Abstract:

The study employed a retrospective approach to determine the nature and extent of child sexual abuse in Botswana. Sources of information were Resource Centers dealing with child sexual abuse and Botswana Police where such cases were reported. The forms of childhood sexual abuse investigated were incest, defilement, and rape.

The incidence of sexual abuse were in this order: rape followed by defilement and then incest. More case of defilement were reported to the Resource Centres compared to the LAW Enforcement Agencies. Recommendations on assisting victims of childhood sexual abuse were made.