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**UNDERSTANDING
THE IMPACT OF
INSTITUTIONAL
BETRAYAL &
SPIRITUAL ABUSE
ON SURVIVORS**

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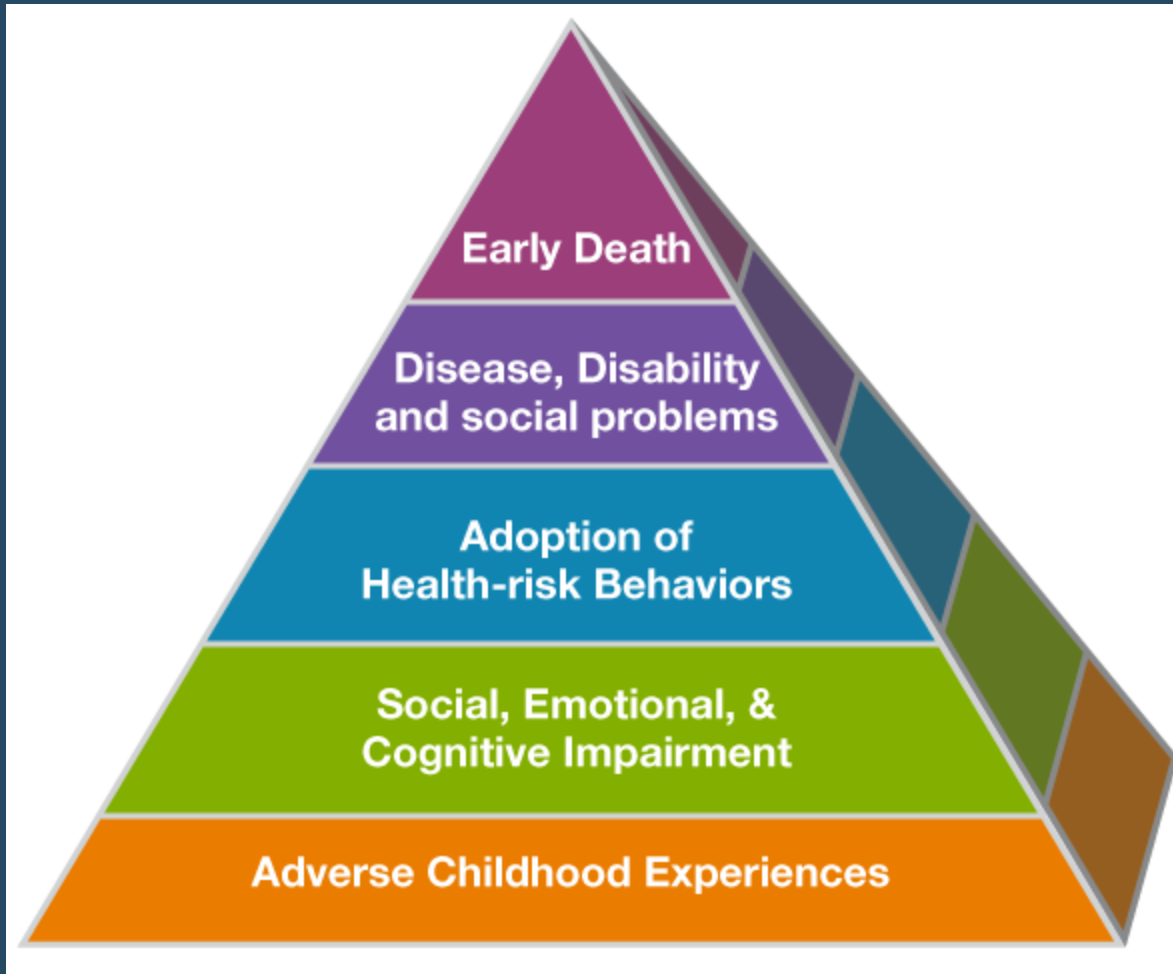
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OUTLINE

- Child Sexual Abuse & Spiritual Abuse
- Responses to Disclosure of Abuse
- Institutional Betrayal
- Institutional Courage & Responsibility
- Survivor Lens & Voices



IMPACTS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ON HEALTH: THE ACE STUDY



**CHILD
SEXUAL
ABUSE IN A
RELIGIOUS
CONTEXT**

“I am now certain that Cardinal Pell is innocent.”

Gerard Bradley, Aug 28 2019

“Some victims are sincere in their reporting but, sadly and tragically, their reports themselves are not truthful....”

Thomas G. Plante, Ph.D., ABPP

“Cardinal Pell has been a friend of mine for a number of years, a good teacher to me, so I remain a friend and I don't shy away from that.”

Archbishop Peter Commensoli

RESPONSES TO DISCLOSURE...

