

# Child Sexual Abuse: What is it and what do you do about it

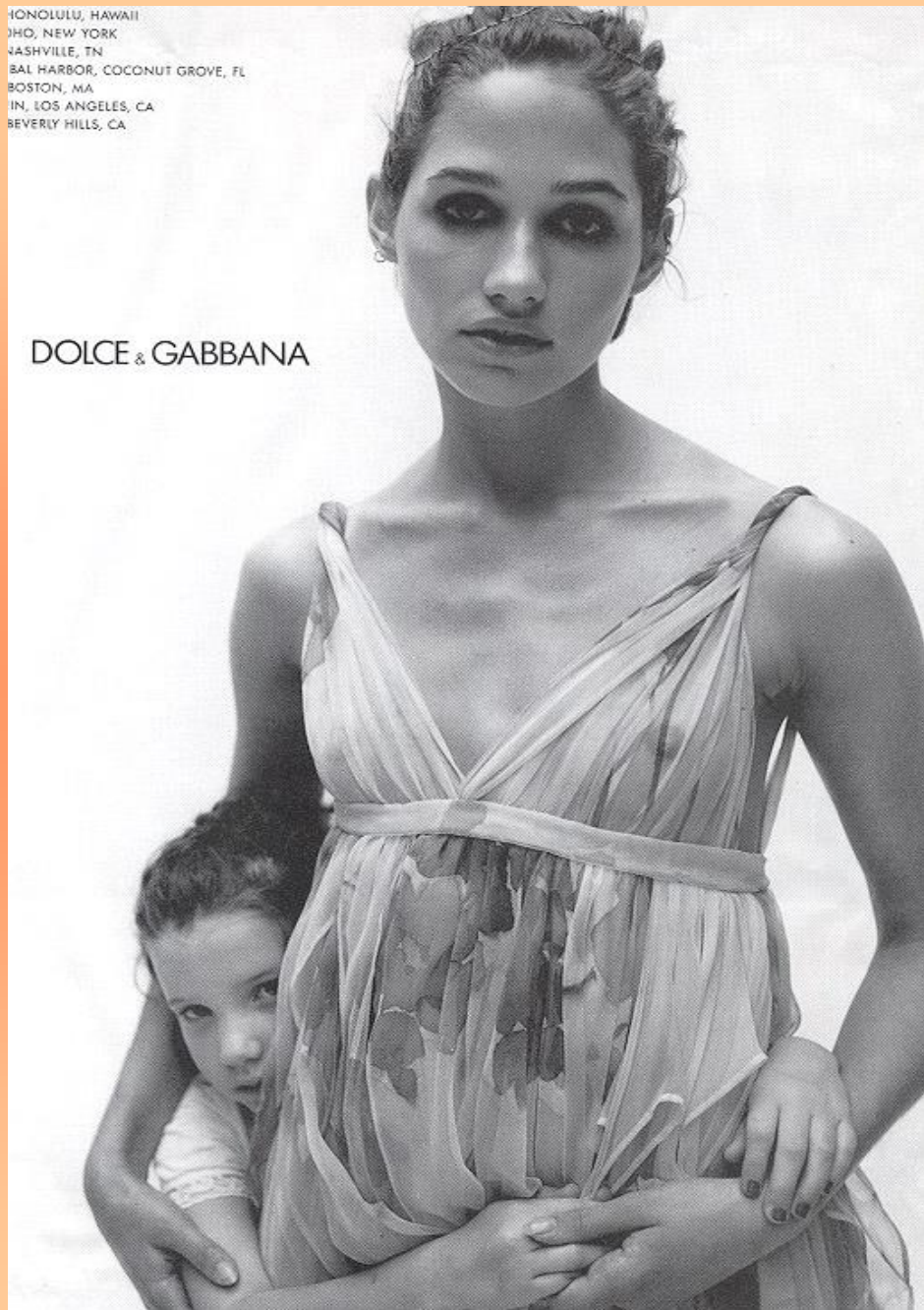
