

SISTERS OFFERING SUPPORT

YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAM

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Foreword

The Youth Prevention Program consists of conducting presentations focusing on commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) to young people in schools and other youth organizations. Presentations are conducted by a Program Presenter, Peer Educator and representatives from law enforcement. Presentation materials and aids include a video, brochure, handouts, photos, optional power point presentation for assembly formats and registration and evaluation forms.

This presentation is for any youth or student between the ages of 12- 21. Youth attending this one-hour presentation will gain an increased awareness and understanding of what commercial sexual exploitation really is and its effects. Information provided and shared experiences will enhance youth's skills involved in recognizing, understanding and responding to situations of commercial sexual exploitation. The first part of the presentation will include dispelling myths and stereotypes, defining CSE, the problem and hearing a first hand account of youth involved in CSE by the Peer Educator. The second part of the workshop will focus on understanding who's at risk, consequences, common recruitment tactics and how to stay safe. Youth will be offered a short question and answer period following the presentation or throughout the presentation depending on group size.

The most commonly asked questions by youth will be answered such as, "Why do they sell themselves for money?", "How do pimps recruit"?, "Who are prostitutes?", "Can you really make a lot of money?", "What are the effects of CSE?" and "What can I do to stay safe?". Information provided in this workshop is based on the experiences of more than fifteen hundred women and children involved in CSE, as well as national and international research. Participants will learn about the dynamics of commercial sexual exploitation and will leave the presentation with new knowledge that can be applied immediately to their own life.

The phenomenal success of this program is attributed to the collaborative efforts of the local police department, school administration and the Department of Education, and the survivors of commercial sexual exploitation providing peer testimony. 76 % of youth receiving Youth Prevention Presentations report they will apply knowledge gained to their personal life further reducing recruitment of youth into CSE, incidents of violence, prostitution related crime and empowering youth to take action.

Technical Assistance and on-site trainings are available by Sisters Offering Support to support agencies in implementing the concept of the program.

To order the complete Youth Prevention Program curriculum including materials or to request technical assistance in implementing the program, contact Sisters Offering Support.

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