

Boys are Trafficked Too: Factors of Resilience For Male Survivors of Exploitation

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Seven Common Myths

Myth 1: Real men aren't victims.

Myth 2: An Erection is Consent.

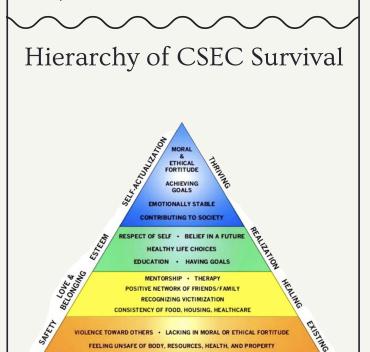
Myth 3: Sexual abuse and trauma is less harmful to boys than it is to girls.

Myth 4: Most men who sexually abuse boys are gay.

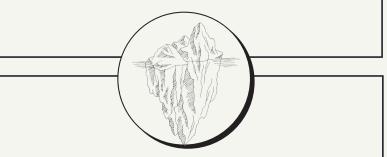
Myth 5: Boys abused by males must have attracted the abuse because they are gay or become gay as a result.

Myth 6: If a boy is abused by a female, he is "lucky". If he doesn't feel that way there is something wrong with him.

Myth 7: If boys are abused they will continue the cycle of abuse with others.



Boys and men are also victims of commercial exploitation, both sex and/or labor trafficking, and suffer from lasting effects, yet are often underrepresented and are not identified.



Important Facts

- Males who have these experiences are less likely to disclose than females.
- 52.4% of male victims report being raped by an acquaintance and 15.1% by a stranger
- The National Crime Victimization Survey turned up a remarkable statistics, in asking 40,000 households about rape and sexual violence, the survey uncovered that 38% of incidences were against men.
- A recent analysis of Bureau of Justice Statistics data found that 46% of male victims of sexual assault reported a female perpetrator.
- Compared to those with no history of sexual abuse, young males who were sexually abused were five times more likely to cause teen pregnancy, three times more likely to have multiple sexual partners and two times more likely to have unprotected sex, according to the study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health.
- Boys that have been sexually abused at home are often targeted by traffickers as they are deemed easier to manipulate. More money can be earned by younger boys exploited for sex. Younger boys are expected to have greater earning potential, and as such are in greater demand.

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