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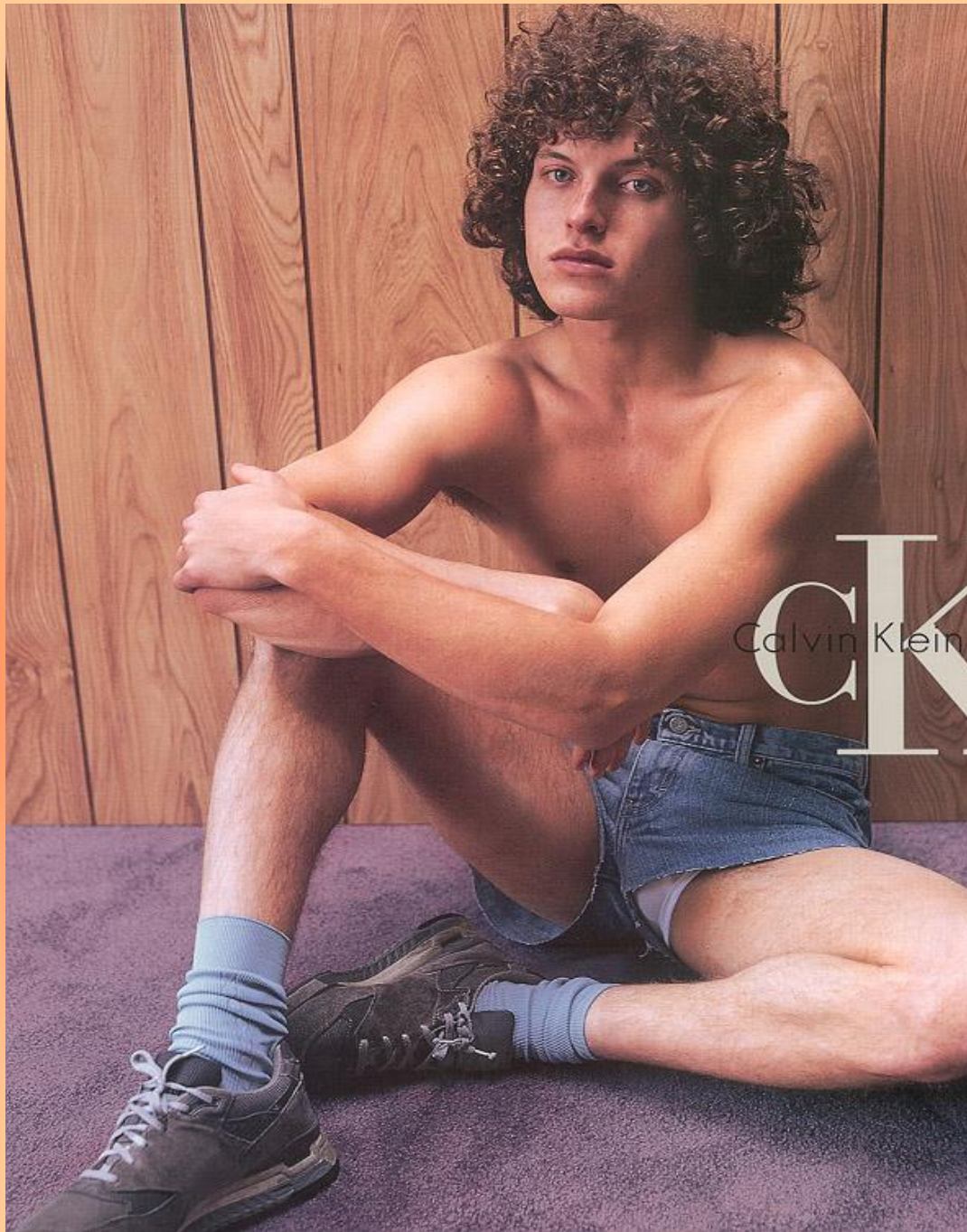
# Recent Events

