



12 Things the Church Should Know About Child Abuse

6 Million children are reported as abused annually.

Girls in foster care are 60% more likely than the general population to become pregnant before the age of 21.

Most victims of abuse and neglect are 18 months and younger

Each year, about 26,200 youth age out of foster care, most at age 18.

Over 1500 children die annually from child abuse in the United States. Nearly 80% were under 4 years old.

Within one year of aging out, 66% of foster children will be homeless, go to jail or die.

There are about 382,400 children and youth currently in foster care in the United States.

80% of the prison population once was in foster care.

104,200 youth and children are available for adoption.

We must reach out to the victims of child abuse because...

According to national statistics 40 percent of foster children will never complete high school.

A study found that as many as two-thirds of individuals in drug treatment programs reported being abused as children.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction... James 1:27

