

## RESOURCE LIST: WOMEN WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED

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**1. Abuse of women within child care work, The**  
**By Kieran O'Hagan & Karola Dillenburgher**  
**Pub. Open University Press, Buckingham, 1995**

Childcare professionals working in child care agencies predominantly work with women clients. This book identifies and analyses the multiple abuses of women within childcare work. The authors rely on the abundant evidence of such abuse in research, childcare literature and child abuse enquiry reports.

**2. I'm strong I'm good**  
**a collection of poetry writings**

**By MOSAIC Women's Writers Group**

**Pub. Barnardos, Newcastle-upon-tyne, 1996**

In four chapters this book is written by mothers for mothers. The chapters are: the day of discovery, the pain and the hurt, trying to understand, and healing and surviving also has a chapter on help is at hand.

**3. Mothers Book : how to survive the incest of your child, The**

**By Carolyn M. Byerly**

**Pub. Kendall/Hunt, USA, 1985**

A useful resource for women whose children have been abused. Covers reporting the abuse, parenting issues, cultural issues, religious issues. Main drawback is that the directory of services is American and not useful here.

**4. Mothers of incest survivors : another side of the story**

**By Janis Tyler Johnson**

**Pub. Indiana University Press, USA, 1992**

Based on the author's interviews with six mothers of sexually abused children, a comprehensive ethnographic study of meanings mothers have ascribed to the process of finding out about, and making sense of incest. The stories of the mothers are presented by the author with frequent quotes to critically examine some of the given wisdom on mothers of incest survivors - reflecting some of the more blatant anti-women ideas but not wholeheartedly adopting a feminist stance. This book is sensitively and sympathetically written.

**5. Mothers of sexually abused children**  
**a framework for assessment, understanding and support**

**By Matrin C. Calder with Ann Peak and Kate Rose**  
**pub. Russell House Publishing, 2001**

Essential reading for social workers, health professionals, media, researchers students and trainers. Comprehensive and accessible. This book charts clearly how to undertake

assessment in a way which empowers mothers of sexually abused children

**6. Mothers surviving child sexual abuse**  
**By Carol Ann Hooper**

**Pub. Tavistock/Routledge**

This book is based on a study involving fifteen women whose children had been sexually abused. Gives insight into the process of discovery, effects and needs of mothers. Particularly useful for people working with children who have been abused and their mothers but would also be good for women themselves.

**7. No right way**

**By Tracy Orr**

**Pub. Scarlet Press, 1995**

Personal accounts of women whose daughters have been sexually abused by their fathers or stepfathers. This book helps us to understand the effect of abuse on the mother's life and relationships and shows there are no simple solutions.

**8. Strong mothers: a resource for mothers and carers of children who have been sexually abused**

**By Ann Peake & Marion Fletcher**

**Pub. Russell House Publishing, Dorset, 1997**

Excellent resource for both mothers of sexually abused children and professionals. Helps mothers to live with their feelings. Gives information on what to expect in terms of support, the law and carrying the emotional burden

**9. When your child has been molested : A parents' guide to healing and recovery ; putting the pieces back**

**By Kathryn B. Hagans & Joyce Case**

**Pub. Lexington Books, USA, 1990**

This book is designed to help adults cope with the sexual abuse of their children. Deals with incest and child sexual abuse, the effects and procedures if reported (from an American viewpoint). It does not consider gender issues, there is, however, some very useful material in the book that would help non-abusing parents work with their children.

**10. You and your child**

**By Lambeth Women & Children's Project**

Booklet for women whose children have been sexually abused.

**11. Audio Tape**

**From discovery to recovery: a parents survival guide to child sexual abuse**

By Warwickshire Social Services, 1997

We also have a reading list for 'working with children and young people: advice on talking with children/working with abused children.'If you have not recieved a copy please ask for a copy if required.

**REPORTS PRODUCED BY THE WOMEN'S SUPPORT PROJECT**

**Women's Support Group: report of a support group for women whose children have been sexually abused (1995).**

In the vast majority of cases the best way of supporting a child who has been sexually abused is through an adult whom the child already knows and trusts - in most cases the child's mother. This report gives the background, preparation and guidelines for a support group set up for women whose children had been sexually abused before describing the issues raised within the group and highlighting recommendations for service providers based on the womens' experiences.

*Price: £4.00.*

**Is there a correlation between child sexual abuse and domestic violence? An exploratory study of the link between domestic violence and child sexual abuse in a sample of intrafamilial child sexual abuse cases. (1991)**

By Janette Forman.

Study of 20 women whose children had been sexually abused in which it was found that all the women interviewed had experienced domestic violence including emotional, sexual and physical abuse. Observes the links between the two forms of abuse including abusers' deliberate separation of the child from its mother as a source of help. Examines ways in which disclosure of child sexual abuse and access to appropriate services for both mother and child are impeded. Makes recommendations for improved responses

**SUPPORT GROUPS AND NETWORKING**

A number of women whose children have been sexually abused are in contact with the project. We may be able to arrange for a woman in a similar situation to meet with them. Please contact the Project for further details.

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