- 1962 “The Battered Child Syndrome”
- 1971 The first sexual abuse program opened in San Jose, CA
- 1974 Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act was passed
- 1978 “Sexual Abuse, Another Hidden Pediatric Problem”  
C. Henry Kempe

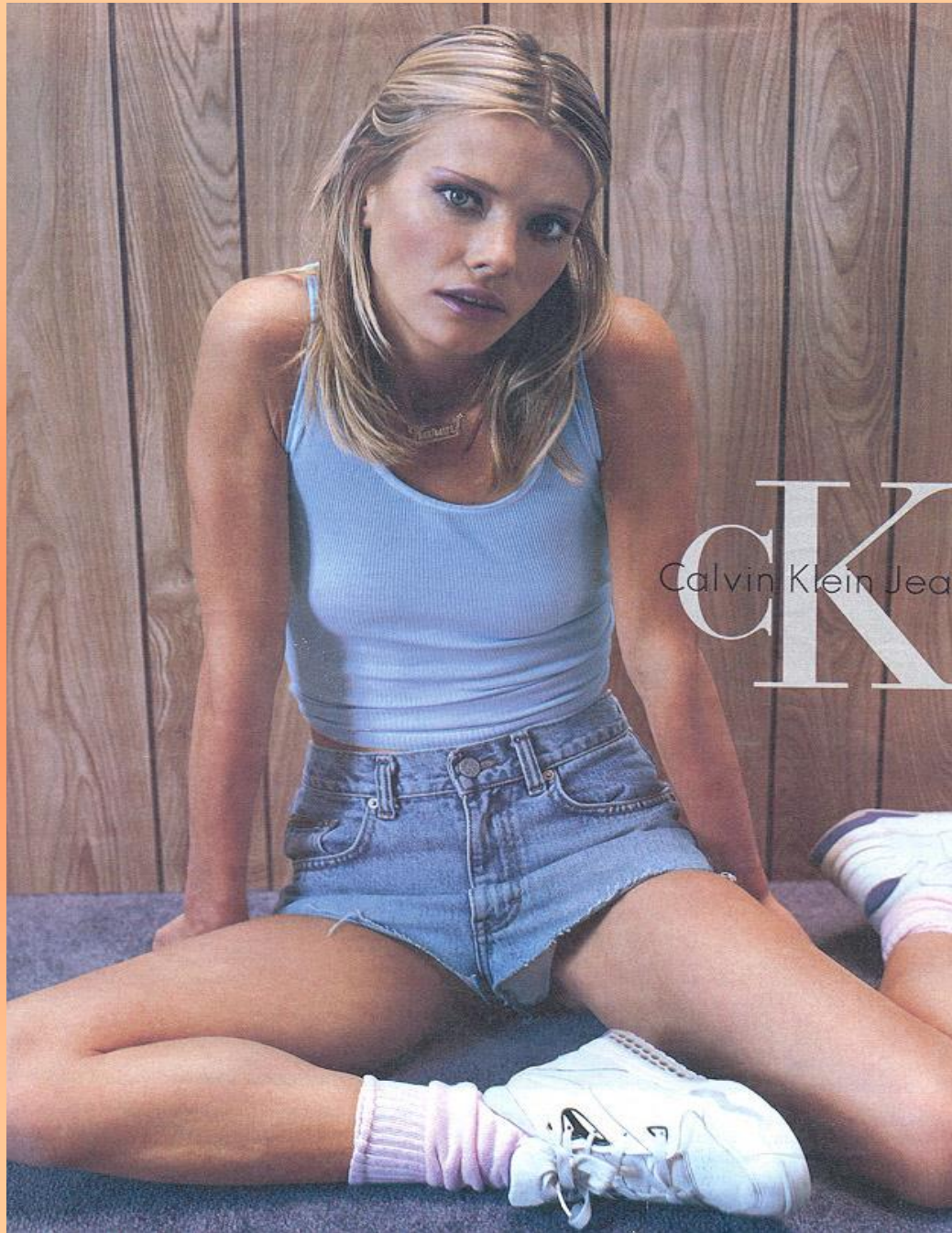
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# Child Sexual Abuse

- ▶ Any sexual contact with a child under the age of 13 is considered non-consensual and illegal.
- ▶ Sexual contact/exploitation by a family member, legal guardian or custodian.
- ▶ Applies to all children and adolescents 17 years of age and younger.



