

The Science of Child Sexual Abuse

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The authors call on researchers from social science, medical, and criminal justice fields to gather better information on the prevalence, causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of CSA. A 1996 report from the Department of Justice estimated rape and sexual abuse of children to cost \$1.5 billion in medical expenses and \$23 billion total annually to U.S. victims. Whereas \$2 is spent on research for every \$100 in cost for cancer, only \$0.05 is spent for every \$100 dollars in cost for child maltreatment.

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