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

MY LIFE MY CHOICE
Empowering Youth. Ending Exploitation.

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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