

**MARYLAND**



**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

**&**

**THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT OF 2023**

**SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE BRIEFING**

**JANUARY 19, 2023**

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# MARYLAND



- Statewide collective impact initiative – grew out of SCCAN’s Prevention Workgroup
- public and private agencies and individuals from across sectors and the state
- receives technical assistance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control
- Overall vision:
  - Promote *safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments* for all of Maryland’s children that help children grow up to be healthy and productive citizens so that they, in turn, can build stronger and safer families and communities for their children (a multi-generation approach).
  - Prevent & mitigate child maltreatment and other adverse childhood experiences .
- Focuses on the latest developments in developmental science (NEAR science): neurobiology , epigenetics, ACEs, and resilience to advance this vision.

**JUSTICE 4 MD**

**SURVIVORS**

**PROTECT KIDS, NOT PREDATORS**

**THE CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 2023**

# TODAY'S AGENDA



Child Sexual Abuse Numbers & Impact of Trauma



Public Policy: How we protect kids & give survivors justice



Legislative history & Constitutional discussions





## CSA IMPACTS FOR VICTIMS:

Brain Science teaches us about the impacts of trauma on children.

Victims have increased risks for physical & mental health issues.

Victims have increased risks for interpersonal struggles & risk taking behaviors

Generational trauma impacts victim's children & grandchildren.





## CSA IMPACTS ON SOCIETY:

Law Enforcement

Educational System

Healthcare

Substance Abuse

Mental Health

Social Services

Workforce





## INSTITUTIONAL BETRAYAL: DARVO

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Deny

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Attack

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Reverse Victim and  
Offender

# SURVIVORS VOICES ARE CLEAR:



Keep kids safe



Hold abusers  
accountable



Access to justice

