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"AMERICA'S CHILDREN: KEY NATIONAL INDICATORS OF WELL-BEING, 2003," FLAWED METHODOLOGY AND BAD DATA MISEDUCATING POLITY AND PUBLIC POLICY ON THE STATE OF "WELL-BEING" OF AMERICAN CHILDREN

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This brief paper notes a few key problems with the flawed status report on "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2003" (the seventh in an annual series), a collective product of 20 government agencies purporting to measure the state of Child Well-Being in the USA

Flawed Methodology Yields Bad Data

Bullet points:

The Child "Well-Being" *methodology* covers up pandemic child dysfunctions resulting from public policies promoting a libertarian view of sex and "private sexual" acts. Duane Alexander, NIHCHHD Director oversees the methodology and research on Child "Well-Being."

- All child "rape" data are purged by collapsing rape into lower "violent" crime rates (inc: robbery)
- All children under 12 are purged from the "Well-Being" data (~two-thirds of the child population)
- These data thus purge the roughly 37% of child sex victims under age 12

- All data on statutory rape, child prostitution/pornography, rape-plea-bargaining etc, are purged
- Epidemic VD data, AIDS, purged, inc: Chlamydia infecting 2,536 per 100,000 girls 15-19

- All kidnapping data are purged (despite 58,200 children kidnapped by non kin in 1999)
- All suicide data are purged except *for firearm suicide* (4 per 100,000)
- All child sexual homicides are purged and of 35 "homicide" cites most address firearm homicide

- *Data on child sexual abuse should track from 1950--the beginning of the sexual revolution to today*
- False claims of children's "Well-Being" undermines the seriousness of child abuse, deflects attention, funds, laws and legislation from the research needed to eliminate the root causes of said abuse

- Methodology: Alexander claims "Well-Being" data find children safer than in the 1970s
- Methodology: Alexander claims culture--not biology--determines human gender (male/female)
- Methodology: Alexander funds pedophile advocates, frauds (e.g., J. Money, Kinsey Institute)

"Children today are more likely to live in single-parent households than their parents were. On the other hand, their parents had a higher risk when they were children of being victims of violence....Teenage children as less likely to be regular churchgoers than previous generations of children. Today's children are less likely to say that religion is important."
(Medical News Today, March 25, 2004, pressrelease@medicalnewstoday.com)

What is the sex "education" canon for teaching American children?

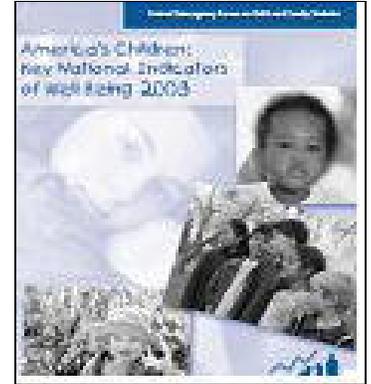
"The New Mexico Health Department is standing behind a sex-education teacher in Santa Fe who encouraged ninth-graders to taste flavored condoms. According to a report in the Santa Fe New Mexican, parent Lisa Gallegos said that when her 15-year-old daughter balked at putting a condom in her mouth, instructor Tony Escudero told her, "Come on, sweetie, have a little fun." Also, Gallegos quotes her daughter as saying when a male student expressed his disgust with homosexual activity, Escudero said, "Never say never, because you never know. Someday you might like it that way.""

"Abstract:

This report provides information on children's health in America. It presents age, gender, and ethnic demographics related to child and adolescent Well-Being. It includes data on surveys conducted on children's health, and maps of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. The next full report is scheduled to be published in 2005, and the next abbreviated version in 2006."

<http://www.ask.hrsa.gov/detail.cfm?id=MCH00088>

Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics



Discussion

This somewhat terse analysis cites to a few key problems associated with the flawed research methodology and bad data disseminated to the polity via the "Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics" (FIFCFS) report on "*America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2003*". Bad data, discolored as the status of America's children, is endemic to governmental research agencies. It is most clear in the FIFCFS child welfare studies overseen by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Director, Dr. Duane Alexander M.D.

