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Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Below is an excerpt from Chapter 2 of the book, Renting Lacy, by Linda Smith.

How A Child Becomes a Product

"We see a "hooker" on the street and we're disgusted. We read or hear the language of prostitution and we're appalled. But what we don't realize is the extremes of anguish that have led to this nauseating end.

And so – to understand clearly- we have to go back to the beginning. To the "why" of prostitution. It's simple supply and demand. There is a buyer who wants a product.

For that product to come to market, the seller- the pimp, the facilitator, the trafficker- must prepare his product to meet the demand. He does this by first obtaining a raw product, then preparing and packaging the product, and finally distributing the product, offering it for sale.

And the product?

Usually a girl. Usually around the age of 11 to 14.

Here's the process...

Obtaining Product (Child)

A number of strategic practices are used to obtain children for sex trafficking, and more tactics are being developed as the demand for children continues to rise in the U.S.

As to location, it's cheaper and less risky getting a girl from a small town or a city in the U.S. than to import women and children from other countries.

A trafficker gets a child by:

Abduction- sometimes right off the streets, other times after a period of luring (the girl may believe the pimp is a boyfriend, then one day the "boyfriend" lures or forces the girl to leave her home or hometown).

Coercion- which is still a form of

abduction. This is when a child is lured into the life. The girl may believe that she's willingly chosen to go with the pimp and to do the things he or a facilitator ask her to do. She is usually not aware of the physical and psychological brainwashing she's being subjected to.

Preparation of Product (Child)

As with any product, the seller seeks to meet the desire of the buyer. In this case, the buyer desires a young girl who appears to be equal parts innocent child and slut.

Innocent- a little girl's age alone makes her an innocent. This element is natural. Even among girls who have been in "the life" for years, I always find "layers" of the children they really are... perhaps in the way they giggle, or the way they long for a mother figure. Even after years of abuse and deprivation, the innocent child can be perceived.

Slut/Whore- this part *doesn't* come naturally. A little girl doesn't grow up as the product that buyers want her to be- she is by no means a slut or a whore. She doesn't have a sexually depraved mind or sexual desires. Someone- a pimp, facilitator, porn producer, and/or molester- must forcibly *condition* the girl to *become* this way. This is product preparation.

So how does someone turn an innocent little girl into a "slut"?

Language- the unique language used in the commercial sex industry is, to us, crude and vile. To them, it's the norm.

Pornography- this is used in two ways: for the enticement of the buyer, and for the preparation of the child who will be bought.

Packaging the Product (Child)

Language- the child must adopt the new language, the dialect of the street. She must be able to use the crude language

that the buyer expects, to initiate the fantasy, exciting him and inciting him to use her- yet at the same time keeping him from a desire beyond his sexual hunger, which might make him want to rescue her from her pimp.

New name- the child is usually given a new street name designed to provoke the fantasy. Her old name discarded. She is now Lacy, Star, Cherry, Sugar, or some such.

Appearance- a girl is dressed and made up in the manner which a buyer expects and desires- as a "schoolgirl," a "little beauty queen," a "sexy child," a "woman in a child's body."

I have to admit that at times, this all sounds beyond belief. For us living our regular lives, raising families, striving in our careers, going to college, planning vacations, it's as if these children and women exist in another dimension. We may pass a gentlemen's club or see a girl dressed in a manner that makes us question- *she's not really a slave, is she?* and yet, it's true. Our research, our investigations, have revealed a reality that still doesn't seem possible in our own towns, in our own nation.

Let's look beneath the make-up and clothing, the hard language, the sexy act... to see who these girls really are."

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Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

What is the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children?

In 1996 the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children defined commercial sexual exploitation of children as sexual abuse by the adult and the payment in cash or kind to the child or a third person or persons. The child is treated as a sexual object that can be bought and sold. Commercial sexual exploitation of children includes the prostitution of children, child pornography, child sex tourism and other forms of transactional sex where a child engages in to have key needs met, such as food and shelter.

The Law

In 2000 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act was passed, according to this federal law any child under the age of 18 years old who is used for the purpose of exploitation through sexual servitude (prostitution) regardless of the absence of economic leverage, manipulation, fraud, coercion, threats, force or violence is considered a commercially sexually exploited child and a victim of human trafficking. A child victim of human trafficking does not have to prove that they were tricked or violently forced into sexual exploitation in order to be considered a victim of human trafficking under this federal law. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act applies to every child human trafficking victim in the United States whether trafficked domestically or internationally.

*Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, H.R. 3244, 106th Cong., 2nd Sess. (2000).