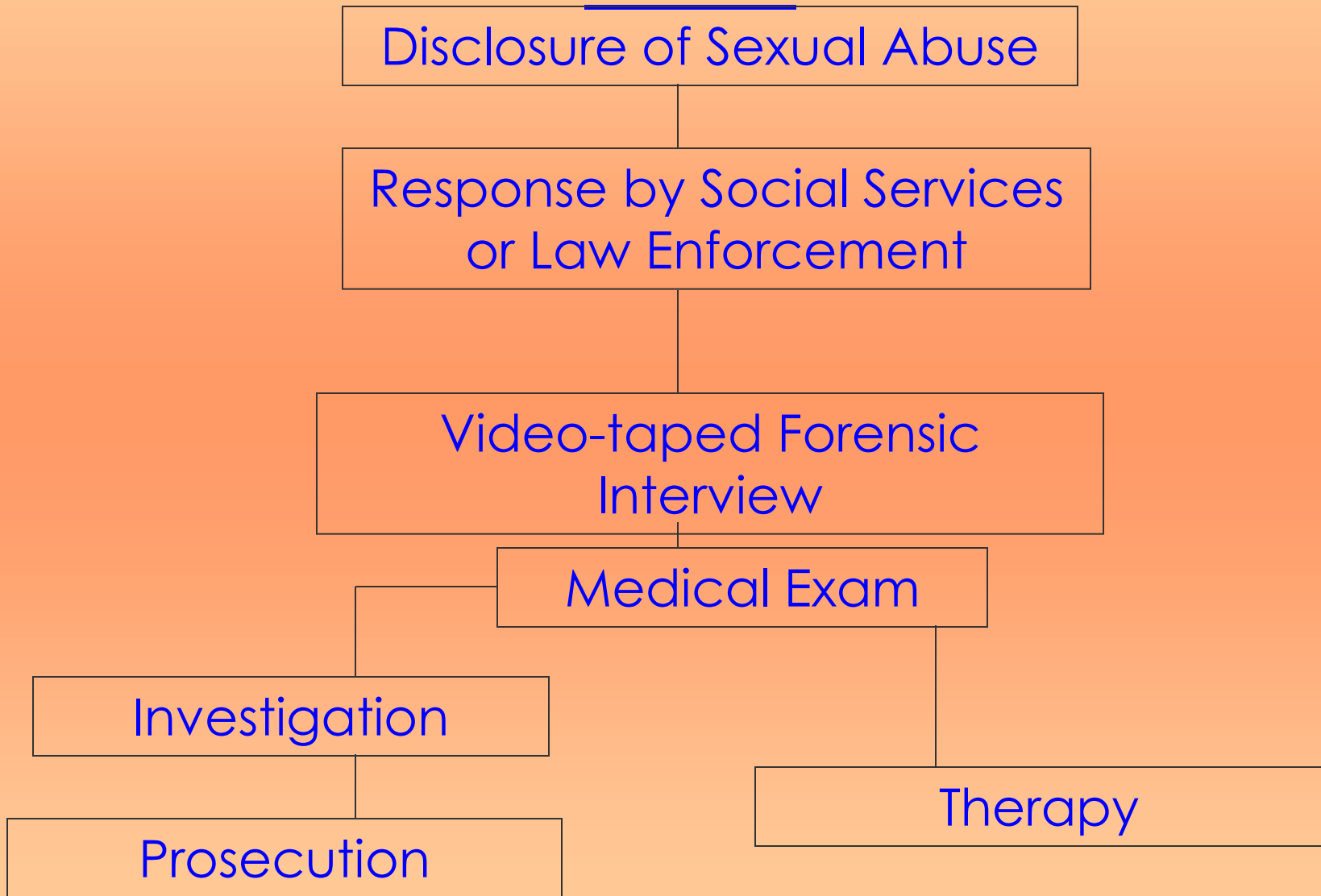
## Sexual Abuse

- ▶ Chronic
- ▶ Non-violent
- ▶ Limited forensic evidence
- ▶ Victims rarely seen acutely
- ▶ No physical findings
- ▶ “Incompetent” historian
- ▶ Developmental issues