Formally established in April 1997 through Executive Order No. 13045, the Forum was called upon to develop priorities for collecting enhanced data on children and youth, improve the reporting and dissemination of information on the status of children to the policy community and the general public, and produce more complete data on children at the State and local levels. The Forum, which now has participants from 20 Federal agencies as well as partners in private research organizations, fosters coordination, collaboration, and integration of Federal efforts to collect and report data on conditions and trends for children and families.²

These " 25 key indicators on important aspects of children's lives" represent the combined expertise of "participants from 20 Federal agencies" as well as scores of private agencies allegedly serving children. As these data find scant bad public consequence (harm) from widespread sexual license among children--or from divorce, single parent homes, poverty and irreligion--all past and future Child Well-Being reports need to be revisited for methodological bias.

Part of the Problem. Child Well-Being data released under Dr. Alexander misleads and dangerously misdirects the polity and thereby public policy decision makers at legislative, judicial and granting levels. Beyond the problems associated with the Federal Interagency Forum errors, Dr. Alexander has systematically awarded research funds for fraudulent and injurious sexuality studies. Brief examples follow.

Under Dr. Alexander the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) has funded a series of bogus and possibly criminal sex studies. A significant amount of money was awarded under Dr. Alexander for a sex conference and sex research grants to the tainted and compromised Kinsey Institute at Indiana University. Mark Souder, Indiana Republican and chairman of the Government Reform subcommittee on criminal justice, drug policy and human resources noted:

Kinsey and his associates, at the very least, encouraged the rape and molestation of children under the guise of 'science' ... I would hope that an institute dedicated to child health would be primarily focused on protecting children from sexual abuse, a mission inconsistent in my opinion with providing support for any institution built upon Kinsey's hideous legacy.³

To that end, this critique notes the continued cover-up of "rape and molestation of children under the guise of 'science,'" in this FIFCFS report. Questions must be answered regarding Alexander's funding of agents whose institutional history is that of fraud, criminal child sexual abuse and a fifty-year cover up of said child sexual abuse. Furthermore, the Kinsey Institute directors are on record as supporting and misrepresenting their institute's criminal child sexuality abuse as "data" on "normal" childhood sexual development.⁴ Dr. Alexander has since approved other Kinsey Institute sex research for over a million dollars for a three-year study.

NICHD Funding For Pedophile Advocates Most telling, scientifically (and morally), Dr. Alexander defends his continued NICHD funding for "research" conducted by an acknowledged pedophile advocate,⁵ Dr. John Money. Money is documented as lying, as producing fraudulent data to support his botched child sex change experimental operations and as producing child pornography by forcing the participation of his vulnerable twin boy patients.

Faced with the facts about Money's activities, Dr. Alexander was publicly quoted as claiming, himself, that there are no biologically determined males or females. His defense of Dr. Money's "continuous funding" was based on Money's claim that *gender is determined only by culture, not by biology*, hence sex change operations on children would be justified should a boy have a too small sex organ or a girl a too large one.

