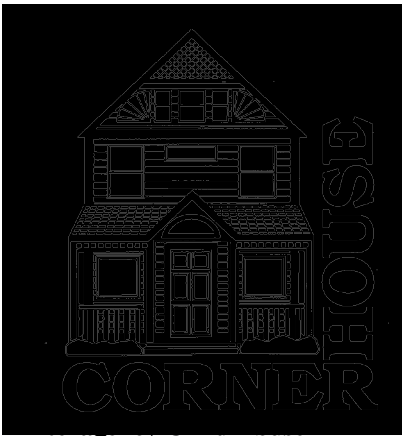


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Keeping In Touch:

June 2004 marks CornerHouse's 15th anniversary of providing forensic interview, medical and professional training services to children and families in Hennepin County, throughout Minnesota, across the U.S., and now internationally! CornerHouse has just recently been awarded two separate contracts to provide forensic interview training and information on program development to judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, child protection workers and victim advocates on an international scope. One contract is with Partners of the Americas (funded through the U.S. Department of State) to provide training in Uruguay. The other contract is with the United Nations/UNICEF to provide training in Kosovo. CornerHouse is very excited and honored to have been afforded these opportunities to share best practices with other professionals, and extend our most sincere appreciation to those who have supported our work in the past fifteen years. Abused and victimized children within Hennepin County continue to be our focus; however, CornerHouse is pleased that we have been able to assist in providing safety for children across the globe through our professional training programs.

In addition, WATCH selected CornerHouse to receive this year's Sheila Wellstone Gold WATCH award. The mission of WATCH is to make the justice system more effective and responsive in handling cases of violence, particularly against women and children, and to create a more informed and involved public. The awards ceremony, held at the Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant on May 5, 2004, was well attended. Several of our partners were very eloquent with their kind words proffered about CornerHouse. I would like to thank CornerHouse staff member Anne Nuernberg, CornerHouse board member Tom Frost, Eden Prairie Police Department Sgt. Randy Thompson, and Hennepin County Child Protection Investigator Anne Humes for your very thoughtful reflections. Additional appreciation is extended to WATCH for this honor.

The 13th Annual CornerHouse Twins Fundraising event was held on Tuesday, June 29th, and it was a great success. Under the leadership of Lori Larson and Toni Reichow, and with great committee work and support, CornerHouse netted more than \$90,000 from this event. In addition, CornerHouse again partnered with Josh Hartnett on a second Benefit Film Premiere with the release of his new movie *Wicker Park* on Thursday, September 2nd at Bellanotte and Crown Theatres Block E in Minneapolis. Over \$25,000 was raised at this event to support critical investigative services for children.

Through all of this, the numbers of children CornerHouse interviews continues to grow. We saw a twelve percent increase of interviews from 2003, and a fifteen percent increase from 2002. It is unclear whether this is attributable to increased awareness of sexual abuse, better reporting of victimization, an actual increase in child experiencing abuse, or additional team member referrals to CornerHouse. Regardless of the reason, CornerHouse continues to need and appreciate the support we have received from our community and team members to carry on our intervention into the cycle of violence for children and vulnerable adults.

Amy Russell, MSed, NCC
Executive Director

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CornerHouse staff with Josh Hartnett at Bellanotte for the *Wicker Park* Benefit Film Premier.



Josh Hartnett and Miss Minnesota USA, Jessica Dereschuk .



Eager crowds gather at Crown Theatres Block E in anticipation of Josh Hartnett's walk down the red carpet.

