

FROM SURVIVOR TO STAKEHOLDER: ADVOCATE SUPPORT

IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL ARE KEY

Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Tool

Is the Youth/Client "At Risk," High Risk" or a "Confirmed Victim for commercial sexual exploitation?

AT RISK – If yes to fewer than three of the following:



Question	YES	NO
Does the youth/client have a history of being missing for 2 or more days at a time within the last 6 months [parent doesn't know where/or who the youth is staying with]?		
Does the youth/client "couch surf/hop"?		
Does or has the youth/client engaged in self harm (cutting)?		
Does the youth/client currently use drugs or alcohol?		
Has the youth/client been a victim of a sexual assault?		
Is the youth/client in a sexual/romantic relationship with an older partner?		
Is the youth/client unable or unwilling to provide information about a girlfriend/boyfriend or sex partner?		
Is the youth/client engaging in inappropriate social media usage (sexually explicit)?		
Has the youth/client been in possession of money, a cell phone or other items that cannot be explained or accounted for?		
Have there been reports of multiple anonymous sex partners?		
Does the youth client have an STD?		
Has gang affiliation been disclosed, reported or suspected?		

HIGH RISK – If yes to one or more of the following

Question	YES	NO
Three or more of the above "at risk" factors are answered "Yes"		
Has there been unauthorized travel out of town?		
Does the youth/client have unaccounted for injuries or tattoos?		
Have there been confirmed or reported uses of hotels or parties for sexual encounters?		

CONFIRMED VICTIM

Question	YES	NO
Has the youth/client reported "consensual" participation in a sexual act in exchange for shelter, drugs, alcohol, money or other item of value?		
Has law enforcement confirmed through an investigation that the youth/client has been trafficked or engaged in any commercial, sexually exploitive activity?		
Has the youth/client reported being forced or coerced into sexual activity for the monetary benefit of another person?		

If youth/client is AT RISK		Consult with Southeastern Regional Navigator Laura Sutherland for individual service, 507-328-7279; 24 Hour Line 507-289-0636
If youth/client is HIGH RISK Or CONFIRMED VICTIM		Report to local law enforcement, social services, and Southeastern Regional Navigator Laura Sutherland



EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT

Understanding the stages of recovering
from sex trafficking

1. Victim/Outcast

2. Survivor

3. Thriver

4. Victor/Leader

MOVING FROM CASE MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

- Providing ongoing support after client is out of the life.
 - a. Finding meaning from trauma by impacting providers as well as individuals still in the life.
 - b. Do not close case file.
 - c. Transition relationship.
- Reduce risk of re-entry into the life by continuing to build relationship.

ALL SURVIVORS STORIES HAVE POWER

Factors to consider in sharing survivor stories:

- How long out of the life?
- How long has a support team been in place?
- How long clean and sober?
- How easily triggered?

Bottom line - survivor must be well supported by therapy, drug court/NA/AA, other survivors.

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

Strength in sharing story, offer professional speaking support and skill building, including:

- Request survivor to share story with you; understand liability risks.
- Offer to develop written speaking points based on their story.
- Practice, practice, practice: be mindful of over disclosing and potential triggers.
- Offer a frame work for the story: what were their vulnerabilities, when did they enter the life, some detail of what being in the life looked like, how did they get out and what keeps them strong now.

JOINT PRESENTATIONS

- Share your presentation with survivor prior to actual presentation: be prepared to modify your presentation based on survivor input.
- Benefit of joint presentations: impact of survivor story combined with overall perspective on Safe Harbor, provider response, trafficking and exploitation.
- Discuss whether the survivor is interested in answering questions and how questions will be managed: be willing to step in and respond to questions that may be triggering or unrelated to their story.
- Debrief after all presentations: offer positive feedback and encouragement, as well as observations and continued skill building.
- Be prepared to affirmatively address rude or inappropriate behavior on behalf of the survivor.
- Never provide host with survivor power point. Bring presentation on a USB drive.
- Never agree to filming of the presentation or taking photos without survivor consent: be aware of risks.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- ❖ Advocate for and ensure payment for Survivor: this is non-negotiable, no payment no presentation.
- ❖ Suggested Fees: \$150 honorarium for presentation, more if multiple presentations; mileage to and from the event from speakers home at government reimbursement rate (.58/mile); meal reimbursement for travel time; hotel lodging (obtain survivor input on lodging) and conference registration fee.
- ❖ Prepare an invoice for survivor's presentation: include a clause that survivor retains the right to cancel if payment is not available the day of presentation.
- ❖ Advocate must check in with host in advance to ensure payment will be available and troubleshoot any finance related issues. Be creative if check is not available and request cash or gift cards.
- ❖ Advocate should maintain a list of speaking engagements on behalf of the survivor for professional development.

MEDIA TIPS

- Educate the media.
- Ask for questions in advance.
- Advocate should be prepared to stop interview if survivor is over disclosing or is triggered.
- Do not share identifying information regarding trafficker or children.
- Prepare survivor for social media reaction. Discuss management of social media accounts.

**SUVIVOR STORIES
CHANGE LIVES!**