

PART II – ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

This annotated bibliography is a compilation of previously published empirical or descriptive research on child sexual abuse. The academic studies described herein have been published in a variety of scholarly and professional journals and books.

Prior to beginning an empirical study, it is necessary to understand the literature already published on that topic. There are three methods by which a body of literature can be presented: in a summary, in a synthesis or in a critical format. An annotated bibliography is a summary of the literature. It presents an abstract of the information from each article or book. This information will later be the basis of a literature review, providing a synthesis of the information by topic rather than by book or article. Additionally, we will provide an analysis of the studies included in this bibliography, including a critique of current research and an analysis of studies that are most useful in regard to the current project.

This annotated bibliography is separated into seven sections covering the following topics: prevalence of child sexual abuse, theories of sexual offending, typologies of sexual offenders, evaluation of sexual offenders, treatment of sexual offenders, assessment of treatment efficacy, and institutional response to sexual abuse by clergy. It is organized so that the reader can look through the Table of Contents and easily identify an area of interest and review the literature published on a particular topic. The scope of this annotated bibliography is not exhaustive (e.g., it does not include every article published on child sexual abuse). However, we believe that it does provide an extensive overview of each topic.