

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Understanding and Responding to Victims

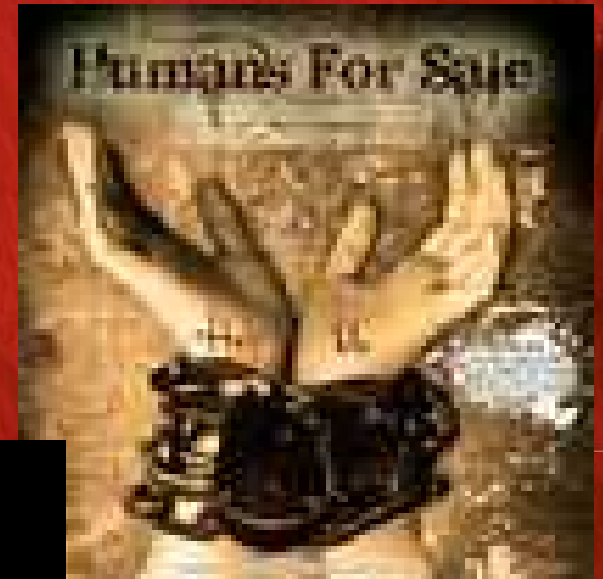
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The Process...

From Victim...

To Survivor...

To Leader...



Types of Referrals

- Child Protective Services
- Shelter/housing
- Basic needs met/safety
- Support
- Mental health services
- Legal services
- Substance abuse treatment
- Educational plan/support

Comprehensive Service Provision



**VULNERABLE
ADOLESCENTS**



PREVENTION

10-week girls' groups

IDENTIFICATION

training to help service providers identify victims

INTERVENTION

survivor mentoring

AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

transforming understanding



**MLMC RESTORES
THE POWER TO
CHOOSE**

Why Mentoring? Key Facets

- Everyone needs a “person”
- Our girls lack consistent supports
- Our girls get moved frequently
- Recovery takes a long time

Why SURVIVOR Mentoring?

- Trust: The bridge is shorter
- Leveraging trust to use other supports
- Accountability
- Hope

What else? Importance of Community

- We must offer and create what the pimps tried to...
 - Love!
 - Community
 - Connection
 - Protection/Safety
 - Fun
 - Opportunities
 - Excitement

Evaluation

What funders ask for:
How many girls “got out”?

VS.

Reality:

What a Stages of Change evaluation
can look like

Questions?

“My Life My Choice is the gold standard in prevention and mentoring programs for commercially sexually exploited and trafficked girls.”

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