Startling Facts

- The U.S. Department of Justice states that the average age of entry into prostitution is 12-14 years old.
- The three primary manifestations of child sex trafficking in America are: pimp-controlled prostitution, familial prostitution, and/or survival sex.
- Sixty percent of children exploited in prostitution are first recruited by peers.
- Prostituted girls are often controlled by a pimp who recruits them into sex trafficking by posing as a boyfriend, caretaker, and protector.
- The overwhelming majority of runaway, homeless, abused, and at-risk children are approached by pimps and drug dealers within 48 hours of landing on the streets.
- A University of Pennsylvania study from 2001 estimates that close to 300,000 children nation wide are at risk of falling victim to some sort of sexual exploitation.

See Startling Facts Continued on page 3.



The Cops and Kids is a special event in which children are given a Walmart gift card and paired up with a police officer. The card is used to purchase Christmas presents for the child's family members while allowing the children to spend some quality time with a police officer. This year the program offered 29 children from our agency the opportunity to participate in this great event.

Special thanks to all who donated to this wonderful program!

Fraternal Order of Police Tri-City Lodge # 7
Mark Weber, Kennewick Police Department
Rick Kane, Richland Police Department
CHIPS
Kennewick Walmart
Richland Walmart
Blimpies
Home Depot for their generous donation of Christmas trees

Thank You!

Our agency was blessed to have many people reaching out to help families in need for Christmas this year. We would like to extend thanks to those who were able to sponsor or donate to a Christmas family. Your kindness has provided items to the families to make their holiday season a little brighter.

June Baldwin and Parish of the Holy Spirit
Eagle 106.5
Envirocon
Soroptimists of Pasco – Kennewick
Girl Scout Troup #1163
Target
Tom Denchel Ford

Startling Facts Continued

- At least 100,000 children are used in prostitution every year in the United States.
- Venereal disease and suicide attempts are the two greatest health risks for prostituted youth.
- The average life expectancy of a child after entry into prostitution is seven years, with homicide or HIV/AIDS as the main causes of death.

*Facts are from the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, www.caase.org and Shared Hope International, www.sharedhope.org/Portals/0/Documents/NationalreportFACTSHEET11.18.2012.pdf.



On Saturday May 5th, 2012 the Soroptimist International of Pasco-Kennewick will be holding 1 mile, 5K benefiting the Sexual Assault Response Center. A percentage of the proceeds generated from the walk will be donated by the Soroptimist to SARC and will go directly towards the funding of Camp SARC. Registration begins at 8:30AM, the cost of registration is \$25, except for children under 5 who are free. The walk will begin at 9:00 AM at the north end of the Columbia Point Trail, behind the community center in Richland. For more information please contact SARC at (509) 374-5391 or visit our website at www.sexualassaultresponsecenter.org, Soroptimist International of Pasco-Kennewick at (509) 539-7144 or visit www.facebook.com/SIPK5.

April 2012: SARC Community Events

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During the month of April, we plan a variety of community events to demonstrate our agency's commitment to ending sexual violence. The Crime Victim Service Center is also busy planning an event to recognize the National Crime Victim's Rights Week, April 22-28, 2012. SARC encourages all the readers of the *Advocate* to get involved with their community events during the month of April. We need to send a strong message to people that sexual violence is not tolerated and we are prepared to make a change. We invite you to pair up with a local advocacy center to engage in their events or plan your own. SARC invites community members from Benton and Franklin Counties to participate in the events below.



Strides of Strength April 21, 2012



Strides of Strength is a walk designed to empower victims and survivors of crime and to give our community the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their commitment to preventing crime. With each step we provide strength and support to crime victims. The Sexual Assault Response Center and the Crime Victim Service Center will be partnering together for this wonderful event. This year SARC is hoping to gain more community group involvement. SARC will be holding group registration, so please get a group together and get involved in this great event! Community members who attend will also have the chance to win prizes! The prizes are as follows:

*Largest Group will win \$200 cash

*Most Decorated Group will win \$50 cash

*All other groups or individuals attending will be able to enter in a raffle to win \$100 cash

(Each group member will get a ticket entered so those with larger groups will have a higher chance of winning.)

Please call (509) 374-5391 for more information on prizes. SARC will be selling event t-shirts for \$5.00 both in the office prior to the event and before the opening speech, so get your shirts early so your group will have them to wear at the event! The registration, t-shirt sale will start at 10:30 AM and the Strides of Strength beginning at 11:00 AM. These exciting events will be held at The Lord of Life Church at 640 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Agency Name Change Reveal!

After months of soliciting input from our community the "Name the Agency Contest" has come to an end. Thank you to all of you that participated. We are so excited to change our name to better reflect the diversity of the programs we provide and the clients that we serve. We will also be in a better position for future growth and program expansion. Our new name will be revealed at the beginning of the Strides of Strength Walk. Please join us as we make this exciting announcement!!

