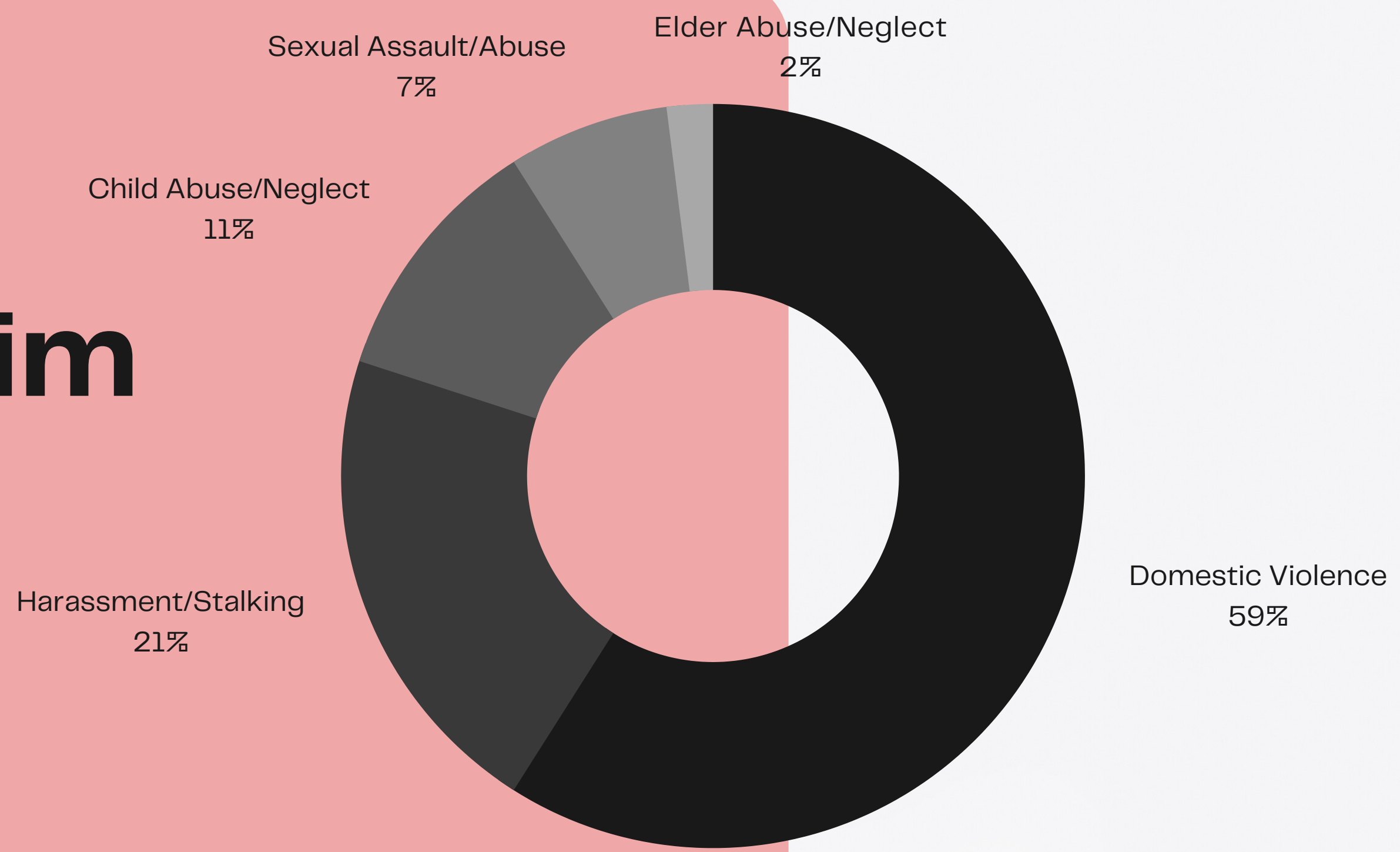


A Victim Services Approach to Romance Scams





Not the typical victim to seek support & services



*9,842 Clients Served

Identifying Gaps & Creating Solutions



APS

Often does not meet statutory requirements for intervention



Law Enforcement

Completes report, investigates or refers out.



Leveraging Relationships and Learning from Experience





- Made referral and connected client to counseling.
- Offered ongoing support



- Provided client information on romance scams.
- Offered to check for a history on potential scammer
- Provided follow-up

Victim of Romance Scam



- Screened out of APS due to victim having capacity
- Relationship with FJC for referrals



- Reached out to victim to see if she was interested in discussing the possibility of her current relationship being a scam
- Provided emotional support and safety planning

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I finished my initial counseling and am signed up for a more long-time look at “how on earth” I could have attached to a scammer and still at times long for the beautiful fantasy he offered me.

It was February 2022 that the last money transaction happened, and none will ever happen again.

When I needed understanding you and Detective Harrill were supportive and non-judgmental. I hope you realize how important and vital to mental stability that was (and is for others) as they flounder in a scammer situation.

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