

A Survivor's Perspective: Understanding Victims and Survivors

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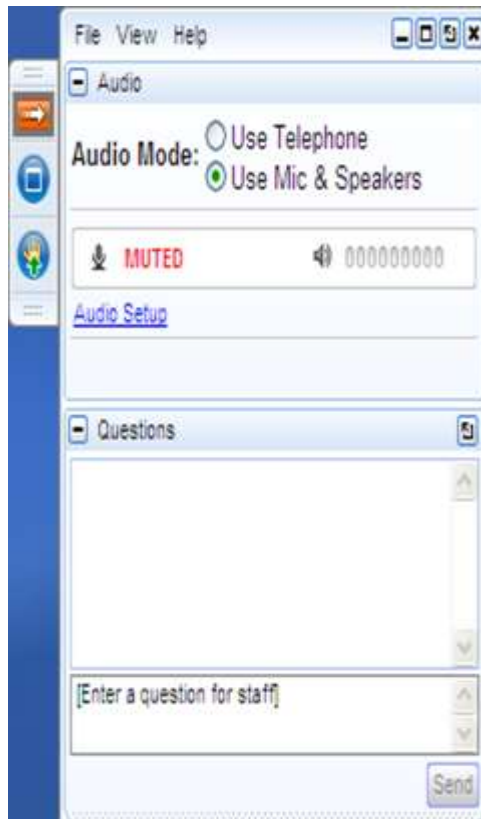
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Are You Ready to Change Your Perception?



Who Are We?

- Courtney's House: We provide services for youth in the D.C., Northern Virginia & Maryland area.
- Courtney's House is a drop-in center that offers a Non-Residential Program that serves 12-21 year old females, males and LGBTQ community survivors of Domestic Sex Trafficking.
- In addition, Courtney's House offers emergency Case Management to clients over the age of 21 for 30 days.
- Mission: To provide survivor focused, trauma informed, and holistic services to survivors of sex trafficking.

Services

- **Intake Assessments**
 - Assessments are screening methods for Sex Trafficking.
- **Street Outreach**
 - Friday & Saturday nights (2:00 a.m. -7:00 a.m.)
- **Hotline**
 - 24 Hours, 7 days a week
 - Answered by survivors of sex trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault
 - 1-888-261-3665
- **Research**
 - Support Street Outreach
 - Find possible matches with Missing Kids
 - Find & remove Online ads for clients

Services (continued)

- Survivor Support Groups
- Parent/Guardian Support Groups
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Survivor Intensive Case Management
- Parent Insensitive Case Management
- Drop-in Center

Types of Trafficking

Four types of Control in the greater DC Area

- ✦ Pimp
- ✦ Gang
- ✦ Family
- ✦ Boys/Transgender

*Knowing the correct control
Enables you to ask the right questions*

Common Ways Survivors Tell without Telling

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

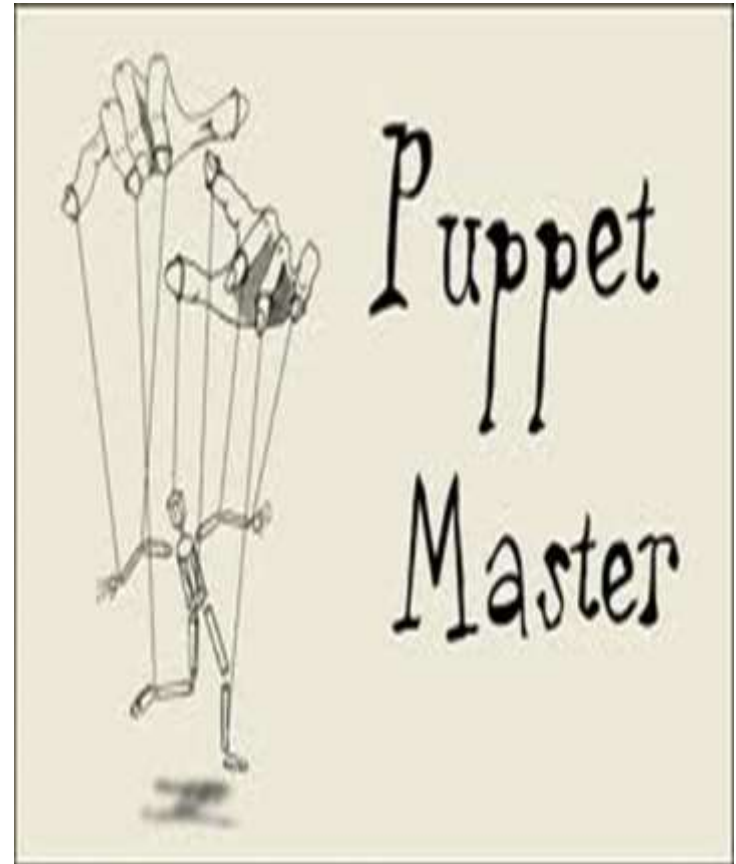
Trauma on the Brain

- Higher risk of
 - PTSD
 - Mood Disorders
- Self-blame, Shame, Guilt
- Dissociation, Depersonalization
- Limited ability to think about themselves in the future, plan goals
- Effects on sex drive
- Drug and/or alcohol use, but DO NOT assume

Trauma on the Body

- Cuts, bruises, burns, broken bones
- STIs, trauma to genitalia
- Change in sleep and eating
- Significant change in weight
- Muscle tension
- Somatic Disorders
- Stomach problems
- Unable to feel temperature

Who's Pulling the Strings???



PIMP Controlled

Intervene Assessment
(from Shared Hope International)

- 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 Controlled

Intervene Assessment

(from Shared Hope International)

*Courtney's House expanded on these questions)

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

FAMILY Controlled

Intervene Assessment

- 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/TRANS Controlled

- 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?

Pimp Control TERMS:

Trafficker/Pimp – Person who buys and sells the child with no regard for their well being

John/Buyer – Person who buys sex from the child with no regard for their well being

Quota – An amount of money that survivors must provide to their trafficker/pimp every night

Bottom – A trafficker/pimp who has multiple women/girls under his control will pick one to help supervise and control the others. The “bottom” will collect money for the pimp and tell on the other girls, but the “bottom” is also controlled by the pimp and often endures the most abuse.

Track – A set area known for prostitution activity where girls & boys are sent by their trafficker.

Pimp Control TERMS (continued)

Runway/Kiddie Track – Where young girls, usually ages 11-16 are sent by trafficker

Daddy – What pimps require victims to call them

Mama – What transgendered traffickers require victims to call them

Wife-in-law – What women/girls are required to call the other women/girls in the “stable”

Stable – A group of victims under pimp control

Gorilla Pimp – A violent Pimp/Trafficker

“The Life” – Being involved in pimp control

Hard Facts

- Sexually exploited minors should not be treated as criminals or delinquents but as severely traumatized and abused survivors requiring protection, empathy, specialized services and counseling/therapy.
- They should NOT be re-traumatized through arrest, prosecution and detainment.
- Police Officer Oath: “I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.”



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Questions