our crisis line volunteers are required to complete a fifty hour training course which covers topics such as: sexual assault, child sexual abuse, adults molested as children, sexual harassment, drug facilitated sexual assault, sexually transmitted infections, suicide intervention, communication, legal issues and medical information. In addition to support, they are able to give referrals and follow-up referrals as required. Crisis line training is offered three times a year, and upon successful completion of a written exam and role-play exercises, volunteers then assume the responsibility of supporting those who seek our assistance. In terms of evaluating measurable outcomes, we have

learned from our Volunteer Satisfaction Survey that volunteers continue to appreciate the training provided, and the support received from staff and other volunteers. They value this opportunity to give back to the community in concert with their own personal growth. Thank you to all our Crisis Line Volunteers who work many hours to support those who access our service. A special thanks to all of our team leaders, Anne R, Jackie Y, Candace B, Rochelle O, Ivana W., Natascha W, Estelle D, and Joanne B, for their extra effort, phone calls, and emails!!

In July 2006, our Volunteer Appreciation "Picnic in the Park" celebration was held at Hawrelak Park. This year Debra W. was the recipient of our 2006 "Volunteer of the Year Award". Debra has volunteered with SACE since September 2003 and to date, has volunteered OVER 970 hours!!! Debra has consistently attended Volunteer Meetings, volunteered for special events like the Edmonton Women's Show and attend our Annual General Meetings'. She also volunteered to do a feasibility study for SACE!!! Debra, thank you so much for your generosity towards SACE—we are lucky to have you!!



On November 23, 2006 we held our "Happy Holidays" party, which was a great success. This annual potluck was very impressive and our tacky gift exchange was a blast!! Good times!!

The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton continues to prosper and advance with the support of all our Volunteers, Board of Directors, stakeholders and staff, in collaboration with the community. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their hours of selfless service!! I welcome an eventful and dynamic 2007.

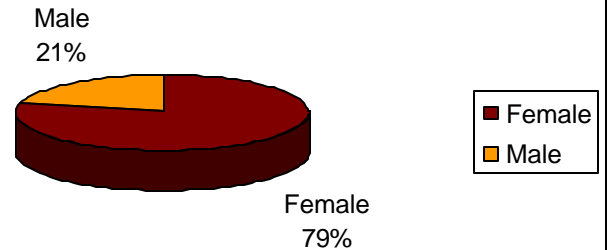
**Lacey B**  
**Director of Volunteer Services**

**TOTAL NUMBER  
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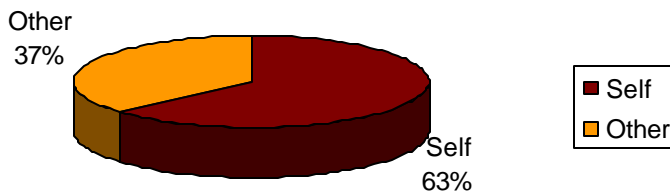
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The following statistics are based on a random sample size of 1445 crisis calls

**2006 Caller Gender**



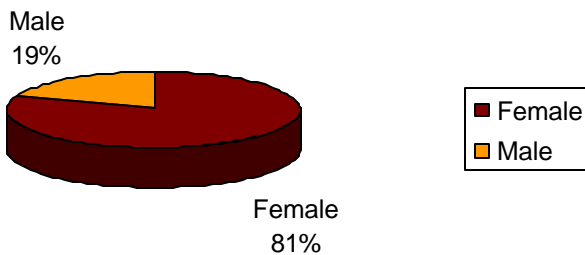
**2006 Caller Relation to Victim**



Males made up 29% of child victims, 12% of youth, and 8% of adult victims of sexual assault reported to 154 police agencies across Canada. 53% of the offenders of police-reported adult male sexual assault victims are acquaintances and 23% are strangers

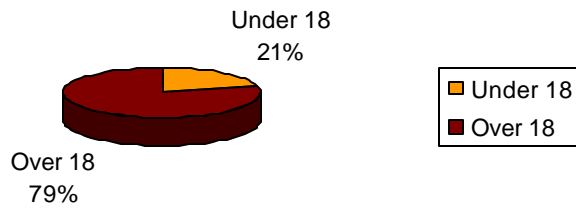
(Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2003).

