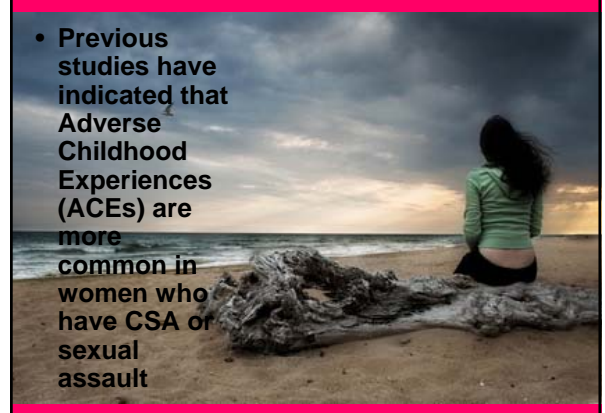


## Adverse Childhood Experiences in Postpartum CSA/Sexual Assault Survivors

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- Previous studies have indicated that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are more common in women who have CSA or sexual assault



- The present analyses explores this question in a large sample of women with infants 0-12 months postpartum

### Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) include:

- Child Sexual Abuse
- Child Physical Abuse
- Child Emotional Abuse
- Witnessing Intimate Partner Violence
- Parental substance abuse
- Parental criminal activity
- Parental mental illness
- Parental divorce



- Online survey of 6,410 mothers with infants aged 0-12 months (Mean age=6.96 months)
- From 59 countries
  - U.S. (N=4,789)
  - European Union/Eastern Europe (N=545)
  - Canada (N=416)
  - Australia/New Zealand (N=186)
  - Middle East (N=56)
  - Central and South America (N=32)
  - Asia (N=30)
  - Africa (N=13)



- Sample recruited with the assistance of lactation specialists
  - WIC State Breastfeeding Coordinators
  - U.S. State Breastfeeding Coordinators
  - La Leche League in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Great Britain
  - Australian Breastfeeding Association





**Average age of mothers (M=31.2)**

- <1% teens
- 36% 20-29
- 59% 30-39
- 4% 40-49
- 1 mother 50 years



**Age at first births (M=28.2)**

- 4.2% teens
- 56.3% 20-29
- 38.3% 30-39
- 1.3% 40-49



**The sample was predominantly Caucasian**

- 89.7% in the U.S. sample
- 100% in Australia
- 84.7% in New Zealand
- 71.4% in Great Britain

- 91% were married
- 97% were living with a partner
- 70% having a bachelor's degree or higher



**Income for U.S. sample**

- 2.6% (<\$15K)
- 4.7% (\$15-\$25K)
- 18.1% (\$26-50K)
- 21.3% (\$51-\$75K)
- 20% (\$76-\$100K)
- 17.5% (\$101-\$150K)
- 10.2% (>\$150)
- 5.5% (declined to state)



**Infant feeding**

- 78.6% breastfeed
- 18.5% combine breast- and bottle-feeding
- 2.9% formula-feed only

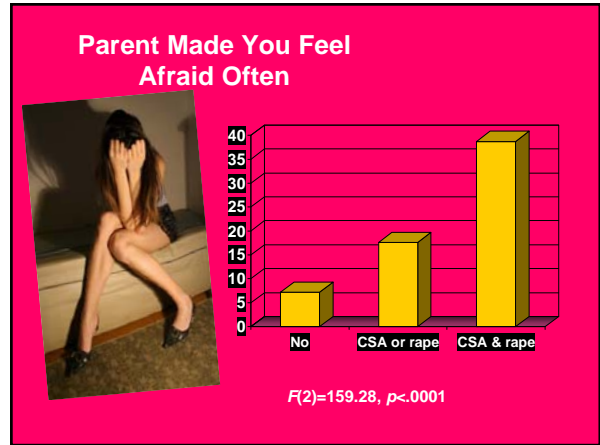
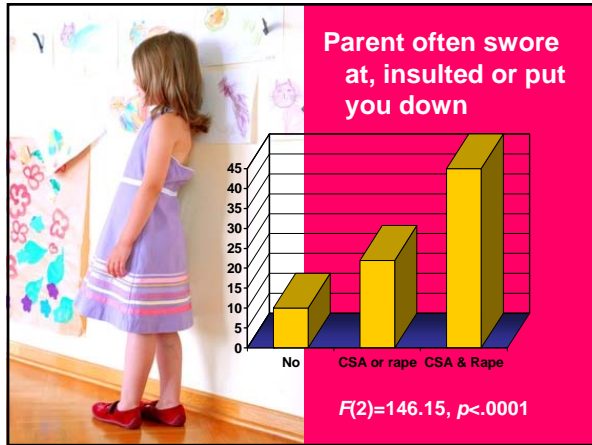


