

- Many victims do not pursue child support out of fear for themselves or their children.¹⁴ (Important to note for judges or defense attorneys who believe victims abuse the criminal system for civil gains.)

Teen Dating Violence

- 13% of teenage girls who have been in a dating relationship report being physically hurt or hit.¹⁵
- One in five teens in serious relationships report having been slapped, hit or pushed by a partner.¹⁶
- One in three teens report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, slapped, choked or physically hurt by a partner.¹⁷
- One study of 8th and 9th graders found that 25% had been victims of nonsexual dating violence and 8% had been victims of sexual dating violence.¹⁸
- 26% of teen girls in a dating relationship reported repeated verbal abuse.¹⁹

FOOTNOTES

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New Violence Against Women Website

We at the Conference recently unveiled the updated Violence Against Women website! The site includes information about domestic and sexual violence awareness, upcoming trainings, helpful links and much more. We will continue to add to the website, so please check back frequently for additional resources and information.

Please contact us if you have suggestions or ideas for the website. We hope you will find it to be a useful tool.

DV Regionals

We have already completed three regional trainings in Greenville, Wilmington and Durham, and we are off to a great start! Please take a look at the remainder of the dates for the regional trainings and encourage your law enforcement to attend with you. If we have already been to your area, please contact us for more information on other trainings to attend.

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