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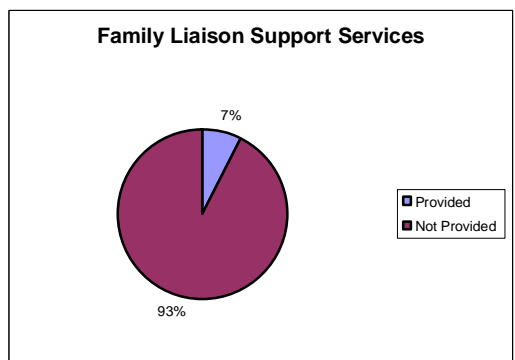
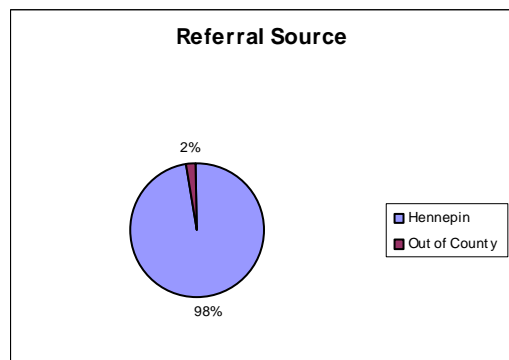
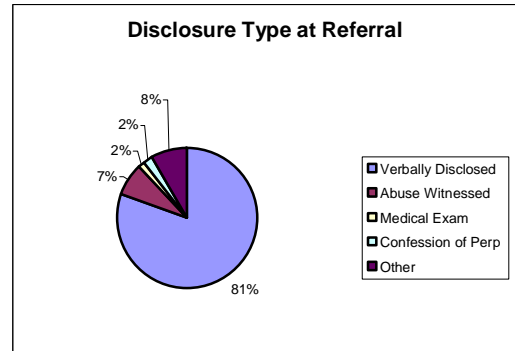
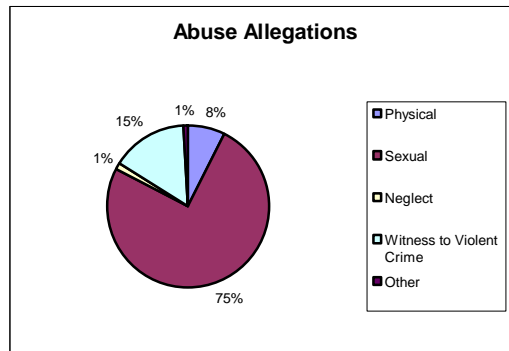
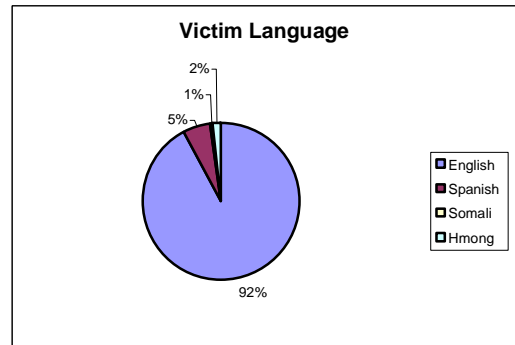
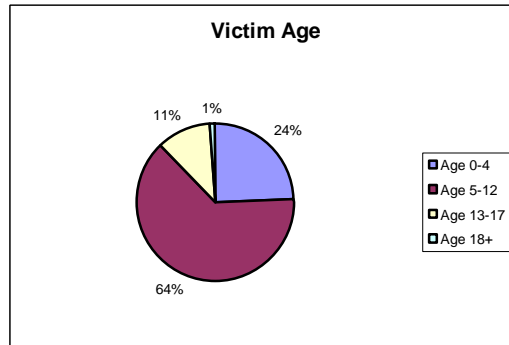
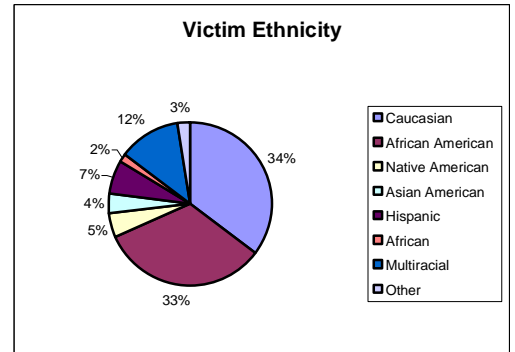
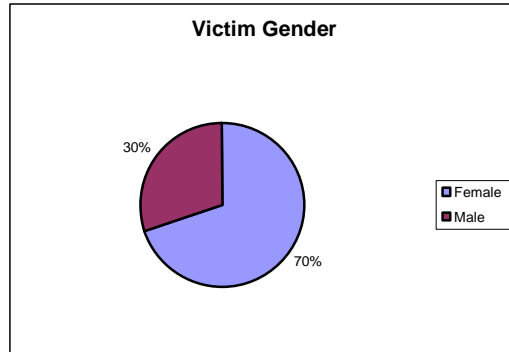
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CornerHouse interviewed 494 alleged victims in 2003.



