

Innocence Stolen: Understanding and Combating Sex Trafficking

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Keynote: Survivor Speaker Hayley King

Hayley King survived six years of involvement in the commercial sex industry. Upon exiting "the life," she earned a B.S. from Colorado State University in Human Development & Family Studies, and moved to Minnesota, a state gaining a reputation for tackling the sex industry head on. She recently stepped into role of Program Coordinator for an organization in the Twin Cities that serves sexually exploited youth.

King independently offers her services as a consultant on program development, policy initiatives, and youth education in effort to cultivate communities where people maximize their potential, construct meaningful lives, and live with integrity. She also offers customized trainings and presentations to a variety of audiences from students to lawmakers.

In addition to working with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office to educate and raise awareness of commercial sexual exploitation through providing over 50 trainings across the state of Minnesota, King served as a youth counselor and group facilitator for sexually exploited girls at a therapeutic group home in Minnesota from 2014-2016, and co-chaired the Awareness & Prevention Committee for the West Central MN Human Trafficking Task Force.

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SESSION ONE

Sex Trafficking Investigations in Southern Minnesota

Get an overview of Sex Trafficking Investigations in Brown, Nicollet and Blue Earth Counties over the past four years. It will also include an outline of the Safe Harbor Law, and its affects on area investigations. This presentation will include real case examples of the groups successes and failures in sex trafficking investigations in Southern Minnesota.

Jeff Hohensee, Senior Investigator, New Ulm Police Department

“Correcting Missteps, Making Change: This is How We Should Be Talking about Sex Trafficking”

In this session, participants will confront the previous missteps and unintended consequences of the anti-trafficking movement. Through a brief lecture and opportunities for interactive discussion, participants will learn practical strategies for building awareness and engaging both systems and community partners in the local response to sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, with a focus on tangible approaches to primary prevention.

Teri McLaughlin, MNCASA Executive Director

My Life My Choice “Empowering youth to protect themselves from the commercial sex industry and its predators.”

An informational presentation for peers and professionals working with at-risk youth populations. Learn more about prevention curriculum that aims to change girls' attitudes and perceptions of the commercial sex industry, as well as build self-esteem and personal empowerment.

Jane Vader and Tasha Moulton, Sex Trafficking Prevention Advocates

Do You See Me?: Missing, Murdered, and Sex Trafficked Indigenous Women

"Do You See Me?" explores sex trafficking from the Midwest to oil fields across North Dakota. This presentation will discuss how indigenous women are at a higher risk to be trafficked or abused, and will cover community and institutional measures taken to protect indigenous women.

Alissa Shape, Graduate Student of Gender and Women's Studies at MSU Mankato

SESSION TWO

Navigating a healthy path for survivors of sex trafficking: The Role of multidisciplinary task forces.

The impact sex trafficking has on individuals and communities, reveals that no one organization or entity has all the answers, resources, and factors necessary to significantly combat slavery. Navigating a healthy path for survivors demands a unified, coordinated effort among both government and nongovernment sectors of system professionals to provide supportive services for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Allan Bakke, Southwest MN Safe Harbor Regional Navigator

Sex Trafficking; Victim Impact and a Restorative Response

Delve deeper into the issue of sex trafficking, its affects on adult female victims and what is needed for healing and restoration. The session will also provide an inside look into the vision and mission of Terebinth Refuge, as an answer for the lives of these victims.

Cynthia Terlough, Executive Director Terebinth Refuge

Mapping the Demand Part I: Sex Buyers in Minnesota

This presentation shares research findings about who sex buyers are, where they live and purchase sex in Minnesota, how they enter the marketplace, and what they seek in the marketplace. The goal is to help close a significant gap in research, practice and policy related to sex buyers and the demand for sex. This report presents new and important information about people who purchase sex in Minnesota in order to illuminate a more complete picture of the overall marketplace for sex. The presenters will also highlight ideas for prevention and intervention.

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SESSION THREE

Greater Minnesota's Law Enforcement Response To Human Trafficking Including identifying Prostitution & Sexual Exploitation

Review information on Greater Minnesota collaborations to fight sex trafficking, between law enforcement, prosecutors, and regional resources such as navigators, shelters and advocates and working with child protection teams human services, probation.

Marc Chadderton, Nicollet County Sheriff's Investigator

Grooming Strategies Regarding Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Youth

Jane Straub, Victim Assistance Specialist, Jacob Wetterling Resource Center

Mapping the Demand Part II: Racial Inequities and Complex Trauma - Implications for Social Work Practice

An intersectional analysis of commercial sex in Minnesota demonstrates a harsh truth: this issue is about racial equity. A comparison of sex buyer demographics to those involved in trading sex/victims of trafficking highlight severe racial and class disparities along gendered lines. In addition, sex buyer preferences and behavior have significant implications and trauma for people of color involved.

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