**2006 Gender of Victim**





### 2006 Victim's Current Age



In 2003, 61% of all victims of sexual assault reported to the police were children and youth under 18 years.

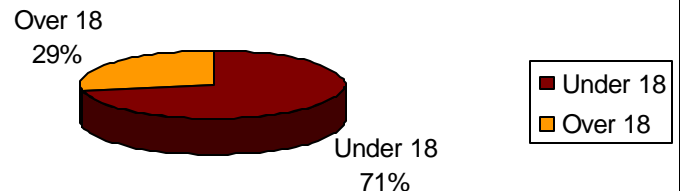
Reports of girl victims were highest at ages 11 to 19 and reports of boy victims were highest at 3 to 14 years of age.

(Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2003)

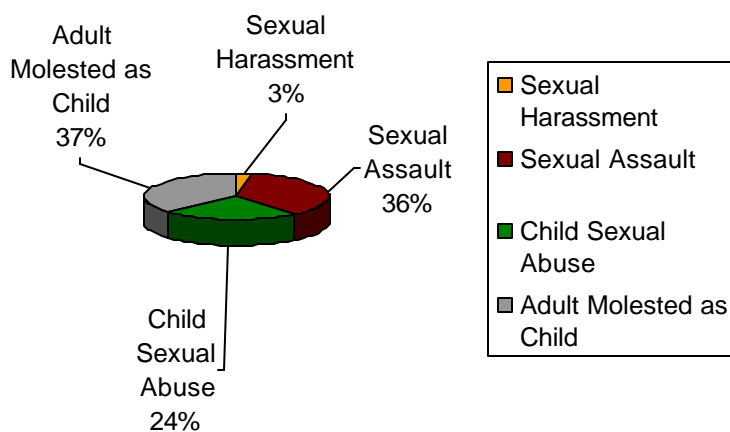
Children and youth are over represented as victims of police reported sexual assaults. Although they represent only **21%** of the population, 6 out of every 10 sexual assaults reported to police involved a child or youth.

The Daily, Stats Canada, 2005

### 2006 Victim's Age When Assaulted



### 2006 Assault Type



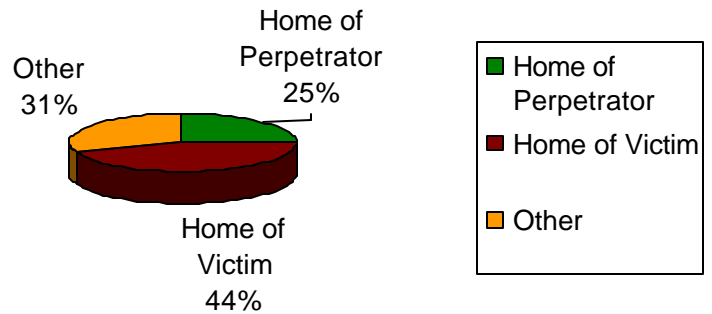
Younger victims were more likely to be sexually assaulted by a **family member**. Half of victims under the age of 6 were sexually assaulted by a family member

The Daily, Stats Canada 2005

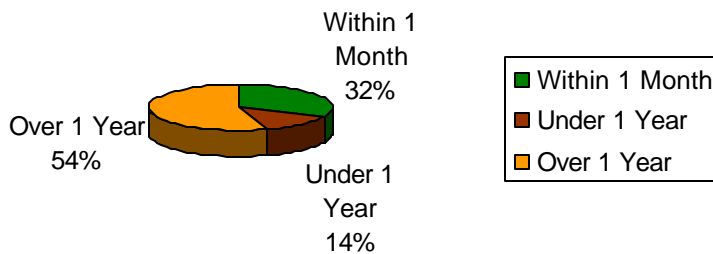
Of sexual assaults reported to police in Canada in 2002, 64% took place in a **residence**, 26% in a **public place**, and 11% in **commercial places**.

(Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2003).