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Recognition:

CornerHouse wishes to recognize and express our sincere appreciation to all those who aided in the CornerHouse mission in the 1st half of 2004.

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Davidman, Morris and Karen	Jones Lang LaSalle	

Staff Update:

Laura Arellono, Administrative Assistant

Laura has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art with emphasis in child psychology from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. She has had over ten years of experience working with children and families, especially children with severe emotional and physical challenges and families in crisis. Laura has pursued her certificate in Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention and degree in Art Therapy through the University of Minnesota and volunteered at the Courage Center. She also has several years of experience in administration, accounting, and project management. Laura joined the CornerHouse team in August 2004.

Recognition Continued:

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Training

CornerHouse Wish List:

Below is a list of ideas for donations to CornerHouse. Due to the nature of the work done at CornerHouse, some donations unfortunately cannot be accepted. CornerHouse staff are happy to work with you as you select items for donation. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Julie Sovo Ellefson at (612) 813-8300 or email info@cornerhousemn.org

Arts and Crafts

Washable Markers
Colored pencils
Construction paper
Kid-sized scissors
Crayons
Stickers

Electronics

Digital Camera
Laptop Computer
CD player
Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt)
Hand-held Games (Uno, Boggle, Yahtzee)

Other Items

Porch Furniture

For more information on training programs or to register, contact the CornerHouse training department at (612) 813-8310.

Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training for forensic interviewers and multidisciplinary teams (will receive priority registration) of law enforcement, social service and legal professionals. This course teaches an interview process to conduct credible, reliable, non-traumatic forensic interviews of children and vulnerable adults who allege sexual abuse. Openings are still available in the following sessions in 2004 and 2005:

<i>December 6 – 10, 2004</i>	<i>January 31-February 4, 2005</i>	<i>February 14-18, 2005</i>
<i>March 14-18, 2005</i>	<i>March 11-15, 2005</i>	<i>May 16-20, 2005</i>
<i>September 26-30, 2005</i>	<i>October 17-21, 2005</i>	<i>Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2005</i>
<i>December 5-9, 2004</i>		
<i>Five Days: Monday-Friday</i>		<i>Tuition: \$895</i>

On-Site Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training is an intensive three-day training course. The course is designed for multidisciplinary teams of law enforcement, social service and legal professionals and teaches an interview process to conduct credible, reliable, non-traumatic forensic interviews of children and vulnerable adults who allege sexual abuse. This course, as compared to the five-day forensic interview course, is for teams of professionals who may have a hardship with traveling from their community to CornerHouse to obtain training and for those communities needing several professionals (up to 30 participants) trained. A CornerHouse trainer will travel to the host site community and utilize methods consisting of lecture and discussion; review of CornerHouse videotaped interviews; and skill-building exercises.