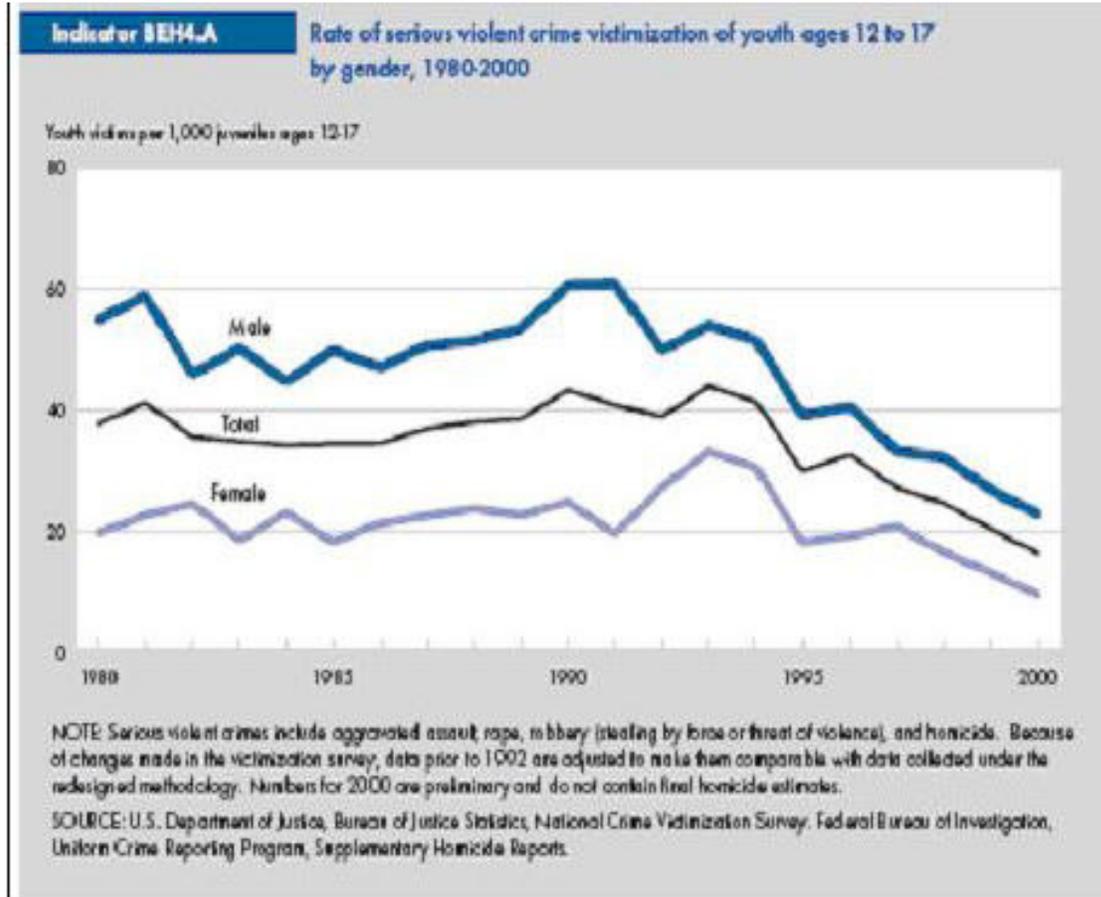
Dr. Alexander said. "Basically, what this research showed ...was that the most important factor wasn't the chromosomes, wasn't the gonad....it was how the kid was raised by the parents," he said. "And if the parents accept this child as a female and raised it as a female consistently, gender identity was female. If they accepted it as male, raised it as male consistently, gender identity almost always was male."

Blaming the Parents of the Boy Victim On the boy who Dr. Money arranged to have changed into a girl (a recent suicide) Dr. Alexander is on record as blaming *the boy's parents* for the boy not accepting his female sex change. Dr. Alexander stated:

[This case is] one that did not turn out well [because the boy's parents] never made the switch in their minds. They were not consistent in raising him as a female instead of a male, and there's really lots of explanation for why this didn't turn out well.⁶

Extensive documentation is available on Money's pedophilia, his "twin study," and fraudulent work as well as the child sexual abuse protocols being defended by the Kinsey Institute.⁷

Now, on to the current "Well Being" report. Below is the graph alleging the mass reduction in "rape" and "other" violence to children. Dr. Alexander's recent claims that violence toward children has decreased and that children are safer than their parents were, undermines a proper study of critical root causes of crime and violence. For, in one press report, Dr. Alexander claims (despite the report's record increases in child obesity, fatherlessness and child poverty) that, "serious violent crime... murder, rape, robbery, or aggravated assault--is down 74%" based on self-reports of crime.⁸



However, these FIFCFs reports, 1997 to 2003, ignore school sex abuse, child prostitution and child pornography and its access on the Internet to children and adults, the disturbing data on "plea bargaining" that allows child molesters to avoid felony charges or records and scores of other measures of dysfunction (seen in my attached monograph, "How the FBI and DOJ Minimize Child Sexual Abuse Reporting." These

ignored measures of violence to children tend to discredit the research claim that "Children in the United States were less likely in 2002 to commit a violent crime or be a victim of one than in 2001." I have included here just a few brief observations regarding the misleading nature of the "good news" presented in the child Well-Being report. The excerpted "Acknowledgments" below suggest indigenous denial across governmental agencies responsible for child welfare.