Clothesline Project:

The T-shirts that are displayed for this project are designed by victims of sexual assault. The design represents their journey through dealing with sexual violence and their recovery to follow. The clotheslines are displayed around the community at the local libraries in Benton and Franklin Counties. Along with the Little People Project, the Clothesline Project is a great visual to remind people how sexual violence impacts victims in our community. Each story told is unique and powerful. Come and check out our local libraries from April 2 to April 6 to see for yourself! If you are a survivor and would like to participate in this wonderful awareness project please come in to the SARC office and design a t-shirt!



Kids Haven Benefit Auction April 2012

We are inviting you to participate in our twelfth annual online auction to benefit abused children. All proceeds raised through this event will be allocated to our Kids Haven Program, a Children's Advocacy Center that provides counseling and advocacy services for children who have been physically or sexually abused. Kids Haven is a joint program of our local city and county governments and the Sexual Assault Response Center.

Our benefit auction will be held *online* from April 6 to April 27, 2012. Please visit www.biddingforgood.com/SARC to view all of our great auction items. Help us raise funds this year to keep this valuable program going!

How You Can Help

*Become a Sponsor

*Donate an item or service to the auction

*See something you like? Bid on it!!

Please call or email Mitzi or JoDee for questions (509) 374-5391
or jgarretson@frontier.com or mveng@frontier.com.



End of Auction Event

Join us for our end of auction event. We will celebrate the last day of online bidding in our office on April 27, from 7-9 PM. We will be closing out the online auction with a bang! We will have bidding stations set up with complimentary wine and appetizers being served. If you live out of town, please log on that evening to bid on those "must have" items. Our office is located at 830 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Suite H, Kennewick, WA 99336. Please let us know if you will be able to attend or if you have any questions regarding the event:

(509) 374-5391.

We'll see you there!



Little People Project:



Each wooden figurine of a child in a Little People Project represents one of the more than nearly 600 children who were involved in an investigation of abuse in the last year in Benton and Franklin Counties. They are placed throughout the community to raise awareness about child physical and sexual abuse. The Little People will be placed at Columbia Center Mall and Columbia Basin College during the week of April 10-16. You can sponsor a Little Person by purchasing a "little heart" for \$10. the "little heart" will have the sponsor's name as well as an inscription saying, "helping little hearts heal". Each sponsor is also listed by name or organization on a sign that goes on display. The Little People Project is a great visual reminder of how often child abuse occurs within our community. If you would like to sponsor a Little Person, please contact Brandi or Denise at (509) 374-5391. We appreciate your support and participation.



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Crimes

- Child Physical Abuse
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 - Hate Crimes
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 - Robbery
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 - Identity Theft
 - Fraud
 - Kidnapping/Missing persons
 - Property Crimes
 - Trafficking
 - Survivors of Homicide or victims of Attempted Homicide
- All crimes other than sexual assault or domestic violence

Crime Victim Service Center

The Vigilant

Dear Readers,

This issue of "The Vigilant" will focus on human trafficking. Below is an excerpt from the book, Not For Sale, written by David Batstone, that highlights one woman's story of modern day slavery masked in the form of a housekeeper.

"MORE THAN JUST A HOUSEKEEPER . . . AND LESS"

"For Ruth, the day starts like all the rest; the fact that it is Sunday makes no difference. She wakes long before dawn and begins to clean the large house, careful not to disturb the family sleeping upstairs. If she wakes the man or his wife, they will beat her; they have done it before. Later, she gives the five children their breakfast and prepares lunch and dinner for the whole family. Between meals she works, and she continues to work well into the evening. At night she has to sleep with the one-year-old twins, caring for them whenever they wake. Between the twins and all the other jobs, her workday, except for catnaps, is essentially twenty-four hours long. If the family ever goes out, she is still not left in peace but is made to wait in the hallway of the apartment building until they return.

Ruth was a totally different person when she arrived in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., from West Africa, at the age of fifty-two. She had been promised a car and a house in return for serving as a housekeeper and nanny for the family of a man who worked for the World Bank. She was thrilled with a chance to help her impoverished family. That's what she was promised. Instead, both husband and wife beat her regularly, paid her nothing, and ignored her pleas to return to West Africa.

When neighbors heard Ruth screaming, they called the police. On the scene, the police turned to her "employers" to translate Ruth's broken French. When Ruth tried to act out the beatings she was suffering, the husband told the police, "See, she's showing you how she beats herself. She's crazy." And Ruth was taken to a local mental institution, where she was forcibly sedated, her arms and legs tied to the bedposts. By the time an interpreter arrived, the drugs had left Ruth unable to explain her situation, and the hospital staff called her employers and asked them to come get her.

When she was returned to her employers, they threatened her, telling her that if she tried anything again the police would come and take her to the hospital permanently. They told her that the security guard that patrolled the area was, in fact, there to watch her and make sure she didn't harm the children. Isolated, terrified, intimidated, Ruth believed them and spent many more months in slavery. Finally neighbors, who could still hear her cries when she was being beaten, helped her to escape. She was too traumatized to take part in the prosecution of her abusers, and she returned, penniless, to West Africa."

