The mission of the Crime Victims’ Institute is to:

- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization
- Improve services to victims
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice
- Inform victim-related policymaking at the state and local levels.

April is...

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month

One in three Texans experience sexual assault at some point in their lifetime.

Sexual assault victims are more likely to experience certain medical conditions, as well as physical, mental, and emotional problems.

Less than 10% of victims report their experiences to police.

~Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, UT Austin
http://sites.utexas.edu/idvsa/

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
http://taasa.org/

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Following is an excerpt from Franklin & Garza (2017), “Sexual Assault: An Overview.”

The full report and others in the Campus Sexual Assault Series produced by the Crime Victims’ Institute at Sam Houston State University can be found at:
http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/publications/

Sexual assault happens with frequency both among the general public and on college campuses. Official data and self-report surveys have demonstrated that, among the general population, 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will experience an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime (Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000). On college campuses, women face increased odds of victimization, where between 20 to 25% of women will experience unwanted sexual contact or attempted/completed rape during their time in college (Fisher, Turner, & Cullen, 2000; Franklin, 2010). This vulnerability to victimization has prompted widespread efforts toward prevention and response to sexual assault. The current issue of the Sexual Assault series provides an overview of sexual assault, prevalence data, perpetrator characteristics, risk factors and consequences of victimization for survivors.

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In the Works…

Look for upcoming publications from the Crime Victims’ Institute:

- Evaluation of an Expedited Domestic Violence Court
- Strangulation in Intimate Partner Violence Cases
- Domestic Violence Offender Specialization
- Campus Sexual Assault Series

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