

# ***MYTH OR TRUTH?***

## **Understanding the Facts of Child Sexual Abuse**

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Take this quiz to see how well you understand the facts regarding child sexual abuse:

1. Most child sexual abuse is committed by strangers of the child.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

2. About half of child sexual abuse is committed by males.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

3. Most children are so frightened by child sexual abuse that they immediately report it to a parent, teacher or trusted adult.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

4. Most children who have been sexually abused do not suffer physical injuries.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

5. Most children who are sexually abused engage in the behavior because they are threatened with physical injury to themselves or a loved one.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

6. Children may not report child sexual abuse because the behavior makes them feel good.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

7. Children often do not report child sexual abuse because they feel responsible for the abuse occurring.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

8. If a child is sexually abused a physical exam will generally verify that the abuse has occurred.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

9. Most sexual abuse involves vaginal or anal intercourse.

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**10. Girls are sexually abused more often than boys.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**11. If a child discloses sexual abuse it usually really happened.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**12. If a child has been sexually abused they may deny it if directly asked about it.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**13. Over half of child sexual abuse is committed by parents and parent substitutes.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**14. Developmentally delayed children are rarely sexually abused.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**15. Over 50% of the reports to Health and Welfare about child abuse come from the school systems.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**16. Only teachers are required to report child sexual abuse to Health and Welfare.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**17. If a child discloses child sexual abuse, the law requires that it be reported within 24 hours to Health and Welfare or law enforcement.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**18. An adolescent girl who has been sexually abused will normally react by internalizing and “checking out.”**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**19. An adolescent boy who has been sexually abused will normally react by withdrawing.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False

**20. Younger children who have been sexually abused will often act out sex acts in play.**

\_\_\_\_\_ True      \_\_\_\_\_ False