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CVSC Services

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Ruth's story is just one example of the many forms of human trafficking. This crime is occurring all over the United States yet often goes unreported. It is usually hidden in plain sight and difficult to detect for the untrained person. In this issue of *The Vigilant*, we hope to shed light on some basic facts surrounding human trafficking and ways to identify this horrific crime that is the face of the modern slave industry.

What is Human Trafficking?

- As defined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, the legal definition of “severe forms of trafficking in persons” is:
 - a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or
 - b) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
- Under the legal definition, trafficking victims in the US can be divided into three populations:
 - Minors (under age 18) involved in commercial sex;
 - Adults age 18 or over involved in commercial sex via force, fraud, or coercion;
 - Children and adults forced to perform labor and/or services in conditions of involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, via force, fraud, or coercion.

<http://www.polarisproject.org/resources/resources-by-topic/human-trafficking>

Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all fifty states of the United States.

A Profitable Industry
U.S. officials say profits from human trafficking are the third largest source of income for organized crime.

Source 2: Retrieved April 3, 2004 from www.voanews.com/Print, Journalists, Officials to Raise Profile of Human Trafficking Problem. 5 Feb ., 2004.

http://www.commerce.wa.gov/_cted/documents/ID_29_Publications.pdf

-Quick Facts-

- Victims are trafficked for a wide variety of purposes, such as commercial sex, agricultural work, or housekeeping, yet they all share the loss of one of our world’s most cherished rights—freedom.
- There is no one consistent face of a trafficking victim. Trafficked persons can be rich or poor, men or women, adults or children, and foreign nationals or US citizens.
- There is no one consistent face of a trafficker. Traffickers include a wide range of criminal operators, including individual pimps, small families or businesses, loose-knit decentralized criminal networks, and international organized criminal syndicates.

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The following was taken from the transcript of a radio interview conducted by Sara Lerner at KUOW, 94.9 FM Puget Sound Public Radio that took place on 3/18/2010.

"Human Trafficking: Farm Labor, Forced Labor?"

Farm workers rights advocates say regulations in the agriculture industry leave an open window for human trafficking crimes to slip through. We'll learn how one man found himself in Washington trapped, penniless, in debt, and fearing for his family's safety.

TRANSCRIPT

This morning we continue our series on human trafficking in Washington State. Earlier we heard from victim's advocate Kathleen Morris who says she's seen more labor trafficking cases than sex trafficking.

Morris: "We see construction workers, restaurant workers, domestic workers. We see people in agricultural work."

Today, we take a look at Washington state agriculture: an area where some say industry regulations leave an open window for human trafficking crimes to slip through.

Washington state is home to 39,000 farms. We produce more apples here than anywhere in the U.S. and more cherries and hops, as well. And migrant workers find opportunities here.

Nicholson: "A Mexican national can earn six times more working here in the United States than they can in Mexico."

Erik Nicholson is the National Vice President of the United Farm Workers (UFW). He works on guest worker program issues. He's based in Tacoma and also oversees operations in Washington and Oregon. He says workers are willing to pay to get set up with a job.

Nicholson: "A recruiter comes into communities and says I can get you a visa, what we call a non-immigrant visa, H-2A, guest worker visa. But it's gonna cost you. You gotta pony up \$3,000 – \$5,000. That's increasingly, well, not increasing, that's rampant right now in Mexico. And workers are trying to figure out ways to come up with that money."

They'll borrow from friends, family; they'll even take out mortgages on their homes in order to pay the fees.

Nicholson: "But what generally happens is the recruiter will offer some type of scheme. That they have access to a loan shark, they'll front a part of the money but usually with some implicit or explicit threat of violence. You better show up, you better be a good worker. And if you're not, all bets are off."

And by way, I know you're from Tacoma. I know where your family lives and something ugly could happen to your family if you get uppity."

It's illegal for a U.S. employer to provide guest work to someone who paid a recruitment fee to get the job. But sometimes the recruiters and employers are one and the same.

Isley: "The first thing that happened was the employer confiscated his passport and travel documents."

Meet immigration attorney Lori Isley. She's explaining what an employer did to her client when he arrived here under the H-2A program. Without documents, the man couldn't leave or get around on his own. And things got worse from there.

Isley: "There was one circumstance in which there was no food. The worker was very afraid to go out because there had been these threats: If you go out in an unsupervised way, you will be sent home."

Home, deep in debt, to lenders who threaten with violence. The man had paid \$11,000 in recruitment fees.

Isley works for Columbia Legal Services in Yakima. She says her client mortgaged his home to pay the recruiters. They promised three years of work in which the man could earn triple the initial \$11,000. He arrived in Washington State, worked in a rural area for a few months and made \$1500 and then, no more work. Next, the employers held him under 24-hour guard.

