



## Impact

### I. Adults

#### A. Miller, Vernon & Capella, 2005

##### 1. jailed indi who are d/hh

##### a. higher % of sexual convictions than haring peers...

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"Fifty-four percent of the 41 deaf offenders were convicted of sex offenses, including statutory rape, against male or female children under the age of 17, 14.6% were convicted of sexual assault against adult women, and 31.7% were convicted of sexual assaults for which no descriptive data were available (Miller & Vernon, 2002). In answer to the second research question, the 32.3% of deaf offenders incarcerated for violent sexual assault were found to make up a significantly higher percentage than those incarcerated

for violent sexual assault in the hearing offender population (12.3%),  $\chi^2(1, N = 127,066) = 36.89, p = .01$ ."

"Substantially more deaf violent offenders were convicted of sexual assault than was the case with hearing violent offenders... Evidence exists, which indicates that deaf children are more likely to be sexually abused than those who are hearing (Schwartz, 1995; Sullivan, Vernon, & Scanlon, 1987). Sexually abused children are at a high risk to become sex offenders ("Natural born predators," 1994). Sexual abuse may occur due to vulnerabilities in young deaf children in terms of their living situation and communication skills. For instance, young deaf children who attend residential schools and live in dorms may be at a heightened risk for sexual abuse by older youth and caretakers. Dorm living provides greater access for youth who are engaged in sexual experimentation or adults who are sexual predators."

**b. poor academic performance...**

Educational Achievement

"Although statistical analyses were not possible without comparison data, the average reading grade level for deaf violent offenders was grade 3.5, which is well below the 4.5-5.5 reading level of the average deaf person upon leaving school at age 18 (Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies, 1996). The average EA of offenders in Texas prisons was grade 7.4 (TDCJ Statistical Summary, 2001). For the entire population of deaf violent offenders, the average EA was 3.6 (Miller, 2001). However, 34.0% of deaf violent offenders had reading levels of 2.8 or below, which is the federal government's standard for defining functional illiteracy."

**c. drug abuse...**

**Factors Associated with Violent Crimes.**

"As many as 80% of all people arrested for violent offenses test positive for drugs (Siegel, 2000)."

"Only four deaf violent offenders' medical records indicated that they had been intoxicated during the commission of their crimes,

however, 62.5% reported a history of alcohol and/or marijuana use, 35.9% of whom reported the use of other substances, such as heroin, lysergic acid diethylamide, cocaine, speed, phencyclidine, inhalants, barbiturates, and hallucinogens (N ¼ 64)."

2. did not study if CA/N caused indi to be jailed

B. [MacDougall, 2000](#)

1. Deaf adults...

"Early experiences of abuse either in the family or in residential schools is mentioned by all participants as a serious causative factor which needs to be addressed. Many deaf people who suffered abuse feel that they now deserve abuse and are very reluctant to report. This parallels the situation often reported for other ethnocultural minority groups (Roboubi & Bowles, 1995). The need for appropriate education and information in these situations is acute (Hill, 1999a, 1999b, 1999c)."

a. suffered abuse & feel like it was their fault - reluctant to report

C. [Vernon & Miller, 2002](#)

H. Johnson'08

1. **49% of juvenile sex offenders were themselves sexually abused...**

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