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CALL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION CONFERENCE

Abolishing the Sexual Exploitation of Juveniles in Kansas and Missouri A Multidisciplinary Response to Child Victims of Trafficking/Prostitution

Kansas City Police Academy, 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Road Kansas City, Missouri
March 15 & 16, 2010; 9 am – 5 pm

Sponsored by the Renewal Forum, Veronica's Voice, Kansas Attorney General Steve Six,
Kansas City Missouri Police Department, The Catholic Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph (MO) and Archdiocese of
Kansas City (KS), National Center for the Protection of Children and Families (Kansas City Chapter)

The purpose of this conference is to devise a community-based strategy to end the commercial sexual exploitation of juveniles in the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area and statewide throughout Kansas. The Kansas City Regional Police Academy is a Missouri POST approved provider; POST hours will be credited (number to be determined).

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

United States Senator Sam Brownback
Co-Author, Trafficking Victims Protection Act

1. Welcome, Steven Wagner, President, the Renewal Forum, Kristy Childs, ED, Veronica's Voice
2. Outline of Conference Goals: Steven Wagner, President, Renewal Forum

PRESENTATIONS

This two-day training will reinforce and enhance team interaction with CPS, law enforcement, prosecution, victims service NGOs and medical providers which is critical for a successful system response for *High Risk Victims*. Additionally this training will demonstrate and reinforce the need to understand the roles and responsibilities of each team member from the victim recovery through the successful completion of the investigation, prosecution of any identified offenders and placement of the child.

Day 1

Presenters: Sergeant Byron A. Fassett and Detective Catherine De La Paz, Dallas Police Department
High Risk Victims and Trafficking Child Exploitation Squad, Special Investigations

Dynamics Domestic Prostitution/Trafficking of Children: Investigative/System Response

Module Description

Over 1 million children are reported missing, listed as a runaway, or are a throwaway each year. A child's potential for victimization increases with each runaway incident and each day they are on the streets. During this presentation participants will be provided with information regarding the scope of the problem of domestic prostitution/trafficking of children across the country, dynamics of child prostitution/trafficking, characteristics and profile of the victim/child prostitute, and the offender/pimp. The pathway to victimization and recruitment techniques will also be discussed. This presentation will define the *High Risk Victim* and demonstrate the correlation and commonalities between the chronic runaway, repeat victims of sexual abuse, and the child victimized through prostitution. Participants will receive a unique and rare look, "a first-hand, insider's view," of the how children are victimized through prostitution from the victim's and the perpetrator's, "pimp's," perspective.

Lunch

Buffet Style Barbeque (included in registration fee)

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Techniques for Interviewing Adolescent High Risk Victims, & Making the Victim's Statement Real: Corroborating the Child Trafficking/Prostitution Investigation

DESCRIPTION:

As in any investigation, corroborating the criminal investigation is "the name of the game." This is even more true and critical in the child sexual abuse/exploitation investigation. Once a child victim is identified and the suspect arrested, then comes the critical part the investigation not only for court but also for the recovery and healing of the child. In too many cases investigators go to court with cases that have only the word of the child victim against the word of the adult offender. No investigation is complete until all of the available corroboration techniques, which will be described, have been evaluated or attempted.

PRESENTATIONS

Day 2

Abolishing the Sexual Exploitation of Juveniles in our Community through Community Action and Close Cooperation with Law Enforcement

1. Steven Wagner, "Our Culture of Exploitation: Elements of an Abolitionist Strategy"
2. Beth Grant, Project Rescue and author, Hands that Heal, "Restoring Victims of Exploitation: What is Required of the Community"
3. B. Julie Johnson, PhD, MPH, prostitution survivor, "Inside Exploitation: A Survivor's Perspective"
4. Laura Lederer, "Demand Reduction Strategies"
Response by Kristy Childs "The Veronica's Voice Johns' School in KC"
5. Christine Ladner, Assistant Attorney General and Chair of the Advisory Board, Kansas Human Trafficking Task Force, "Attacking Human Trafficking in the State of Kansas"

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Working Together to Abolish Exploitation in KC: A Community Roundtable Steven Wagner Moderator

Various law enforcement and victim service leaders.

1. What is needed in Kansas and Kansas City
2. Government's Responsibilities: A To-Do List
3. Maximizing Victim Detection
4. Greater Kansas City and Kansas Statewide Coalition: Purposes and Outcomes
5. Challenges in LEA/NGO Collaboration

Closing Comments

A Vision for the City and State

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