Advanced Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training for professionals who have completed the CornerHouse Forensic Interview Training, First Witness training or the Finding Words course. Participants must have completed a minimum of 25 interviews utilizing the CornerHouse interview process. This course: teaches advanced forensic interviewing issues and research on memory and suggestibility; provides a mock trial demonstration of cross examination regarding an interview; and provides students with the opportunity to learn and utilize a tool to critique their own interviews. Openings are still available in the following sessions in 2004 and 2005:

<i>October 11-14, 2004</i>	<i>February 28-March 3, 2005</i>	<i>November 7-10, 2005</i>
<i>Four Days: Monday-Thursday</i>		<i>Tuition: \$795</i>

Advanced On-Site Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training CornerHouse offers a 3-day version of our Advanced Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training, which is conducted at your site. This course is for teams of professionals who may have hardship traveling from their communities to CornerHouse or for those communities needing several professionals trained.

Child Sexual Abuse Training for Mandated Reporters is a one day seminar designed for teachers, counselors, nurses, advocates, child care providers and other professionals who have responsibility for mandated reporting of suspected child maltreatment. It is also designed for patrol officers who may be the first responders to reports of child sexual abuse. A CornerHouse trainer presents a process to talk with children or vulnerable adults who they suspect may be victims of maltreatment. Call us about bringing this seminar to your organization or group for in-service training. CornerHouse has two open sessions available in 2005:

<i>June 16, 2005</i>	<i>July 21, 2005</i>	<i>Tuition: \$50</i>
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Orientation for Interagency Team Members in Hennepin County is a three-hour session that includes: a tour of CornerHouse, the interview protocol, videotaped interview, and a team meeting demonstration. This training is provided for law enforcement, child protection worker and county attorneys who work in Hennepin County. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. Sessions in 2004 and 2005:

<i>November 2, 2004</i>	<i>February 8, 2005</i>	<i>May 3, 2005</i>
<i>August 2, 2005</i>	<i>November 15, 2005</i>	

Calendar

October

- 8 Case Review 8:30-10 AM
- 20 Medical Resident Tour 1-2 PM
- 27 Interagency Meeting 11:30-1 PM

November

- 2 Orientation 8:30-11:30 AM
- 12 Case Review 8:30-10 AM
- 19 Board Meeting 7:30-9 AM
- 25-26 CornerHouse closed

December

- 10 Case Review 8:30-10 AM
- 24 CornerHouse closed
- 31 CornerHouse closed

Anatomical Dolls Research

U of M Assists in the CornerHouse Study of Anatomical Doll Use By Sara Blahavietz

The anatomical doll has been utilized in countless CornerHouse interviews with children and developmentally disabled adults, the subject of several publications, and the topic of numerous training sessions held both locally and nationally. Although anatomical dolls as a tool have become widely accepted in the field of forensic interviewing, the doll itself and the interviewer's use of the dolls are often called into question and/or scrutinized by professionals. CornerHouse launched a Doll Study approximately one year ago in an effort to remain evaluative of our clinical practice at CornerHouse, and to better inform our practice as we facilitate the training of other professionals in the use of anatomical dolls. Our need and desire to collect data surrounding the current clinical use of anatomical dolls during CornerHouse forensic interviews has fueled this study.



With such enthusiasm and anticipation, the CornerHouse doll study has blossomed from an introductory research proposal, drafted by former CornerHouse employee, Barb Hiltz, into a rather complex study, drawing data and vital information from over 500 sexual abuse interviews. With the ongoing support and expertise of Prof. Ross Macmillan of the University of Minnesota, and PhD student Heather Hlvaka, CornerHouse is coming closer to answering several of the following research questions:

1. How often are CornerHouse interviewers choosing to use dolls in sexual abuse interviews?
2. What circumstances prompt interviewers to use anatomical dolls in sexual abuse interviews?
3. To what extent does the use of anatomical dolls enhance a child's verbal disclosure (i.e. demonstrate consistency, provide additional content or contextual detail) in sexual abuse interviews?
4. How is the introduction of dolls related to the demographic representation of the child being interviewed?
5. How does the usefulness of anatomical dolls as a demonstration tool vary across demographic representations?

We are very excited to continue forward with this project and anticipate sharing helpful information to the field of forensic interviewing upon study completion.

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