



**On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), released initial findings from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS).**

*The CDC describes NISVS as an “on-going, nationally representative survey that assesses experiences of sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence among adult women and men in the United States.” The CDC reports:*

**Intimate partner violence and sexual violence are significant public health issues.**

**Intimate partner violence disproportionately affects women. Women experience multiple victimizations (physical violence, rape, and stalking).**

**In just one year, more than 1.3 million women have been raped. Nearly 1 in 5 women have been the victim of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime. Nearly 1 in 2 women have experienced other forms of sexual violence. 1 in 5 men have experienced a form of sexual violence other than rape in their lifetimes.**

**1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Women are over 4 times more likely to be beaten, 6 times more likely to be slammed against something, and 9 times more likely to be hurt by choking or suffocating.**

**12 million people will be victims of physical violence, sexual assault, rape or stalking.**

**Most of this victimization starts early in life, before age 25.**

**28% of male victims of rape reported being victimized before age 10.**

**81% of women who experienced rape, stalking or physical violence by an intimate partner reported significant short or long term impacts related to the violence experienced in this relationship such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms and injury while 35% of men report such impacts of their experiences.**

***No one should have to experience domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Yet services are closing every day because of lack of funding. We need to be there to meet these victims' needs. REAUTHORIZE VAWA NOW!***