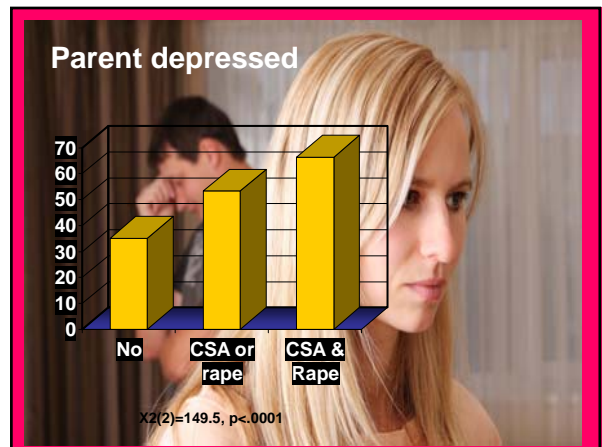
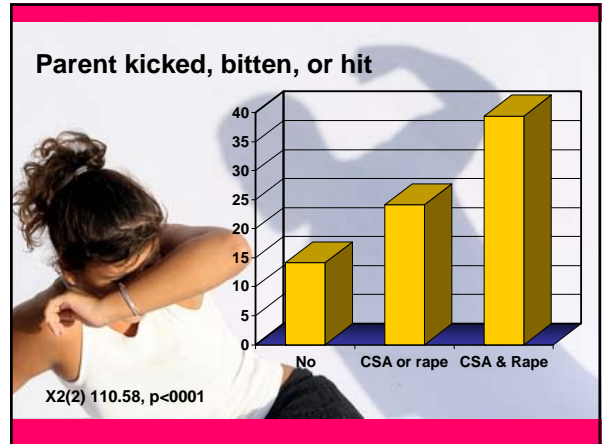
**Survey of Mothers' Sleep and Fatigue Full Sample (N=6,410)**