Isley: "The worker became very concerned about his situation. And actually, the worker called the only people really he had contact with and those people drove several hours to rescue him from that situation."

The man eventually ended up getting connected to Isley. She helped him with the application and verification process to receive a T visa which is awarded only to proven human trafficking victims. Isley says she's nervous about revealing identifiable information about this man, or his family or the people who helped him. She says it's too dangerous.

Lerner: "How is it that he's not safe? I mean does it mean that means somebody could go after his family?"

Isley: "Yes."

Lerner: "So, that really happens?"

Isley: "Certainly workers are threatened in that manner and whether those threats would be executed on is very hard to say but given the circumstances in which the workers are held I think it's a legitimate fear on their part."

For full interview: <http://www.kuow.org/program.php?>



STATISTICS from:

Human Trafficking CP Victims Metrics (2005-2009)

The Following statistics come from a report from the WashAct Blue Campaign—Continued Presence (CP)

Location of CP Victims— Top 10 U.S. States

Where did CP victims reside?

- 17% Texas (162 victims)
- 12% California (115 victims)
- 11% Florida (107 victims)
- 9% New York (93 victims)
- 8% Hawaii (80 victims)
- 8% Illinois (77 victims)
- 8% New Jersey (75 victims)
- 3% Georgia (28 victims)
- 2% Colorado (22 victims)
- 2% DC (15 victims)
- 2% Pennsylvania (15 victims)

Data -LEPU data set includes data points for 979 total CP entries between 2005 and 2009 in the following world regions: 52% Americas (506 victims), 37% Asia (359 victims), 6% Africa (57 victims), and 6% Europe (56 victims)

Exploitation of Victims

What percentages of victims were exploited in forced sex versus forced labor situations?

- 54% Forced Labor (530 victims)
- 24% Forced Sex (234 victims)
- 19% Both – Forced Labor and Sex (184 victims)*
- 2% Other (20 were child of victim; witness, etc.)
- 1% Unknown (14 victims)

**Data in the “both” category includes responses of “both,” “sex/labor” and “sex and labor”*

Top 10 Sources

Which countries were victims from?

- 19% Mexico (189 victims)
- 10% Thailand (97 victims)
- 9% Philippines (87 victims)
- 9% South Korea (85 victims)
- 8% El Salvador (79 victims)
- 6% Honduras (62 victims)
- 5% Guatemala (46 victims)
- 4% Haiti (38 victims)
- 4% China (36 victims)
- 2% Dominican Republic (24 victims)

Potential Trafficking Indicators & Red Flags

Common Work and Living Conditions: *The Individual in Question...*

- Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Owes a large and/or increasing debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work
- Is living or working in a location with high security measures (e.g. opaque or boarded-up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.).

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior: *The Individual in Question...*

- Exhibits unusually fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid behavior
- Reacts with unusually fearful or anxious behavior at any reference to “law enforcement”
- Avoids eye contact
- Exhibits a flat affect

Poor Physical Health: *The Individual in Question...*

- Exhibits unexplained injuries or signs of prolonged/untreated illness or disease
- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture

Lack of Control: *The Individual in Question...*

- Has few or no personal possessions
- Is not in control of his/her own money, and/or has no financial records, or bank account
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (e.g. ID, passport, or visa)
- Is not allowed or able to speak for him/herself (e.g., a third party may insist on being present and/or interpreting)

Other: *The Individual in Question...*

- Has been “branded” by a trafficker (e.g. a tattoo of the trafficker’s name)
- Claims to be “just visiting” and is unable to clarify where he/she is staying or to provide an address
- Exhibits a lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or does not know what city he/she is in
- Exhibits a loss of a sense of time
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story

YOU CAN HELP

If you think you have come in contact with a victim of human trafficking, take the following steps:

Call your local law enforcement and/or child protective authorities.

To report to federal law enforcement, or to obtain information about services for trafficked persons, please call the **National Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force at 1.888.428.7581**

To report a tip, connect with services in your area, or for general information, Call the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1.888.373.7888** or visit:

www.polarisproject.org

The Vigilant Corner

Quote for this newsletter:

**“He who allows oppression,
shares the crime.”**

~Desiderius Erasmus

If you would like to know more about the topic addressed in this issue of The Vigilant, please don't hesitate to contact us at The Crime Victim Service Center by phone or via email at: sdixon@frontier.com



Additional websites

www.ncvc.org

www.crimevictimservicecenter.org

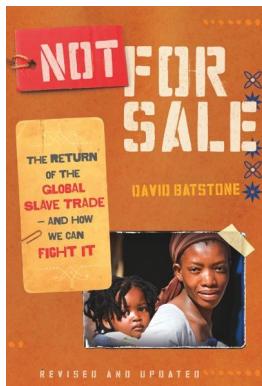
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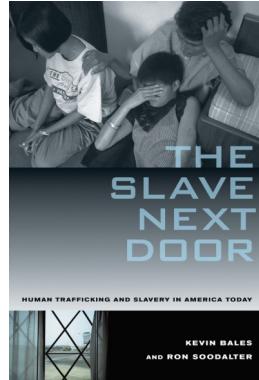
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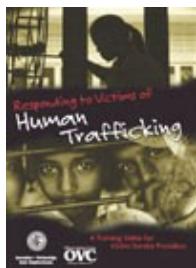
Books and videos available for checkout from our library:



Not For Sale, written by David Batstone, profiles the new generation of those that are leading the movement to end human trafficking and gives guidance on how others can get involved. Included in this book are the latest findings, new stories, and statistics surrounding this worldwide issue.