Basic Flaws in the Methodology

- a. **Rape hidden.** As can be seen in the graph above, "rape" is collapsed with other "violent" crimes including robbery. By collapsing "rape" within the general data on "violence" FIFCFs statistically eliminated all sexual abuse crimes against children. A word search of the final FIFCFs report found no data on rape, sodomy, battery, statutory rape, date rape, kidnapping, general suicide, child prostitution, child pornography, molestation, venereal disease (including AIDS) or sex abuse in "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being 2003." Similarly, no such data are available in the 2000 version or appear to exist in any other FIFCFs reports on children's "well being."

Acknowledgments

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- b. **Under age 12 data hidden:** Data on violence eliminated Well-Being for children under age 12. Nor was there an explanation given to the reader that this vital 0-to-11-year-old population was eliminated from FIFCFs' "well being" calculations on violence by and to children. This is especially egregious since the title leads all readers to believe these are generic records of Well-Being for "America's children." Indeed, none of the FIFCFs reports provide a prominent disclaimer to the effect that roughly two-thirds of the child population was excluded from "violence" and children's "Well-Being."

- c. **Excluding roughly two-thirds of America's children.** By including small children in other measures of health and then eliminating the under age 12 child population when addressing "violence," the Forum's data are invalid. For, even the scant NIBRS 2000 report found that '37% of all victims of sexual assault reported to the participating law enforcement agencies were juveniles under age 12.' If, as it appears, child victims and offenders are younger and younger, the FIFCFs methodology are wholly flawed as it eliminated any trends on violent crimes against young children. Says NIBRS, "one of every seven victims of sexual assault reported to the participating law enforcement agencies were under age 6."
- d. **Suicide data hidden, only suicide by Firearms:** The only data on juvenile suicide that was published by FIFCFs was suicide by firearms! Page 106 "Health8," is a table in the 2003 report describing Adolescent mortality:

Death rates among adolescents ages 15 to 19" with "firearm suicide" included at an average of 4.4 firearm suicide deaths per 100,000 adolescents. One would have wanted to see the suicide rates in general, but these were not included. In fact, according to the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center (HIPRC), approximately 13 per 100,000 15-24 year olds commit suicide (this includes an older group) but non-firearm related suicide seems to reflect a higher rate than gun related suicide.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for teens and young adults in the US and Canada. The suicide rate among young teens and young adults has increased by more than 300% in the last 3 decades. The rate in the US is now approximately 13 per 100,000 15-24 year olds.⁹

Since firearms were much more common among pre-urbanized American youths until roughly the 1920s, it would seem important to identify other methods of child suicide as well.

- d. **Nearly 60,000 Kidnapped children hidden?**: Despite the fact that 58,200 children were cited as kidnapped by non kin in 1999 (who returned home within 24 hours, albeit nearly half sexually molested) the Forum ignored "kidnapping" as a report category in the "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being 2003." DoJ data find "27 percent [of kidnappings are perpetrated] by an acquaintance and 24 percent by a stranger." Despite their easy availability via "The Second National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children, known as NISMART," these child "violence" data were not noted.
- e. **Purging all STD/VD rates** Despite the common knowledge of epidemic rates of STDs among children, the Alexander methodology excluded any discussion of STDs among youths in their "Well-Being" analysis. Yet, the highest age-specific chlamydia rates were for girls, ages 15 to 19 (2,536 per 100,000). Gonorrhea rates were highest among girls 15 to 19 at 703 per 100,000.

Genital human papillomavirus (HPV), commonly known as genital warts, was five percent among youth ages 12 to 19.... Experts estimate that nearly four million teens [have an STD]....The gonorrhea rate among U.S. teens is 74 times higher than the rate among teens in either the Netherlands or France, 10 times higher than in Canada, and seven times higher than in England and Wales. The chlamydia rate among U.S. teens is 20 times higher than among teens in France, five times higher than in England and Wales, and twice as high as in Canada. _ Prevalence of gonorrhea and syphilis is increasing among some populations in Europe, heightening fears that people are being less careful about risky sexual behaviors."¹⁰

Since nothing in this FIFCFS study of child "well being" would raise alarms about the need for children or adults to be more "careful about risky sexual behaviors," it is self evident that the study methodology and oversight were badly flawed, at best.