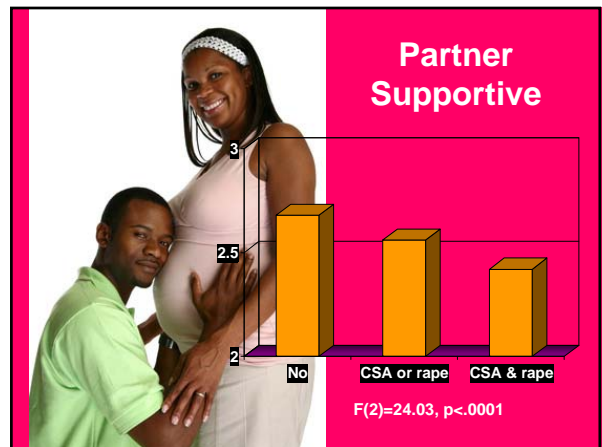
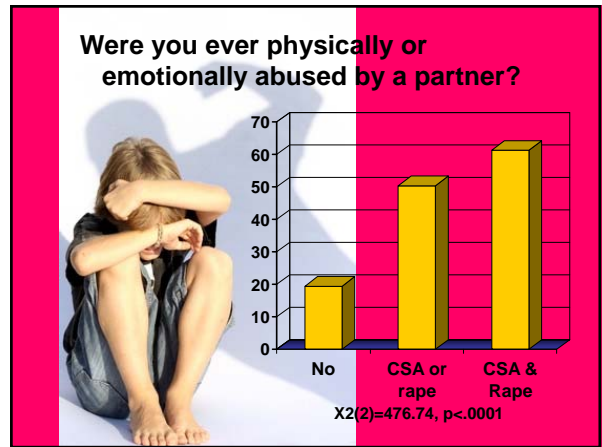
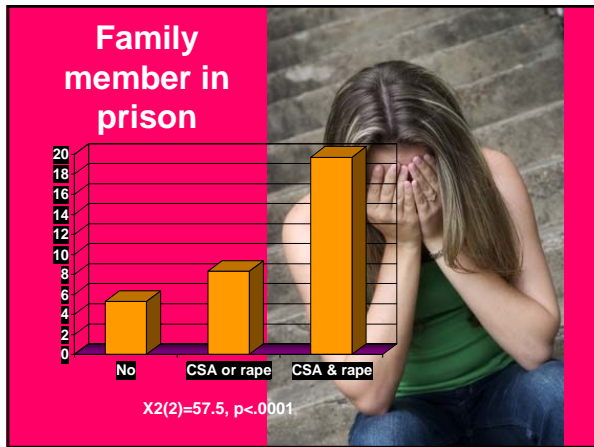
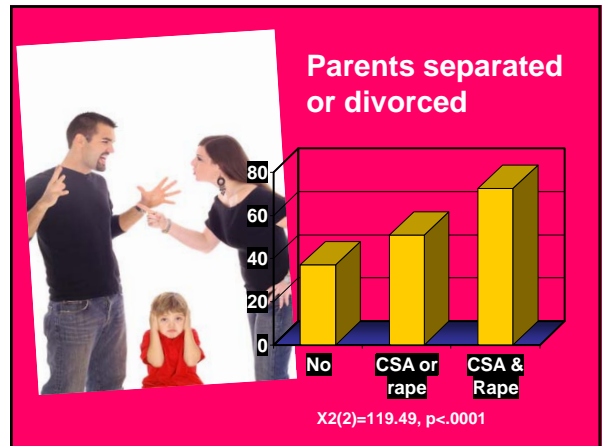
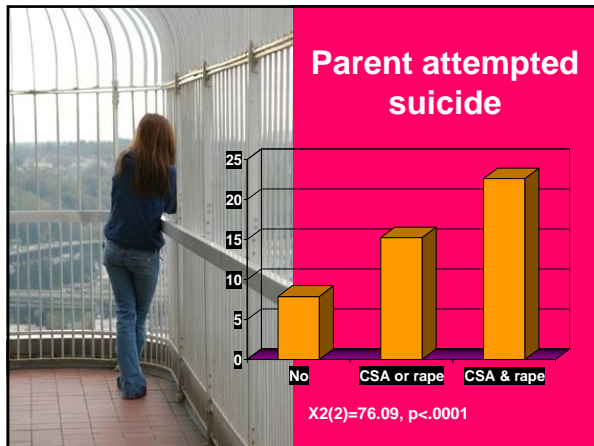
- Hit or slapped hard enough to leave a mark 34%
- Raped as teen or adult 13%
- CSA (penetration) 2%
- Total CSA 25%
- Parent depressed 36%
- Parent hit, bitten or kicked 16%
- Parental substance abuse 32%

