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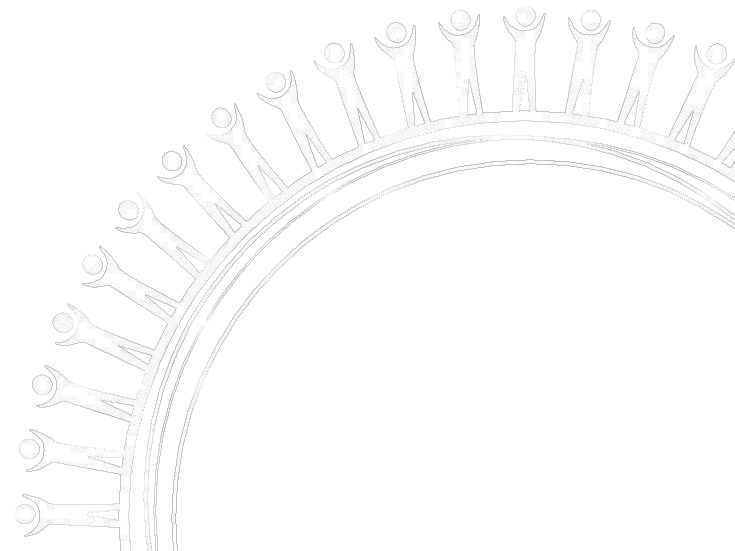




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Overview of Presentation

- Review the four types of control in youth sex trafficking
- Understand how to screen for youth sex trafficking and to provide services based on each type of control
- How to make services more accessible to youth
- Cultivating an exit plan for youth
- How to incorporate comprehensive community response (including non-offending guardians)

Overview of Courtney's House

Who Does Courtney's House Serve?

- Sex trafficking survivors ONLY
- Male, Female, and all LGBTQ youth
- AGES 11-21yrs
- Washington, D.C. area



Overview of Courtney's House

Drop-in Center Services

- Intake Assessments/Sex Trafficking Assessments
- Case Management
- Support Groups
- Service Referral
- Meals for Youth



Types of Control and Screening Assessment



Four Types of Control

Pimp

Gang

Family

Boys and Transgender

PIMP CONTROL

Assessment Questions

- Have you ever left home?
- What made you leave home?
- How many times did you leave home?
- What were some of the ways you took care of yourself while you were away from home?
- Did you ever do any traveling while you were gone?
- What places did you go?
- While traveling, who did you go with?
- How long were you gone?
- While you were away from home did anybody keep you from coming back?
- Did anyone introduce you to stripping? If so, where did you strip?
- Did you ever go to any shopping malls while you were gone?

GANG CONTROL

Assessment Questions

- Have you ever been asked to go to a skip party?
- How did you hear about the skip party?
- Were you asked to bring any friends?
- Did anyone ever show you any DVDs or YouTube footage of them or someone else harming someone?
- What clique or set were you with?

FAMILY CONTROL

Assessment Questions

- Have you ever helped your family save money?
- What are some ways you helped?
- Has anyone in your family ever dropped you off at someone's house?
- How long were you gone?

BOYS / TRANSGENDER CONTROL

Assessment Questions

- Did anyone ever give you hormone shots?
- Do you have a Mama that helps take care of you?
- Who helped you become fierce?
- Are you in a dance crew?
- Have you ever worked chatlines?

COMMON WAYS SURVIVORS TELL WITHOUT TELLING

Testing the waters

- Calling others the names they have been called to see how you react.
- Talking about an abusive boyfriend that they live with, with other girls.
- Talking about rape to see what questions you follow up with.

Providing Services and Referrals for Survivors of Youth Sex Trafficking



Specialized Services

- Services based on type of control
 - Pimp Control
 - Gang Control
 - Family Control
 - Boys/Transgender Control

Youth-Friendly Services and Outreach

Tips for Youth-Friendly Services:

- Incorporate Social Media!
- Provide flexibility in providing services (Facetime for case management, etc.)
- Incentivize services

Developing Trauma-Informed Referrals

Service Referral at Courtney's House

- Staff will conduct an assessment & runaway plan
- Staff will notify the social worker if the youth qualifies for CH services
- Staff works for the best course of action with the youth.
 - Referrals to out-of-state facilities specific to sex trafficking

Trauma-Informed Services

Support Groups at Courtney's House

- Survivor support groups and exit plan

Trauma-Informed Services

Support Groups at Courtney's House

- Parent and Guardian Healing

Questions?



Thank you!

IOFA and Courtney's House provide training and technical assistance for OVW grantees on topics related to youth sex trafficking.

Please contact us with any questions or for resources and technical assistance.

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