The Slave Next Door, by Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter, is a book about human trafficking and slavery in America today. The authors teach readers that slavery continues to exist today and the victims of this horrific crime can be found all around us, hidden in plain sight.



Responding to Victims of Human Trafficking is a 20 minute training video for Victim Service Providers that's aimed to help them expand their existing skills and resources to serve trafficking victims. (DVD)

REMINDER:
All CVSC library books
and videos are *free* to
checkout.

“The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.”
-John F. Kennedy

Crime Victim Service Center

The Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC) is a program of the Sexual Assault Response Center, in collaboration with the YWCA of Lewiston/Clarkston and the Walla Walla Police Department. CVSC welcomes all community members that have been affected by crime. Discrimination is prohibited in all programs and activities: no one shall be excluded on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, pregnancy, gender, income, veteran status, age disability, or sexual orientation.

Services

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24-Hour Crisis
 Line
 Benton,
 Franklin,
 Columbia,
 Garfield and
 Asotin
 Counties

The Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC) is here to help you. CVSC is available 24-hours a day to assist anyone who has questions or concerns about crime and the confusion that comes along with being a victim of a crime. CVSC services are free of charge and are confidential. Please contact CVSC at (509) 374-0130 for information or to access the following services.

Legal and Medical Advocacy

Our agency staff and our trained volunteer advocates respond to hospital calls to provide medical advocacy to victims of crime. We also provide legal advocacy at police interviews and court proceedings. Moral support and information is given to victims, family, friends, and witnesses to crime.

Crisis Intervention

Our staff provides short-term crisis intervention to clients. Advocates provide information, support, and validation for the client's feelings. We often recommend that clients seek additional therapy to assist in the healing process.

Referral Services

Our staff is able to assist clients in finding resources and information related to their crime.

Library Resources

CVSC has a wide collection of books on the topic of crime and issues surrounding crime victimization. These resources are available for CVSC clients and the general public.

Crisis Line

CVSC advocates are available 24-hours a day to answer questions, or if you just need someone to listen. This line also serves as a point of contact for clients who may need immediate emergency assistance.

Support Groups

Support groups are available either on-site or through referral for victims of crime, non-offending family members, friends, and witnesses to crime.

Counseling

The CVSC in Benton/Franklin counties offers twelve counseling sessions at no charge for victims or witnesses of crime and/or their non-offending family members. Counseling is available to residents in Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties through sub-contracts with a variety of agencies.

Therapy Referrals

Referrals are available for longer term counseling or if another counselor would better meet the needs of the client. We have information regarding payment options; sliding fee scales, medical coupons, and Crime Victims Compensation.



SARC Program Reports

The first half of this Fiscal Year has been very busy for all the programs of SARC. We have seen statistical increases across the board for the Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC) and Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC).

Crisis Program

The Crisis Program saw 230 new clients for the first two quarters which is a 22% increase from last year. Both Sexual Assault Advocates, Rosanna Herrera and Angela Wolski, provided 672 services at intake compared to 551 services for last year. In addition to services at intake, they also provided 3,332 follow-up services compared to 3,133 for last year. The total hours that Rosanna and Angela invested into intake and follow-up services was 1,232.25. Below are some statistical highlights from the first six months of the fiscal year.

Sexual Assault

July-December	2010-2011	2011-2012
Total New Clients	186	230
New Clients Age 0-5	38	46
New Clients Age 6-11	56	55
New Clients Age 12-18	51	67
New Clients Age 19-59	28	39
New Clients Age 60+	1	2
Types of Assault		
Adult Survivors	15	21
Date & Acquaintance Rape	59	64
Family Rape & Molestation	55	77
Stranger Rape & Molestation	5	8
Acquaintance Molestation	31	35
Other	38	43
Total Assaults	203	248

Education Program

The Education Outreach Coordinators, Denise Martin and Brandi Ralston, provided a total of 471 presentations for this fiscal year which is a 13% increase from last year. The total audience for the 471 presentations was 14,410. We saw an 8% increase in the K-2 audience, an 18% increase in the middle school audience, and a 66% increase in the high school audience.

