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Word and Action aims to decrease prevent and occurrence of child sexual abuse, and all other types of child abuse, primarily within the Haitian community as well communities other throughout the United States. W&A wants to promote a more culturally sensitive approach to service delivery in social services while expanding its partnership and network at the national and international level.

What is "Let's Talk About The Abuse"

"Let's Talk About the Abuse" is a series of "dialogue" hosted in a conference format on the subject of "Child Sexual Abuse."

The purpose of such dialogues is to enable professionals from different fields to provide new perspectives based on their background and experience as a unique way to tackle Child Sexual Abuse in our community.

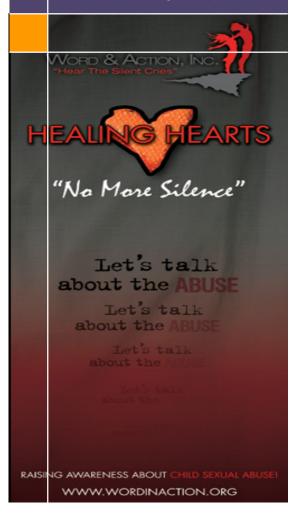
We want to take this issue to the highest platform by having leaders, professionals, and other influential figures to talk and act collectively.

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Conference About Child Sexual Abuse

No child should experience being sexually abused



The Victims

- A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds.
- Almost five children die every day as a result of child abuse. More than three out of four are under the age of 4.
- Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education.
- The estimated annual coast of child abuse and neglect in the United States for 2007 is \$104 billion.

Just talk about it ...





Talk about the abuse is the first step toward healing!

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WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse is any time that a child is engaged in a sexual situation with an older person. It can include actual physical contact, such as fondling or rape, but it also includes making a child watch sexual acts or pornography, using a child in any aspect of the production of pornography, or making a child look at an adult's genitals.

Also, sexual abuse includes intercourse, incest, sodomy, exhibitionism, and commercial exploitation through prostitution.

Incest is when sexual abuse is perpetrated

by an adult or older child who is a blood or legal relative.

The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect defines child sexual assault as: "Contacts or interactions between a child and an adult when the child is being used for sexual stimulation of the perpetrator or another person when the perpetrator or another person is in a position of power or control over the victim.

Sexual abuse may be committed by a person under the age of eighteen when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the abuser is in a position of power or control over the victimized child/adolescent.