

StreetWorks Safe Harbor Training 4/20/16 Sexual Exploitation & Outreach to Youth

Topic: Sexual Exploitation & Outreach to Youth -- identifying and understanding the various forms of exploitation, common recruitment methods, warning signs/indicators – with a specific focus on safely working with youth to identify and address needs.

Presenter: Beth Holger-Ambrose



Beth Holger-Ambrose is the Executive Director for The Link which is a nonprofit in Minneapolis, Minnesota that has three divisions of services: housing and supportive services for youth and young families experiencing homelessness; emergency shelter, housing and supportive services for youth who have been victims of sex trafficking and programming for youth who are at-risk of or who are involved in the juvenile justice system. Prior to this position she was the Homeless Youth Services Coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Human Services directing the state's work in the areas of runaway, homeless and sex trafficked youth. Holger-Ambrose also worked for Avenues and the Bridge (both in Minneapolis) with street outreach, emergency shelter, and transitional living programs for runaway and homeless youth for eight years and worked for Kennedy High School coaching girls cross country and track and field for 14 years. Holger-Ambrose is a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters and a board member of Oasis for Youth. She was the recipient of the Virginia Mcknight-Binger Award in Human Services in 2005, the Ain Dah Yung Center's Native Ally of the Year Award in 2012 and is currently a Bush Leadership Fellow for the development work of the Safe Harbor Law/No Wrong Door Response. Holger-Ambrose has also had research published in the Journal of Adolescent Health (2/11) and the Journal of Child Sexual Abuse (5/13). Holger-Ambrose has a B.A. and a Masters Degree in Non-Profit Management and Administration with a certificate in Public Policy from Hamline University in St. Paul, MN.

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will understand the differences and similarities of providing outreach to sexually exploited youth and youth who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness.
2. Attendees will understand the basic principles of motivational interviewing and creating a safe environment for building relationships with youth.
3. Attendees will learn about safety for themselves, their outreach partners/team and how to effectively approach youth who have or are being sexually exploited.
4. Attendees will be provided with best practices and guiding principles regarding outreach training and available resources.

Panel Discussion: What exploitation looks like in various urban and suburban areas in the Twin Cities, how to safely approach youth, and how to identify needs and available resources.

Trainers/Panelists: **Jasmyn Green**, Lead Case Manager, Oasis for Youth, **Charisma Smith**, PRIDE Program Director, The Family Partnership/PRIDE Program, and **Zach Wolfram**, Outreach Program Manager, The Link



Oasis for Youth opens the door to housing, employment, education and wellness for youth facing homelessness in the suburbs. Tools for stability and opportunities to thrive are provided through individualized case management, onsite supportive services and connections to housing and community resources. www.oasisforyouth.org



Nationally Accredited by the Council on Accreditation. Thus, PRIDE is nationally recognized for its advocacy against commercial sexual exploitation and as a highly successful program of the Family Partnership. Victims of commercial sexual exploitation are vulnerable adults and youth. Barriers to successful recovery include, violence, substance abuse, homelessness, poverty and a multitude of other challenges. PRIDE is the first program in Minnesota to effectively deliver services across a life span on behalf of women and teens reclaiming their lives after commercial sexual exploitation. www.thefamilypartnership.org

For nearly 40 years, PRIDE (Promoting, Recovery, Independence, Dignity, and Equality) has provided support services to sexually exploited individuals and their families, with integrity. PRIDE is a program of The Family Partnership. The Family Partnership is



For more than 20 years, The Link has provided support to at-risk youth in the Twin Cities. Today, our programs reach out to youth and families when truancy, homelessness, or involvement in the juvenile legal system is putting youth at risk of not reaching their fullest potential. By providing case management services to youth who are truant, homeless or in trouble with the law, The Link is building assets for at-risk youth and young adults to succeed in life. We currently serve over 3,300 at-risk youth each year. www.thelinkmn.org

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6/15 – Rondo Library
8/17 – LSS State Center
10/19 – location TBD
12/21 – LSS State Center
2017 dates and location TBA

We are excited to embark on this journey with all of you as we work to improve outreach and services to at-risk and sexually exploited youth throughout the Twin Cities metro area.

Thank you on behalf of LSS and the Streetworks Collaborative

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