

# Evidence in Action

## Fostering Integrated Social Practice

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Victims of child abuse are **26x** more likely to experience **homelessness** in the future.

Adverse childhood experiences are they risk factors for adult homelessness? (1997)  
American Journal of Public Health

Victims of child abuse have **90%** worse **health** than the general population.

Effects of child abuse and neglect for adult survivors (2007) American Society for the Positive Care of Children

**70-80%** of sexual abuse survivors report excessive **drug and alcohol** use.

Stop it Now! (2013) Warning signs in children and adolescents of possible child sexual abuse. Northampton, MA.

Children who experience child abuse are **59%** more likely to be **arrested** as a juvenile.

Brightfuture4kids.org/learn/statistics

**76%** of Canadian adults report some form of **trauma** exposure in their lifetime.

Van Ameringen, M., et al., Post-traumatic stress disorder in Canada. CNS Neuroscience & Therapeutics, 2008. 14(3):p. 171-181.

People who have experienced trauma are **15x** more likely to attempt **suicide**.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



# A Model of Collaboration



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- Human Services
- Justice and Solicitor General
- Education

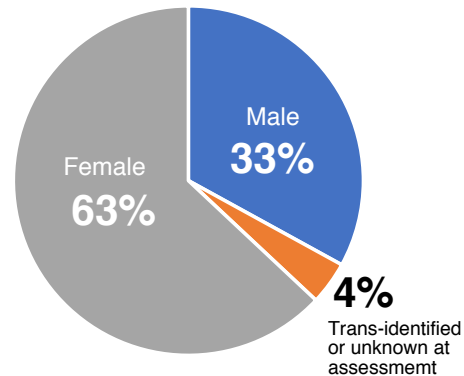
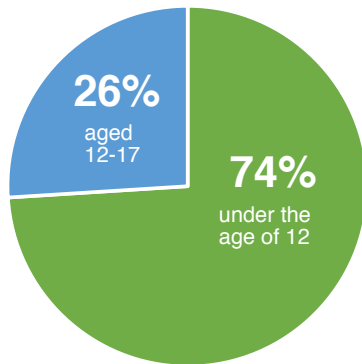
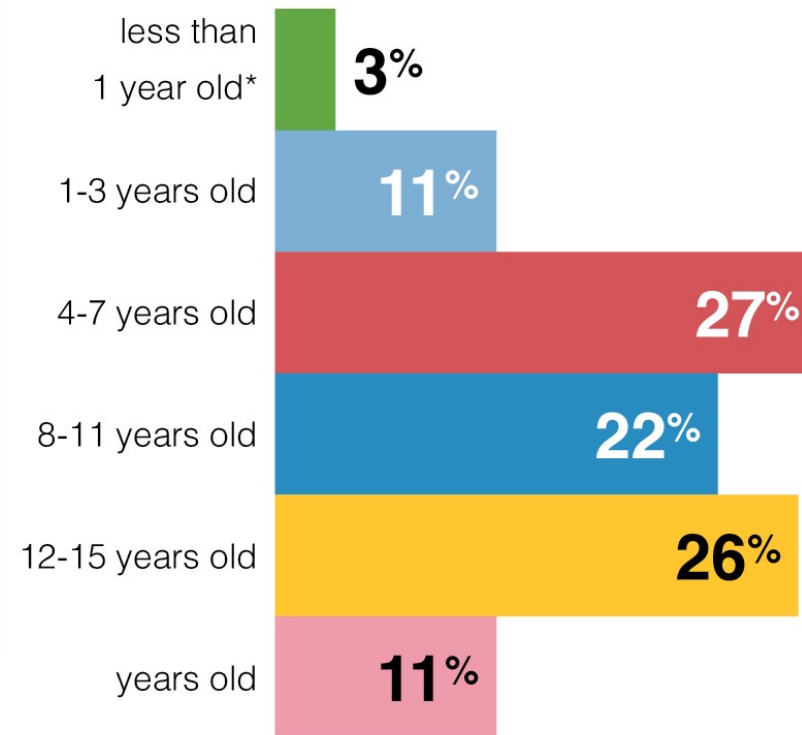


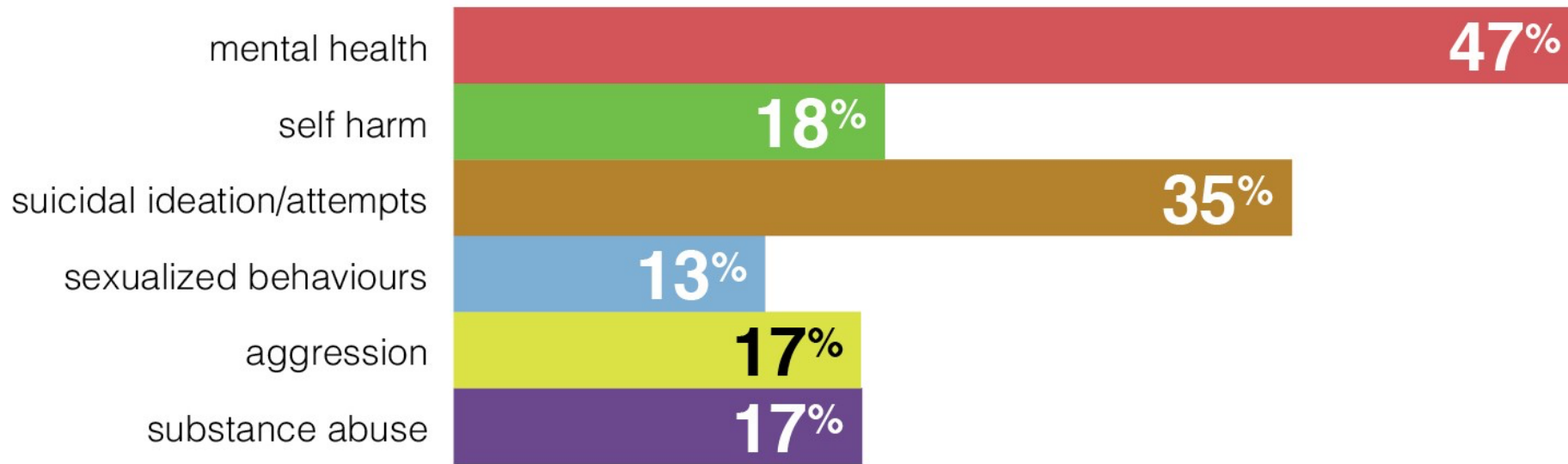
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# Who We Serve

- **7,900** victims of child abuse have been assessed since April 2013 (124/month)
- **95%** knew their abuser(s)
- **46%** were abused by their own parent/caregiver





**65%** of youth age 12-17 presented one or more of the above challenges assessed at the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre



# Preliminary Social Return on Investment Results

- Annual cost of child abuse in Canada is estimated at \$21.5 billion  
(Law Commission of Canada (Bowlus, McKenna, Day & Wright, 2003))
- Annual cost of child abuse in Alberta is estimated to be \$2.4 billion  
(Law Commission of Canada (Bowlus, McKenna, Day & Wright, 2003))
- The SKCAC needs to achieve only a 0.1% (one tenth of one percent) reduction in the annual costs of child abuse in Alberta in order to have a positive SROI (KPMG)
- Productivity improvements in just one team (Joint Investigative Child Abuse Team) at the SKCAC are valued at ~\$550,000 annually (KPMG)



**“To know better is to  
do better”**



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