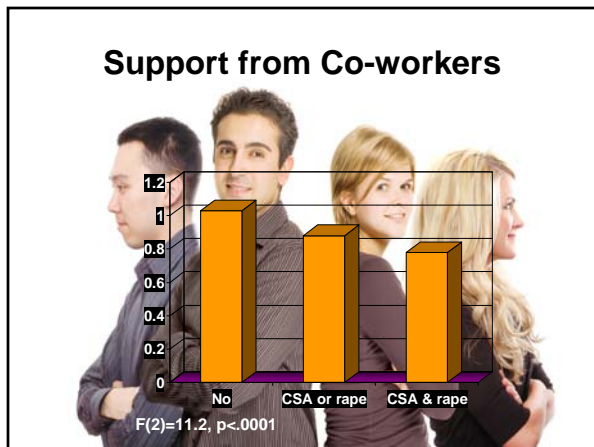
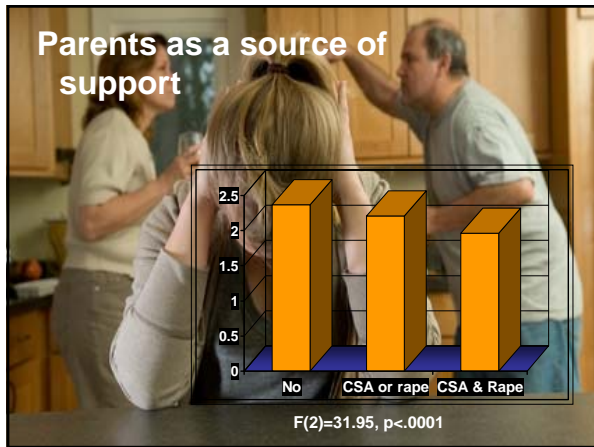
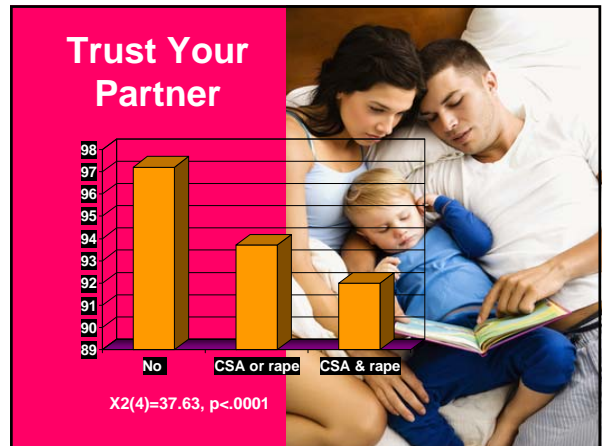
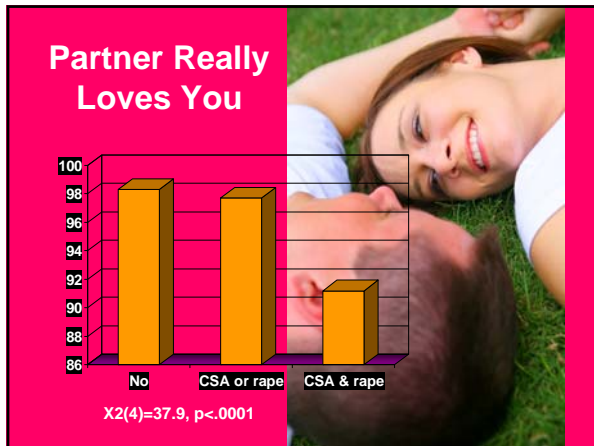
**Comparison of three groups**

- No CSA (penetration) or rape as teen or adult (N=5044)
- CSA or teen/adult rape (N=857)
- Child sexual abuse and rape (N=137)





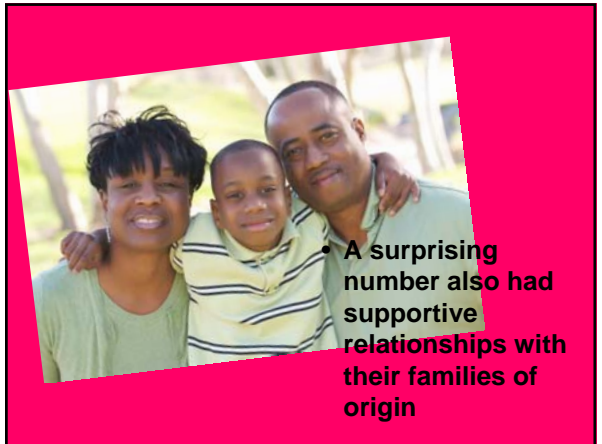




- ACEs are significantly more common in CSA/sexual assault survivors than women with no CSA/rape history
- CSA/sexual assault survivors are significantly more likely to have had abusive adult partnerships



- The overwhelming majority had formed supportive relationships with current partners



- A surprising number also had supportive relationships with their families of origin



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