



## It happens to boys!!!!

### What makes boys afraid to tell about Sexual Abuse?

- Boys are under the assumption that they should be able to protect themselves. If someone takes advantage of them it is their own fault, they should have been stronger.
- Boys feel they won't be believed, especially if the abuse was perpetrated by a woman.
- Boys worry that if the perpetrator was male then he must be gay, or if he tells, people will think he is gay.
- Our current societal belief is that victims are female and perpetrators are male, therefore males are not seen as abuse victims.

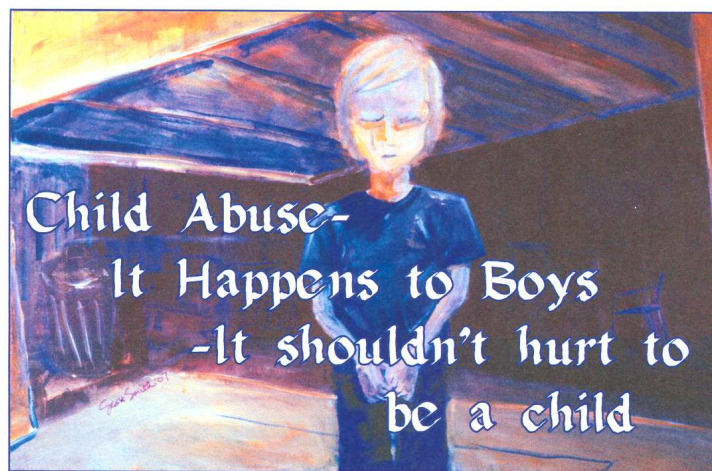
### What happens to these boys?

- There is an increase in addiction problems, emotional problems, and relational problems.
- Reenactment of childhood victimization is the major cause of violence in our society.

### What can we do?

- Talk to your children, students, family members. Teach boys about healthy sexual boundaries and their right to set boundaries about their own bodies. Encourage dialogue with safe adults.
- Prevent Child Abuse; Riverside County is campaigning to educate the public to help the future men of our Communities.

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