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Working with Male Survivors of Sexual Assault

Knowledge Transferring

Guiding Research Questions

- ▶ How prevalent is male sexual assault and what are the barriers survivors face in disclosing their experience?
- ▶ What services are offered to male survivors of sexual assault?
- ▶ Do victims suffer any long-term health consequences?
- ▶ Does a man's experience with sexual assault impact his decision to become a father? For fathers, has the experience influenced their parenting?

Methodology

Inclusion Criteria:

- ▶ Peer-reviewed & non-peer reviewed articles that explore the issue of Male Sexual Assault (MSA), Childhood Sexual Assault (CSA), and impacts of MSA on fathering.
- ▶ Interviews with 3 male survivors of sexual assault
- ▶ Reports on domestic violence that referred to sexual violence, sexual coercion, sexual assault, and rape.
- ▶ Publication date between 1982-2014.
- ▶ Literature written in English, focusing on the following regions: North America, Great Britain, and Australia.

Exclusion Criteria

- ▶ Articles were excluded if they exclusively focused on the following: perpetrators, prevention programs, sexual assault in the military or prison, childhood sexual assault, adolescents, school-based sexual assault, and gender differences of people who hold rape myths.
- ▶ Book reviews, foreign language publications, and undergraduate dissertations.

Methodology

Databases	Search Terms Used
PUBMED (http://www.pubmed.com)	Men, man OR male AND sexual abuse OR sexual assault OR rape; men, man OR male AND trauma OR ABUSE; father OR fathering AND sexual assault OR sexual abuse; father AND sexual abuse; father AND maltreatment; parent AND sexual abuse; male survivors of sexual assault; male sexual assault victims
Google Scholar (http://scholar.google.ca)	
EBSCO (http://search.ebscohost.com)	
Scholars Portal (http://scholarsportal.info)	
SAGE Journals (http://online.sagepub.com)	

Main Findings of Literature Review & Informant Interviews

1. Prevalence
2. Disclosure
3. Services/ Service Utilization
4. Impacts on Health
5. Fathering

Fathering

“If I look back at deciding to have kids, it’s because I wanted a family. I wanted what I never had but was desperate for...I was unable to open myself up to them, but I protected them fiercely.”

“Extremely overprotective. It drives me insane.”

“Being a survivor didn’t have any bearing on my decision to become a parent, but it did have an effect on my parenting. Little things like standing in public washrooms while my little guy would use them. Or being very aware of personal space when playing together.”

The Fathering Equation: Exploring Fatherhood in the Context of Male Sexual Assault and Male Identity

**Joint Conference by Family Services of Peel and the Peel Institute on Violence
Prevention Explored:**

- ▶ Fatherhood from a survivor's lens - models of fatherhood and challenges
- ▶ Gaps and barriers male survivors experience
- ▶ Male identity and sexual abuse

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Recommendations:

1. Educating children and specifically young boys
2. Encouraging province-wide awareness campaigns
3. Services geared towards men

Moving Forward: Breaking Down the Stereotypes

Male identity in patriarchal society: in a state of crisis?

- ▶ What does it mean to be a man?
- ▶ What are the expectations “we” have of men?

Sexuality and male sexual assault survivors

- ▶ “Sexual identity questions and sexual dysfunction are commonly reported consequences of sexual assault for victimized men.” (Tewksbury, 2007)

The “talking cure”: frank disclosure

- ▶ Emotions that were once impossible to tolerate become tolerable.

Reference

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- ▶ Male Survivors - The Fathering Equation - Exploring Fatherhood in the Context of Male Sexual Assault and the Male Identity. Conference Report. March 2015 . www.fspeel.org

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