The outreach efforts for the Education Program has generated increases also for the first two quarters. A new Charter Show was developed and has been airing on Charter TV, entitled Child Sexual Assault in the Legal System. Our Charter Show audience increased 54% this year due to continually airing the shows we have created. In addition to playing the pre-made Charter Shows, SARC has been fortunate to be news worthy for the first half of this year. Our television news audience increased to 33,000 compared to only 3,000 for last year.

Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC)

CVSC almost tripled the number of new clients for the first half of the year. The Advocate, Adriana Chavez, provided 232 services and spent 51.75 hours at intake compared to 88 services and 26.75 hours for last year. Adriana also provided 1,739 services and spent 428.75 hours providing follow-up services compared to 604 services and 145 hours for last year. Beginning in January 2012, Sondra Dixon became a part-time General Crime Advocate. Sondra was formally working as a Sexual Assault Advocate; however, due to a cut to funding she moved into an Advocate role within the CVSC. This has been very helpful with the increases in clients and services.

General Crimes

July-December	2010-2011	2011-2012
Total New Clients	31	85
Crime Types		
Child Abuse	11	20
Elder Abuse	2	4
Harassment	7	17
Robbery	0	5
Assault	5	27
Vehicular Assault	0	4
Kidnapping	1	2
Property Crimes	3	3
Fraud/Forgery	0	2
Homicide	2	5
Identity Theft	1	2
Total	32	91

Education

July-December	2010-2011	2011-2012
Boundary and Body Safety	11	16
Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds	98	152
Personal Body Safety	105	75
Technology Safety	104	36
Harassment and Bullying Prevention	47	97
Creating Healthy Relationships	5	42
Parent Education	6	2
Other	15	17
SARC Services	25	34
Total Presentations	416	471
Total Outreach	153,094	196,085
Total Audience #	167,330	210,495

Kid's Haven Program

The Child Interviewer for the Kid's Haven Program, Mari Murstig, conducted 178 interviews compared to 152 for last year (a 17% increase). There were 121 females interviewed compared to 115 for last year and 57 males interviewed compared to 37 last year.

One of SARC's volunteer advocates recently wrote a poem about a young women's struggle in dealing with the aftermath of sexual abuse.

Please Let Me Rest
By Melissa Williams

Please let me rest
All you thoughts in my head

Please let me rest
I just must go to bed

Please let me rest
There's a knock at the door

Please let me rest
All you thoughts I want no more

Please let me rest
There's really no one at the door
I just wanted you thoughts to float out that door

Please let me rest
I will beg you no more

Please let me rest
All you thoughts in my head

You're not welcome here anymore.



The Sexual Assault Response Center is now Facebook!

Like us on Facebook at Sexual Assault Response Center



We would like to say a very special thank you to Brian Jenner from the Coin Cradle in Kennewick, WA for his donation of \$3,000 to the Sexual Assault Response Center. Thank you for such an amazing donation, it is very much appreciated and will go directly to helping SARC provide services and support to victims and their family members.



**Harlem Ambassadors
vs
Camp SARC Crusaders**

The Harlem Ambassadors vs. Camp SARC Crusaders fundraiser basketball game was a great success! Approximately \$4,000 was raised for Camp SARC, our summer camp for children impacted by violence. Thank you so much to the community for supporting our Harlem Ambassadors vs. Camp SARC Crusaders fundraiser.

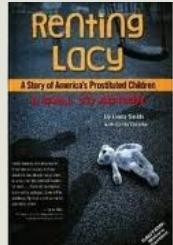
We would also like to extend a special thank you to the following sponsors: Townsquare Media; Group Health Cooperative; Bookwalter Winery; Mitch and MaryAnn Dixon; Siefken and Sons; Farmers Insurance, Trevor Nieforth; Sterling's Bank; Flynn, Merriman, McKennon; Fraternal Order of Police #7; Kennewick Police Management Association; Frank Lamb; Cindy and Rick Rochleau; Pasco Police Officers Association; Franklin County Sheriffs Office; Benton County Sheriffs Office Deputies Association; Kennewick Police Officers Benevolent Association; All Seasons Construction; Richland Police Guild; Smart Connell Childers & Verhulp; The Dugout; Juvenile Justice Center Employees; and Franklin County Courthouse Employees.

Finally we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Camp SARC Crusaders: Andy Miller-Benton County Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, Trevor White-Kennewick Police Department, Julia Eisentrou-Benton County Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, John McCauley-Richland Police Department, Brendan Siefken-Benton County Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, Patrick Luce-Benton Franklin County Juvenile Justice Center, Douglas Hollenbeck-Benton County Sheriff's Office, Ryan Verhulp-Franklin County Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, George Rapp-Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Steve Thatsana-Pasco Police Department, Hugo Valencia-Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Carlos Trevino-Benton County Sheriff's Office, Shawn Sant-Franklin County Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, Shawn Guajardo-Benton Franklin County Juvenile Justice Center, Rodrigo Pruneda-Pasco Police Department, Ed Garcia-Richland Police Department, Trever Davis-Kennewick Police Department, David Kaiser-Washington State Patrol, James Canada-Kennewick Police Department, and Chris Littrell-Kennewick Police Department. Thank you to everyone who helped bring this wonderful event to life and for making it such a great success!

