



Maryland Needs Statutes of Limitation (SOL) Reform for Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

MD ranks below average compared to civil SOL reform in other states

PURPOSE OF SOL REFORM



Identifies previously unknown predators to the public, shielding other children from future abuse.

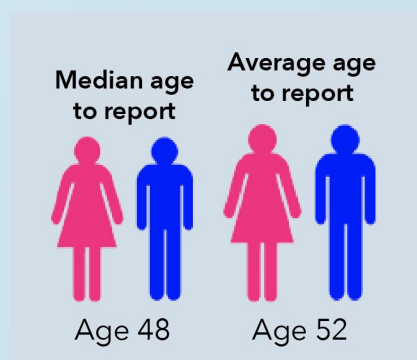


Shifts the cost of abuse from the victims to the perpetrators and the institutions that enabled them.



Educates the public about the prevalence and harm from child sex abuse so that families and the legal system can prevent future abuse.

AVERAGE AGE OF DISCLOSURE OF CSA IS 52



Maryland's civil SOL expires 14 years before the average CSA victim tells anyone they were abused

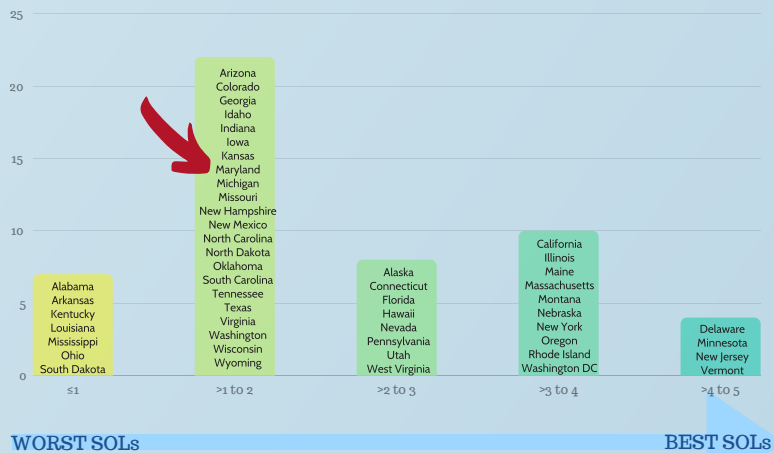
Source: N. Spröber et. al., Child sexual abuse in religiously affiliated and secular institutions, 14 BMC Pub. Health 282 (2014). [Click here](#) for Delayed Disclosure: A Factsheet Based on Cutting-Edge Research on Child Sex Abuse, CHILD USA, (Mar. 2020)

Window Report Card

A window is a law that revives expired civil claims and allows adult survivors to sue for child sex abuse they endured years ago while the window is open

A+	Vermont	Window permanently open for claims against all types of defendants
A	California, Delaware, Hawaii New Jersey & New York	Window open for 2 or more years for claims against all types of defendants
B	Arizona, Minnesota & North Carolina	Window open for more than 1 year, but not explicitly applicable to claims against all types of defendants
B-	Montana	Window open for 1 year only
C	Washington D.C.	Window open for claims by survivors under age 40 only, with some exceptions
C-	Georgia	Window open for claims against perpetrators only
D	Michigan	Window open for claims of abuse by perpetrator doctors only (Larry Nassar)
F	Maryland & the Remaining States	No window, so hidden predators are protected

CHILD USA RANKINGS OF STATE CIVIL SOLS FOR CSA



Many states ranking better than Maryland opened revival windows for all CSA survivors and/or completely eliminated their SOLs

visit www.childusa.org/sol-rankings for information about the SOL ranking system

