

### Community Presentations:

Because child abuse knows no boundaries it is important that every parent, teacher and child recognize the early signs of abuse and how to report it.

Presentations available to the community include:

- Good Touch/ Bad Touch
- Stranger Danger
- Child Abuse
  - Child Verbal Abuse
  - Child Emotional Abuse
  - Child Physical Abuse
  - Child Sexual Abuse
- Bullying
- Dating Violence
- Internet Safety
- Acquaintance Sexual Assault
- Marital Rape
- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Preventing Sexual Assault

### Sexual Assault Services and Information Program

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*We have the power  
to make a difference..*

*Speak Out!*

*Join the fight to end*

*Sexual Violence*

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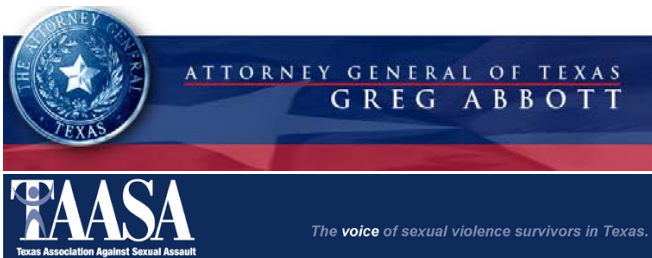
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SCAN's Mission is to foster the healthy development of children, adolescents, families and communities through the provision of engaging responsive, comprehensive and developmentally appropriate services that are deeply rooted in the community.

### **The Sexual Assault Services and Information**

**(SASI)** Program is based on the concept that every victim of sexual violence has the right to support and advocacy services it is designed to provide free comprehensive services to sexually assaulted individuals.



The SASI program is committed to ending sexual violence through education, prevention and advocacy. It also supports sexual assault survivors on their paths to hope, healing and justice.

### **WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?**

Sexual assault is a violent crime based on control and humiliation that is increasing at an alarming rate in Texas. It is not a sexually motivated act. It stems from aggression, rage and a desire to exercise power over someone else.

### **FACTS ON SEXUAL ASSAULT:**

- Nearly two (2) million adult Texans have been sexually assaulted in their lifetime, almost 13% of Texas residents.
- Every two minutes, someone is sexually assaulted in the state of Texas.
- The vast majority of rape victims—nearly 80% know the person who rapes them
- An estimated 82% of all rapes go unreported.
- Many Texans have only a surface understanding of what constitutes sexual assault

### **THE IMPACT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON VICTIMS**

- Fewer than 20% of sexual assaults are reported to the authorities in the state of Texas because of shame, fear, hurt and anger.
- 13% of rape victims attempt suicide. 30% contemplate suicide.
- Family and friends not only help their loved one deal with the effects of an assault, but must manage their own feelings about the victimization of someone they care about.
- Communities affected by this crime against a fellow citizen become one concerned about their personal safety.
- In Texas 60% of adults and more than 50% of teenagers say sexual assault is a personal worry.

### **SASI SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- 24-hour crisis intervention for sexual assault victims and their families
- Emotional support
- Explanation of the medical examination
- Explanation of the legal process and victims rights
- Assistance with filling out Texas Crime Victims' Compensation applications
- Offer medical, legal and court accompaniment throughout legal proceedings
- Referrals to community agencies

We are looking for community members to become advocates for the sexual assault program. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Please contact Sandra Hernandez or Sylvia Flores at (956) 725-2522 for more information.

Volunteers must be 18 or older, agree to a background check and complete 24 hours of training.

