

ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center

Impact on the Community

ASSIST SURVIVORS

Since 1992, 370 victims of sexual violence have presented themselves in the Emergency Department of St. Agnes Hospital. ASTOP's trained medical advocates accompany these individuals and act as a support person for the survivors and their family members. In collaboration with St. Agnes Hospital, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) gathers forensic evidence and completes an examination for injuries. ASTOP's client/victim advocate then assists the victim as their cases move through the legal system and makes referrals to other resources as necessary.

TREATMENT

Since April 6, 1992, ASTOP's counselors have provided cost-free counseling to over 2,549 clients dealing with issues of sexual violence. Seventy percent of our clients are at or below the poverty level. Fourteen percent of these individuals are elementary age; nine percent are clients with developmental disabilities and the remaining are adult males and females. Twenty one percent of the adults are affected family members. Education groups are provided for women in correctional residential treatment, females who are in recovery for substance abuse and those who are on the Inpatient Unit of St. Agnes Hospital. Adult, teen, and non-offending parent therapy groups are offered.

ASTOP provides a second location on a part-time basis in Ripon, Wisconsin. Individual and family sessions are held at the Ripon Professional Building. The Ripon office makes it possible for ASTOP to offer services to a larger geographic area.

OUTREACH

Since July 6, 1992, ASTOP has received over 2,205 calls on its 24-hour crisis line. ASTOP's trained volunteers give 25 to 30 hours per month. These volunteers make themselves available to provide crisis intervention, including medical advocacy and crisis calls.

PREVENTION

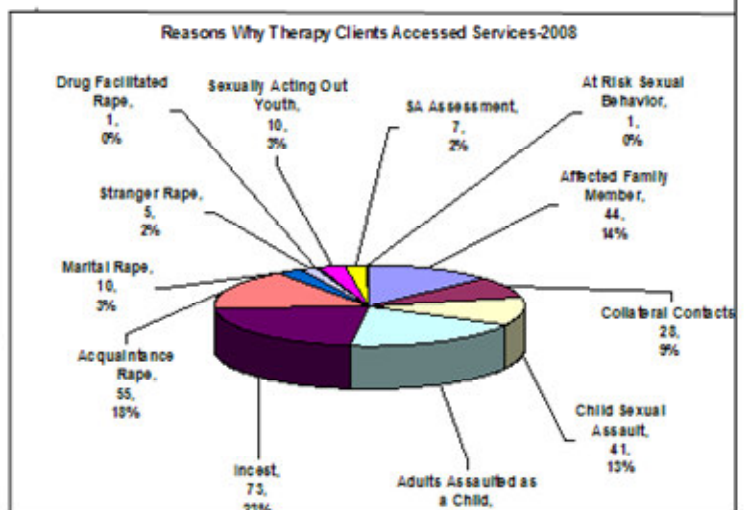
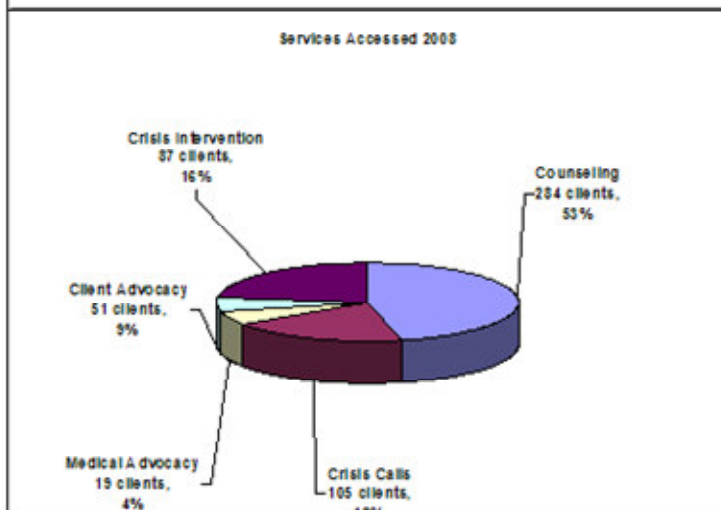
Since August 1991, ASTOP has taught prevention education to over 42,328 children, adolescents, adults, and professionals using the Protective Behavior's curriculum. The program teaches specific strategies to help them confidently address personal safety issues. Protective Behaviors has two themes: "We all have the right to feel safe all of the time...and others have the right to feel safe with us." and, "We can talk with someone we trust about anything no matter how awful or small."

ASTOP, Inc.

A not-for-profit organization, ASTOP recognizes and is thankful for our individual and corporate supporters and for collaborative community involvement. St. Agnes Hospital continues to support ASTOP by donating office space because they believe in our mission of working toward creating a safer environment from sexual violence. ASTOP is proud to be a member of the Fond du Lac Area United Way and Ripon United Way.

ASTOP, Inc. Summary of Services Provided

Service	4/92-12/97	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
New Counseling Clients	693	129	158	156	198	248	170	194	168	94	154	187	2,549
Females	516	84	106	98	115	132	77	92	99	64	110	127	1,620
Males	73	7	13	18	24	38	30	38	16	8	9	12	286
Adolescents	94	15	11	15	19	22	18	24	24	13	17	15	287
Child	10	23	28	25	40	56	45	40	29	9	18	33	356
Collateral Contacts											38	28	66
Clients Fwd. From Previous Year							47	89	63	50	76	97	422
Clients with Special Needs (Included in total # of clients seen)	0	0	0	0	0	54	49	25	10	7	39	41	225
Average # of Clients Receiving Counseling Services (per month)	-	-	-	-	-	71	56	77	71	39	75	98	97
Client Advocacy	0	0	0	2	Oct-Dec 17	78	80	92	34	16	29	51	382
Crisis Contacts/ Information and Referral									34	55	114	87	290
Crisis Calls	967	177	167	137	95	73	109	99	96	85	95	105	2,205
Medical Advocacy	91	18	23	17	38	28	20	24	29	36	27	19	370
Presentations (# of participants)	7,400	1,130	1,889	2,537	4,282	2,704	2,056	4,155	4,792	5,269	6,679	6,835	49,728



ASTOP PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ASTOP's prevention education program of Protective Behaviors (PB) is appropriate for all ages and can be used throughout a person's life. The Protective Behaviors concepts and strategies can be taught to promote anti-victimization and enhance empowerment for all people. It has two themes, which are:

Theme One: "We all have the right to feel safe all of the time...and others have the right to feel safe with us."