## Rape

- ▶ Acute
- ▶ Violent
- ▶ Forensic evidence
- ▶ Victims seen quickly
- ▶ Physical findings
- ▶ Competent historian

# MDT Approach to Investigation of Sexual Abuse



# Child Sexual Abuse

- ▶ Fondling, Mutual Masturbation
- ▶ Cunnilingus/Fellatio
- ▶ Vulvar or Labial Coitus
- ▶ Sodomy

These types of contact leave little  
or no physical signs

# Gaining Access to Children and/or their Families



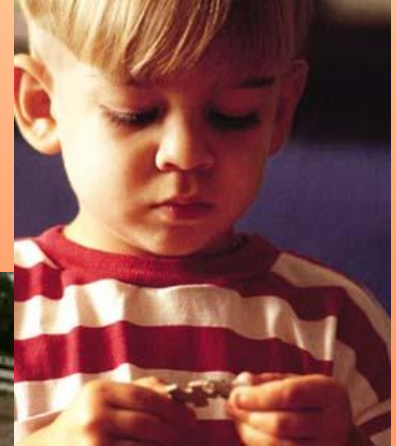
- ▶ Offer to babysit the children
- ▶ Offer to teach them a sport or a musical instrument
- ▶ Give bribes, take them for an outing
- ▶ Give affection, understanding

# Gaining Access to Children and/or their Families

- ▶ 1 in 5 offenders gained trust of entire family
- ▶ 48% babysat for their victims

# Traits That Make Children Vulnerable

- ▶ Not confident
- ▶ Low Self Esteem
- ▶ Loner
- ▶ Curious
- ▶ Sexual Behavior
- ▶ Provocatively dressed
- ▶ Young
- ▶ Passive
- ▶ Family Problems



# Where do they find their victims

- ▶ **Homes**, Schools
- ▶ Shopping malls, arcades
- ▶ Amusement/theme parks
- ▶ Playgrounds
- ▶ Parks
- ▶ Movies
- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ Beaches
- ▶ Swimming Pools



# Behavioral Indicators Of Possible CSA

- ▶ Clinginess, irritability
- ▶ Enuresis, encopresis
- ▶ Eating disorders
- ▶ Sleep disorders
- ▶ School problems



# Behavioral Indicators Of Possible CSA

- ▶ Withdrawal or fearfulness of person or place.
- ▶ Sexual “acting out”
- ▶ Poor peer relationships/social isolation.
- ▶ Depression.
- ▶ Psychosomatic GI or GU complaints.

# Reporting CSA

- ▶ All professionals which serve children are **MANDATED REPORTERS**
- ▶ Must report if there is a “**SUSPICION**” of child abuse
- ▶ Document child’s spoken words, do not interpret child’s statements

# Reporting CSA

- ▶ Report to Statewide Centralized Intake 841-6100
- ▶ Report to law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction crime occurred.
- ▶ Document you reported to the above agencies.

# Indications For CSA Exam

- ▶ History of intimate sexual contact
- ▶ Behavioral changes but child denies sexual abuse
- ▶ Family or child needs exam for reassurance

An Exam Is Not Always Necessary

# Non-Emergent Evaluation

- ▶ Most cases will fall into this category
- ▶ Contact occurred more than 72 hours ago
- ▶ Type of contact does not leave secretions on child's body
- ▶ Refer to Rio Grande Medical Group  
532-8959

# Emergency Child Sexual Abuse Exam

- ▶ The sexual abuse occurred within the last 72 hours **AND**
- ▶ Contact with someone's genital or oral area
- ▶ Child **currently** has genital complaints, i.e. bleeding, lesions, pain, etc.
- ▶ Refer to La Pinon 526-3437 for immediate evaluation

OTHERWISE ALL EXAMS MAY BE  
SCHEDULED

# Hasta la Vista