BRIEF SUMMARY

In sum, the "Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics" (FIFCFS) report on "*America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2003*" report bares scrutiny as a less than scientific study, as producing what needs to be called bad data in a highly critical area of concern, that inevitably translates into bad programs and bad legislation and judicial decisions. Such methodological flaws and bad data should see calls for an investigation into possible conflicts of interest, ideological bias and incipient agency denial designed to ignore the root causes of the current sociosexual malaise.

Data from the "National Center For Missing & Exploited Children Data On Child Abductions: 58,200 "Non Family" Abductions In 1999" are attached for your perusal. Were there a drastic reduction in kidnappings post 1999 this should be reflected in the "Well Being" data. However, absent any reference to kidnapping of children, child abduction is rendered rare or non-existent.

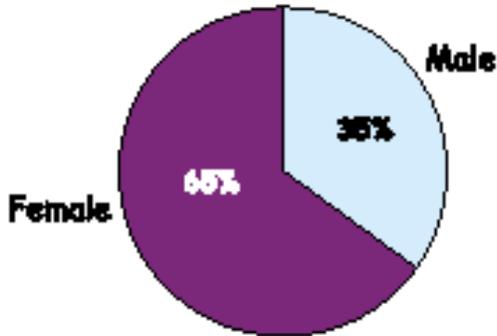
Such institutionalized agency denial directly impacts upon public self confidence in their concerns for their children's safety. By methodologically eliminating the public consequences of sexual license, public policy makers naturally demote the funds needed to study root causes for the current state of child sociosexual dysfunction and endangerment.

To that end, *all agency studies of crime and Well-Being* should supply data *from 1950* in their time lines and in their discussion in order to provide evidence of the "well being" of our nation pre and post the sexual revolution. This should be seen only as a preliminary draft of basic FIFCFS errors. A full study of the agency wide problem of child abuse reporting is urgently recommended.

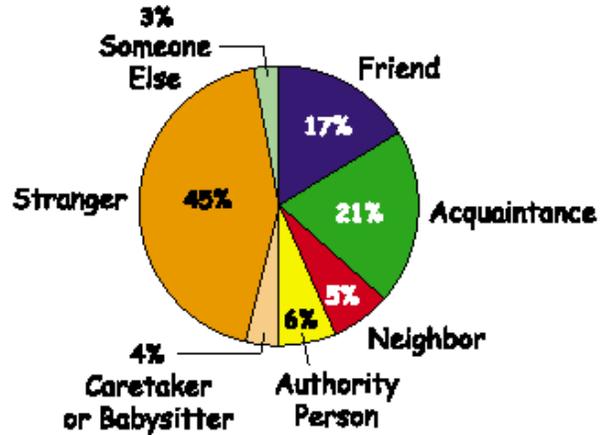
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Roughly 11,100 of These Kidnapped Victims Are Children Under 12

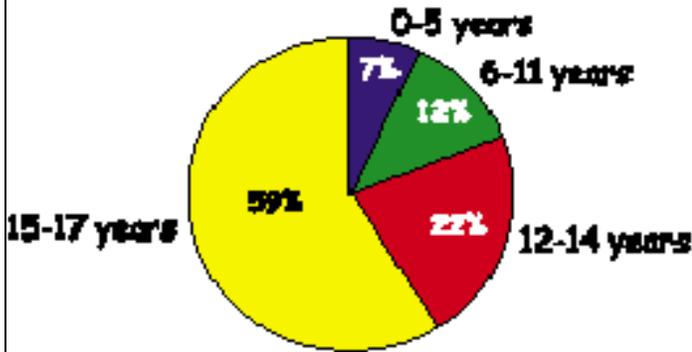
**Non-family Child Abductions
by Gender**



**Identity of Perpetrator in
Non-Family Abductions**



**Non-family Child Abductions
by Age**



The pie charts above and left are all taken from the NCMEC website. Clearly the NCMEC find boys are 35% of "non family" child abduction victims, with no data citing the nonsexual or sexual nature of the child kidnapping. Most victims are said to be between 15 and 17 years old with 41% under age 14 and **19%, or over 11,000 of these little victims under the critical and largely invisible "age 12."**

Roughly 75% of these offenders are not significantly known intimates of their child victims. Strangers are responsible for 45% of the abductions, 21% are "acquaintances," 3% "someone else" and 5% are similarly vague as, "neighbors."