### 2006 Location of Assault



### 2006 Timing of Assault



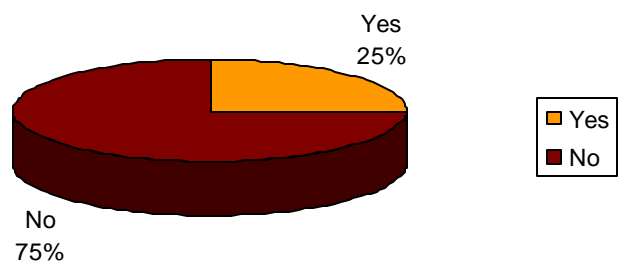
The risk for people with disabilities of being sexually abused in **institutions** is 2 to 4 times more likely than the risk of being sexually abused in the community.

Sobsey & mansell, 1992

Research suggests that 28% of gay men experience sexual assault by their partner.

McClennen, Summers & Vaughan, 2002

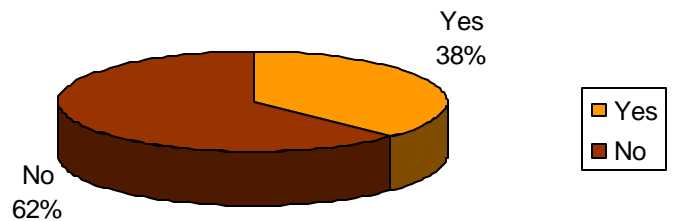
### 2006 Medical Attention



Victimization surveys show that **less than 10% of women** who are sexually assaulted report the assault to the police.

(Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women, 2002, *Assessing Violence Against Women: A Statistical Profile*, p.19)

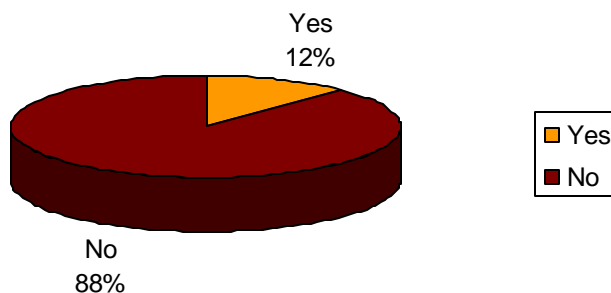
### 2006 Police Involved



Victims' decisions to report the violence to criminal justice and social services depend on a variety of factors, some of which include **fear** of the offender, **shame** and **embarrassment**, and regional **availability of services**.

The Daily, Stats Canada 2006

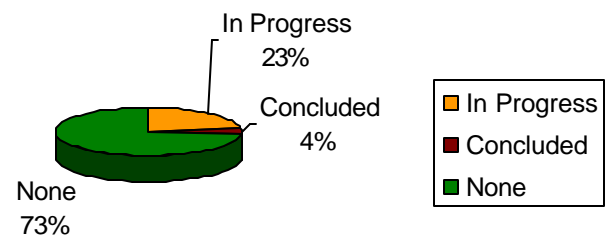
### 2006 Child Welfare Involved



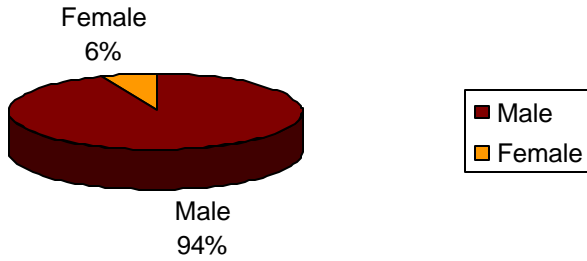
over 90% of sexual assault victims did not seek support from the criminal justice system.

The Daily, Stats Canada 2006

### 2006 Legal Status



### 2006 Gender of Perpetrator



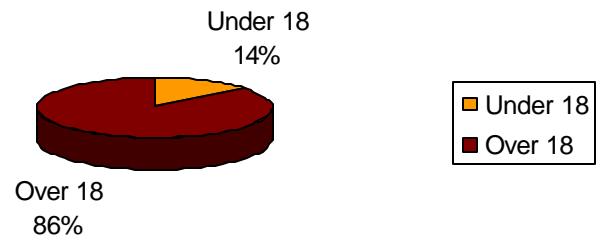
Almost half of the perpetrators of abuse against people with disabilities made contact with the abuse survivor through services related to the survivor's disability