Theme Two: "We can talk with someone (we trust) about anything, no matter how awful or small."

ASTOP conducts workshops to train educators, social workers, service providers and law enforcement personnel in the Protective Behaviors process to use with their individual clientele. Following is a brief description of the "K-Through-Life" program.

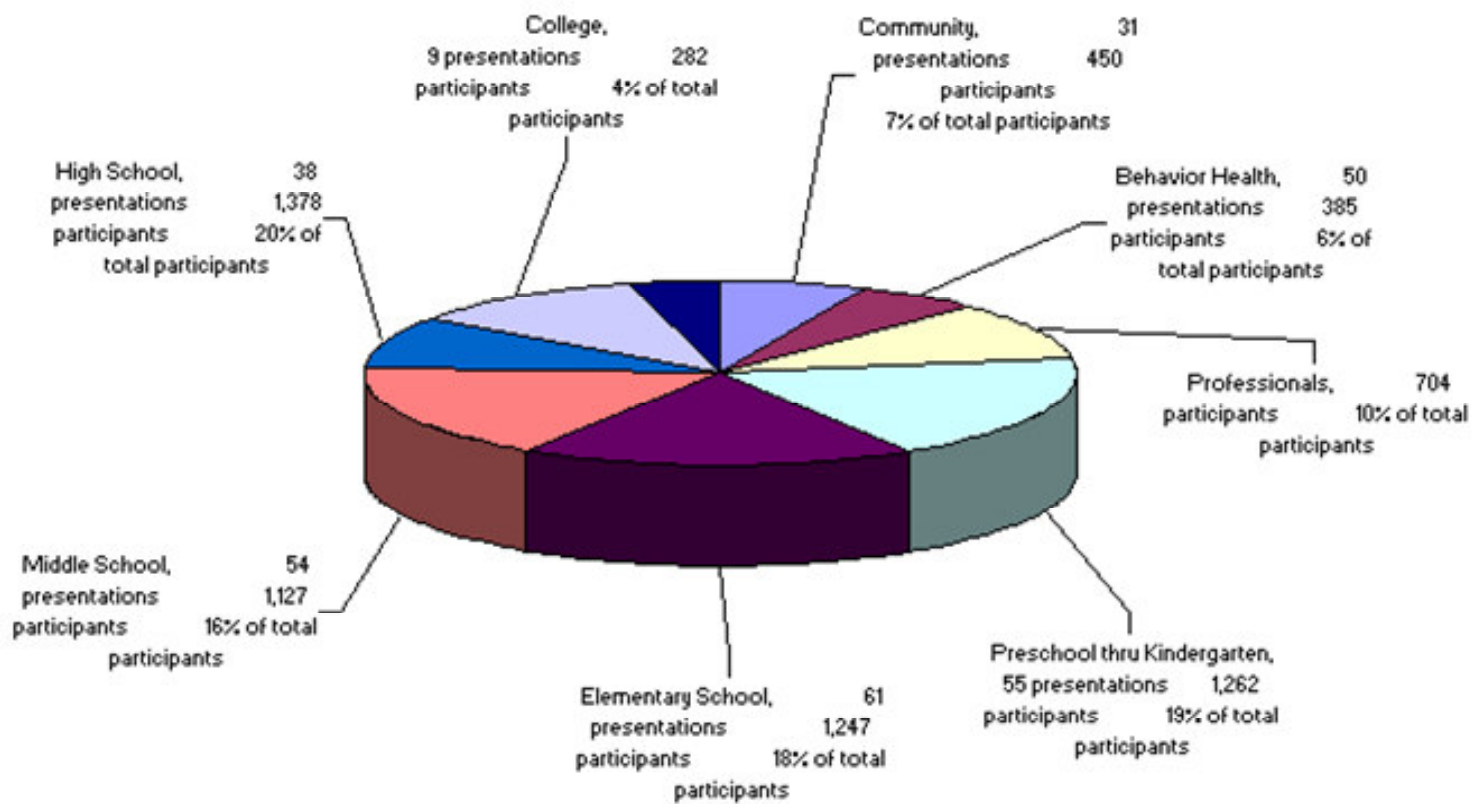
Elementary Education

Safety is a concept that applies to everyday life and yet all too often we are taught be careful, don't take drugs, don't talk to strangers "good touch/bad touch" – in some instances creating paranoid individuals. Protective Behaviors education for the elementary level is an empowerment process, which encourages us to say YES by teaching specific strategies to face challenges confidently without sacrificing the right to feel safe.

Secondary Education

ASTOP specifically wrote a secondary curriculum for teaching Protective Behaviors titled, *Feeling Safe and Standing Strong*. This curriculum works toward creating nonviolent individuals, families, and communities and is being used across Wisconsin, the United States, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom. Violence has become an increasing concern in our personal lives. *Feeling Safe and Standing Strong* enables the participants to explore the influence values and attitudes have on the amount of violence we see in our schools, communities and society.

2008 Presentations 308 Presentations with 6,835 Participants



Consequences of Sexual Assault

