

Background:

King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) is committed to the elimination of sexual assault. This mission has driven the work of the agency since its founding in 1976. KCSARC has grown to be the largest sexual assault victim's service organization in Washington. Responsible for creating innovative, nationally-recognized prevention education and therapeutic programs, KCSARC's work has been replicated around the country. Our original book, *He Told Me Not To Tell*, the first book ever published about child sexual abuse, has been printed in 10 languages in 8 countries. At last count, over a million copies have been distributed.

Our pioneering work in collaboration with the King County Prosecutor's Office created our **Legal Advocacy** program, which is the model for similar programs in counties throughout the United States.

In 2002, KCSARC was named by Washington CEO magazine as the "Best Place to Work" in the non-profit category. We were also given the "Business Excellence Award" by the Renton Chamber of Commerce & the "Business Innovation Award" by the Kent Chamber of Commerce. Lindsay Palmer, KCSARC's Director of Education, was named "2002 Citizen of the Year" by the Municipal League of King County.

**In 2003, we served over 3,300 victims of sexual assault and their families.
Our services are provided free of charge to residents of King County.**

Relevant Statistics:

- One in three girls and one in five boys will be sexually assaulted by the time they are 16 years old, regardless of race, religion, economic status, or other demographic categories.
- 84% of all sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.
- 40% of victims never received services; many never tell anyone of the assault

What KCSARC Provides:

- 24-hour Sexual Assault Resource Line (1-888-99-VOICE)
- Individual therapy for children and adolescents
- Group Therapy for adult survivors of childhood sexual assault
- Child advocacy to assess the needs of the child and family affected by sexual assault, and to provide parent education
- Medical Advocacy for children and their caregivers during forensic medical exams
- Legal advocacy for victims who must confront the lengthy and confusing proceedings of the criminal justice system

Sexual Assault Prevention Programs: *Education is the key to preventing and eventually eliminating sexual assault.*

- Continuing Education for individuals, teachers, schools.
- Community Presentations for community groups and organizations.
- Community Development: Working with communities in their efforts to prevent sexual assault in their schools and neighborhoods.
- Resource Materials: Booklets, brochures and printed information related to healing and preventing sexual assault.