Sobsey, 1994

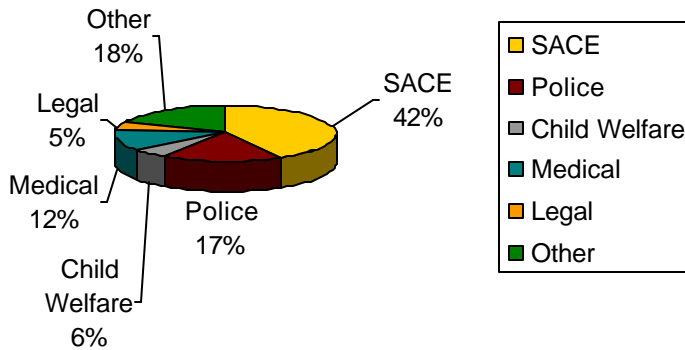
In reported sexual assaults 97% of sex offenders are men.

Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2003

### 2006 Perpetrator's Age at Assault



### 2006 Referrals Given

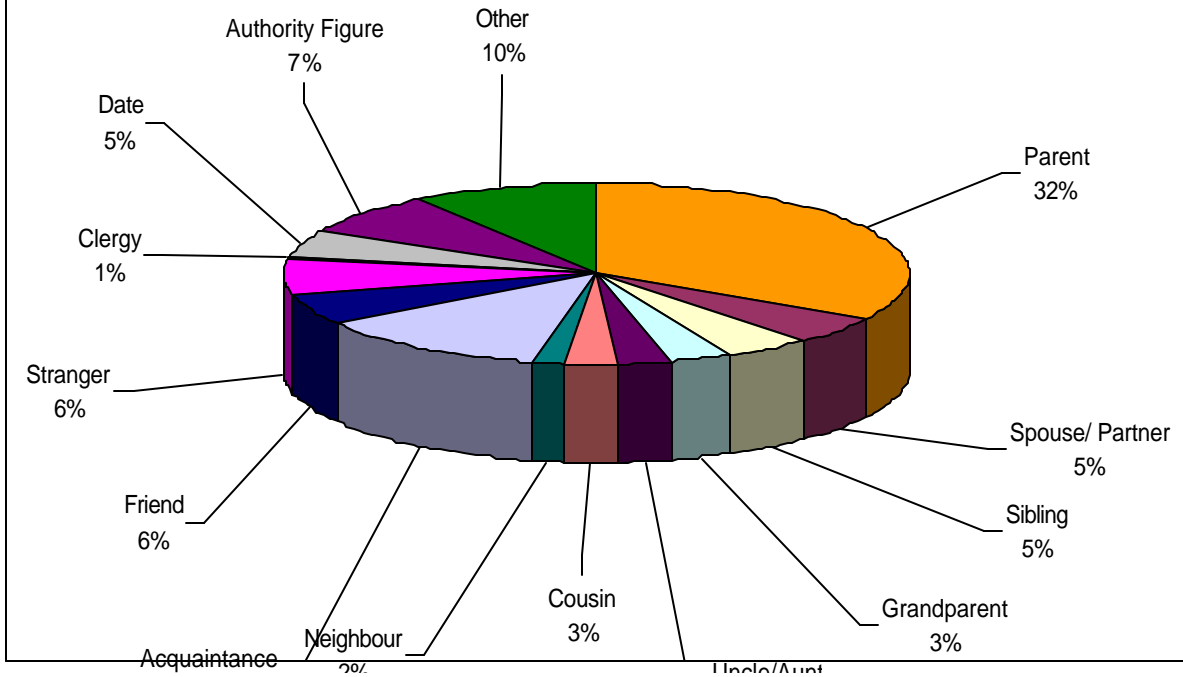


30% of abuse survivors with disabilities are male

Dick Sobsey, 1994



## 2006 Perpetrator's Relation to Victim



...of substantiated sexual abuse cases reported to Child Welfare Authorities in Canada, **non - parental relatives** represented the largest group of alleged perpetrators (28%), followed by biological **fathers** (15%), & **step-fathers** (9%). Biological **mothers** held 5% .

Trocme, Maclaurin, & Fallon, et al. 2001



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