

# Matching Assistance Newsletter

## National Child Abuse Statistics

- **A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds.**
- Almost **five children die everyday** as a result of child abuse. More than three out of four are under the age of 4.
- It is estimated that between 60-85% of child fatalities due to maltreatment are **not recorded as such on death certificates.**
- 90% of child sexual abuse victims know the perpetrator in some way; 68% are abused by family members.
- Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education.
- 31% percent of women in prison in the United States were abused as children.
- Over **60% of people in drug rehabilitation centers report being abused or neglected** as a child.
- About 30% of abused and neglected children **will later abuse their own children**, continuing the horrible cycle of abuse.
- About 80% of 21 year old that were abused as children met criteria for **at least one psychological disorder.**
- The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States for 2007 is **\$104 billion.**
- Abused children are **25% more likely to experience teen pregnancy.**
- Abused teens are **3 times less likely** to practice safe sex, putting them at greater risk for STDs.

### Child Abuse & Criminal Behavior

- 14% of all men in prison in the USA were abused as children
- 36% of all women in prison were abused as children
- Children who experience child abuse & neglect are 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile, 28% more likely to be arrested as an adult, and 30% more likely to commit violent crime.

## Child Abuse Consequences

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## Child Abuse & Substance Abuse

- Children who have been sexually abused are **2.5 times more likely to abuse alcohol**
- Children who have been sexually abused are **3.8 times more likely develop drug addictions**
- Nearly **two-thirds of the people** in treatment for drug abuse reported being abused as children

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