The NCMEC website "Personal Safety for Children" cites "approximately 58,200 "non-family [child] abductions" in 1999.

Abductions in this category involved forcibly moving or detaining the child for a relatively short period of time, usually in connection with another crime....

Over 50% of the children kidnapped in non-family abductions were taken from the street, in a vehicle, or from a park or wooded area.¹¹

ENDNOTES

- ¹ JA Reisman: See also. US Department of Justice, "Database," Abstracts, Authors, Reisman, NCJ number: 107147; Title: "Role of Pornography and Media Violence in Family Violence, Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, and Juvenile Delinquency," Author: J A Reisman; Corporate Author: American University, School of Education; Sponsor: US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Publication Date: 1987; Grant No.: 84-JN-AX-K007 (downloaded Winter 1999).
- ² Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician Office of Management and Budget, Forward, (p. I) to "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2003," Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics.
- ³ •Last December, NIH funded a \$147,000 grant for a Northwestern University study....Women were paid as much as \$75 to "watch a series of commercially available film clips, some of which will be sexually explicit, while we monitor your body's sexual arousal," ... by psychology professor J. Michael Bailey. [Bailey is now being sued for science fraud, sexual exploitation, etc., by at least one of his "subjects."]
 - In May....a \$137,000 NICHD grant for a three-year study [was given] to "provide the most comprehensive picture to date of the sexual behavior of aging men."
 - The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [gave \$26,000 for] a four-day July conference on sexual arousal at the Kinsey Institute — where Mr. Bailey was a featured speaker...

It was in response to Mr. Souder's questions about the \$26,000 grant for the sexual arousal conference that NICHD Director Dr. Duane Alexander wrote: "Over the last five years, the NICHD has provided \$263,038 in support of research conducted under the auspices of the Kinsey Institute."

The Kinsey Reports have been criticized for methodological flaws, [especially after]the admission by Kinsey Institute officials that the reports' information about children's sexual behavior was based on "research" by sex offenders.

Judith Reisman, author of two books on Kinsey, said the Kinsey Institute was continuing "its 55-year history of child exploitation by filching" NICHD money intended for children's health research. Mrs. Reisman said Congress should "investigate Dr. Kinsey and the Kinsey Institute for crimes against children and conspiracy to defraud the state." Robert Stacy McCain, "Sex and child health," Culture, *The Washington Times*, September 19, 2003
- ⁴ Please see drjudithreisman.org, Kinsey, Crimes & Consequences (1998, 2000, 2003), and the Yorkshire Television, UK, documentary, "Kinsey's Paedophiles" for full supportive evidence of these facts.
- ⁵ See Money's statements calling for an "end to the age of consent" and legalizing sex between boys and men in *Paidika: The Journal of Paedophilia*, published in the Netherlands, Spring 1991, volume 2, number 3, pp.2-13.
- ⁶ Robert Stacy McCain, "Sex and child health," Culture, *The Washington Times*, September 19, 2003.
- ⁷ See esp., Reisman, Kinsey, Crimes & Consequences (1998, 2000, 2003).
- ⁸ Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics ("Teen birth rate down, youth less likely to be involved in violent crimes"). Dr. Alexander is supported by "the Child Well-Being Index" which finds that while more children are irreligious and fatherless they are "less likely to be victims of violence than their parents were."
- ⁹ Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center (HIPRC), "Adolescent Suicide," <http://depts.washington.edu/hiprc/practices/topic/suicide/#top>.
- ¹⁰ CDC. *Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance, 2001*. cited in "2002. Adolescents—At Risk for Sexually Transmitted Infections," <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/factsheet/fssti.htm>
- ¹¹ The data above on Kidnapping are taken from: The Second National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children, known as NISMART, The Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.