

# Child Maltreatment in Youth Serving Organizations



**Youth Serving Organization (YSO) is an organization that cares for children for extended periods of time with the expectation that their safety is assured.**

Daycare



Detention



Healthcare



Recreation



Religion



Residential



Schools



Sports



## Key Findings from Scoping Review:

- More boys than girls are sexually abused in the religious sector
- In detention facilities abuse by other youth is more common than by staff
- Abuse in the school sector is most common in high schools
- More abuse in sports occurs at higher levels of competition
- Women abusers are over-represented in daycare
- In residential homes males are more frequently victims of physical abuse, while females are more frequently victims of sexual abuse in residential homes

**YSO sexual abuse victim prevalence in US: 3.7%\***

## Recommendations:

Child protection and law enforcement data systems should have a specific category for YSO staff/volunteers and YSO settings

Victim surveys should include an abuser category: YSO staff and volunteers

Studies should include all forms of maltreatment, not just sexual abuse

More multi-sector studies

**Source: Child Maltreatment in Youth Serving Organizations: A Scoping Review**

**<https://www.unh.edu/ccrc/resource/child-maltreatment-youth-serving-organizations-scoping-review>**