Silency Resources

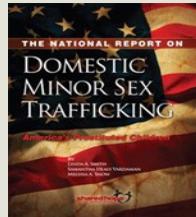
Resources for Adults

Resource for Children



Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children
By Linda Smith with Cindy Coloma

Author Linda Smith brings to life characters based on real stories and interviews with teen survivors. Meet *Lacy* and *Star* as they reveal the underbelly of our country's commercial sex trade. Get to know the men who sell them, and the ones who buy them. Let *Renting Lacy* draw you into the lives of these young girls as they struggle to survive each night, watching their childhood hopes and dreams slip away in the darkness.



The National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking
Linda A Smith, Samantha Healy Vardaman, and Melissa A Snow

In 2006, Shared Hope International received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to perform field research on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) – the sex trafficking of American children. The National Report is the culmination of ten field assessments conducted in targeted locations in the United States, providing a comprehensive understanding of child sex trafficking across America.



Some Parts are NOT for Sharing
By Julie K Federico

Travel with a pair of friendly fish as they learn about what parts of our bodies we share with others. Children will learn what the boundaries of appropriate touching are in a very non-threatening way. Children will enjoy learning about their bodies as they get some important information from a pair of fish. Parents will marvel at the simple straightforward language and use of sea creatures that create this message all children must hear.



Mid-Columbia Sex Offender Information

This Notice is For Information Only

Level II Sex Offender: Benton County, WA



NAME: Wayne Enoch Ellis
ADDRESS: 1600 Block of S. Huntington St., Kennewick, WA
SEX: Male
HAIR: Brown
EYES: Blue
HEIGHT: 6' 02"
WEIGHT: 350
DOB: 3/22/1965
CONVICTION DATA:
1986– Sodomy 1st Degree
1997– Attempted Sex Abuse of a Minor 1st Degree
NOTES: Victims were prepubescent unrelated children, male and female. Was released from parole in 2006. Has not been arrested for any crimes

Level III Sex Offender: Benton County, WA



NAME: David Michael Kreienbrink
ADDRESS: 900 Block of S. Union St., Kennewick, WA
SEX: Male
HAIR: Black
EYES: Hazel
HEIGHT: 6' 02"
WEIGHT: 223
DOB: 6/7/1981
CONVICTION DATA:
1999- Rape of a Child 2nd Degree
NOTES: History of: Failing to Register, drugs, vehicle prow, malicious mischief.

This information is provided in accordance with RCW 4.24.550. The Police Departments have no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, the offender is constitutionally free to live wherever they choose. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Such abuse could end our ability to do community notifications.



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Upcoming Events



April 16—SARC Board Meeting 5:15PM

April 21—Strides of Strength

April 22—Denise's Birthday

April 27—End of Auction Event

April 28—Jennifer S's Birthday

May 5—Soroptimist Walk

May 13—Jennifer P's Birthday

May 21—SARC Board Meeting 5:15PM

May 24—Brandi and Denise's 2 year anniversary

May 28—Office closed for Memorial Day

Jun 18—SARC Board Meeting 5:15PM

Jun 29—Angela's Birthday and last day at SARC

July 4 & 5—Office closed for 4th of July

July 6—Adriana's 1 year anniversary

July 16—SARC Board Meeting 5:15PM

July 17—Mari's 12 year anniversary

July 28—Renee's 4 year anniversary

Aug 14—Sondra's 3 year anniversary

Aug 20—SARC Board Meeting at 5:15pm

Sept 3—Office closed for Labor Day

Sept 17—SARC Board Meeting 5:15PM

Sept 25—Mitzi's Birthday

Sept 29—Rosanna's 4 year anniversary

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about the program

The Sexual Assault Response Center serves Benton and Franklin Counties with sexual assault crisis and education services. We provide free and confidential assistance for victims of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, dating violence and adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

SARC also provides prevention education for our schools, day cares and community groups on sexual abuse and safety issues. Our services are available to all people regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or physical and mental ability.

The Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy accredits SARC as a Community Sexual Assault Program. SARC is a member of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and

the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties.

Services are provided through grants from the state and federal government, local and regional foundations, and through donations from our generous community.

The opinions expressed in the "Point of View" section of this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of staff, board of directors, volunteers and sponsors of SARC.

The SARC Advocate is designed to educate, inform and promote community awareness regarding sexual assault issues. Reader feedback and submissions are always welcome. Mail to: 830 North Columbia Center Blvd., Suite H, Kennewick, WA 99336 or contact us via e-mail.

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