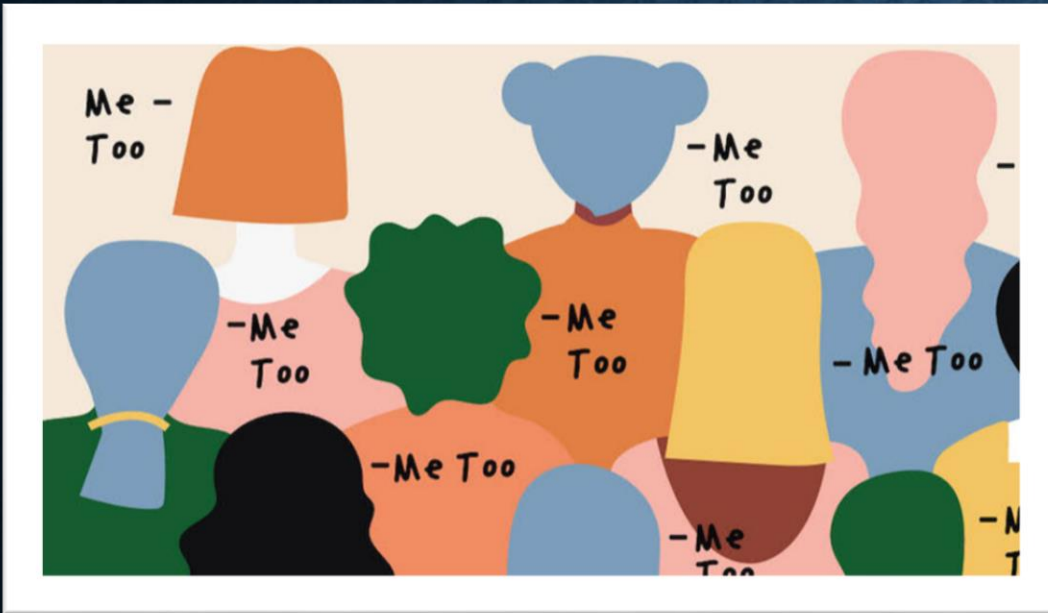
INSTITUTIONAL BETRAYAL: DARVO

Always tell the truth
if the children are hurt like
me.

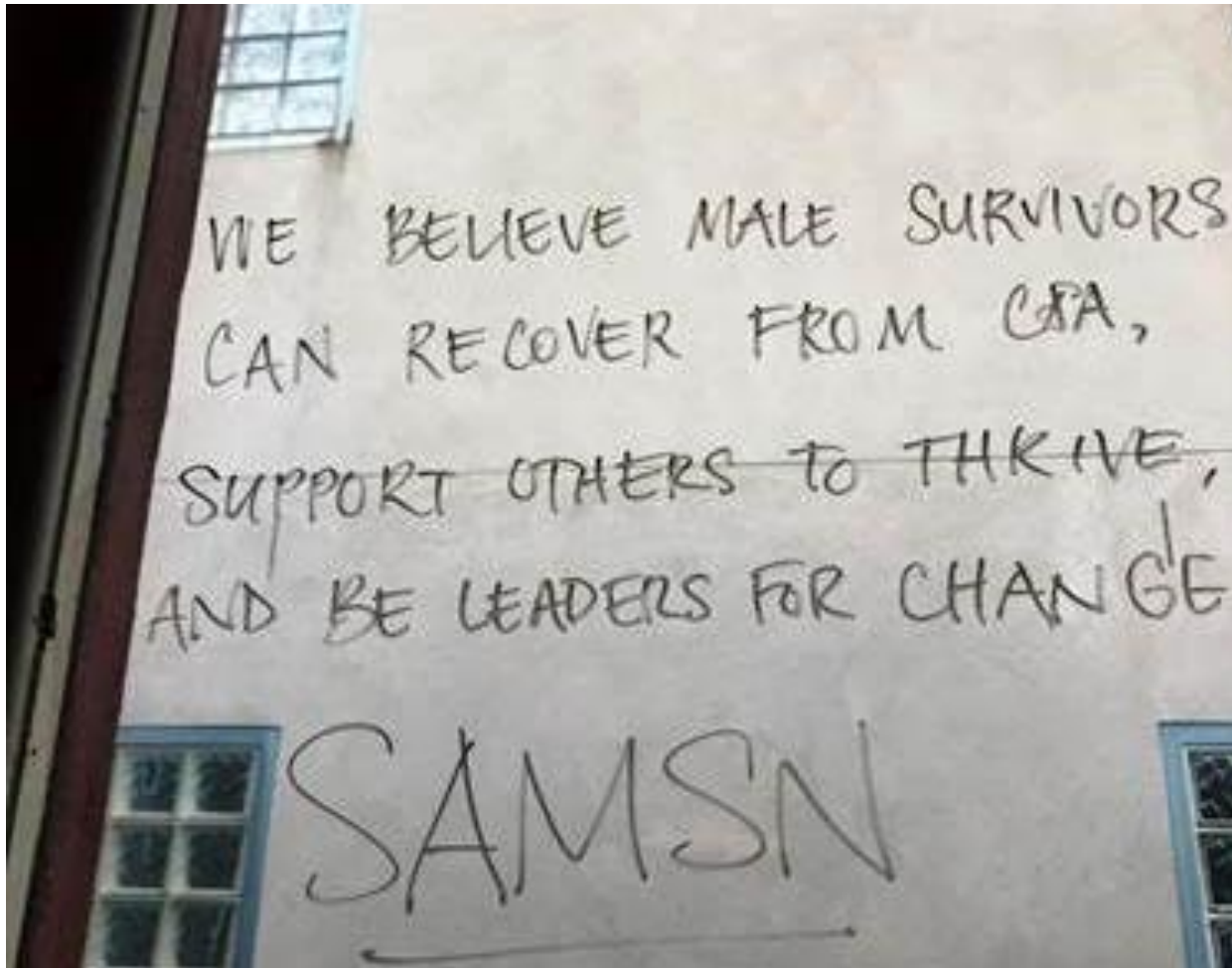


- Deny
- Attack
- Reverse
- Victim
- Offender

INSTITUTIONAL COURAGE & RESPONSIBILITY



- Recognizing institutional harm & betrayal
- Addressing the needs of survivors
- Listening to and valuing survivors knowledge & courage
- Speaking out against DAVO
- Take full responsibility
- Valuing whistle-blowers
- Supporting and building places of healing and connection



HEARING & LEARNING FROM SURVIVORS



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