

**THE BACKSTORY.. CLINICIAN AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
INSIGHT ON GROOMING, HOTEL OPERATIONS, AND HOW
TO RECOVER CHILDREN ONLINE.**

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THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- ☐ How do juvenile recovery operations work, who's involved, and how are youth recovered? Do operations really work?
- ☐ How are children groomed into commercial sexual exploitation?
- ☐ Where's it happening? BackPage is *SHUTDOWN* right?
- ☐ How do you **RESPOND**? What's the best way to work as a multidisciplinary team?
- ☐ Complex trauma
- ☐ What strategies and interventions are best during recovery?
- ☐ Victimology
- ☐ What is Best Practice?
- ☐ Who should interview?
- ☐ What are interview techniques that can be used?
- ☐ Where should a youth be placed?
- ☐ Treatment Options



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QUESTIONS ASKED:

Clinical

- ☐ Does law enforcement really care about victims?
- ☐ Is your team trauma informed?
- ☐ Why is law enforcement important?
- ☐ How do you address mental health?
- ☐ How do you address substance abuse?
- ☐ Do you have to call Department of Child Services?
- ☐ Do we always get it right?

Law Enforcement

- ☐ Do you really care about victims or are you just trying to arrest everyone?
- ☐ What is a "Victim Centered" investigation?
- ☐ Do you know anything about trauma?
- ☐ How do you work well with a non-profit?
- ☐ Does that really happen around here?
- ☐ Why are cell phones important?
- ☐ Do you arrest?
- ☐ Do you get tired of arresting the same individuals over and over or trying to help the same women repeatedly?

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WHO WE ARE TOGETHER? A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

- > Northern Indiana Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force
 - > IPATH Task Force
 - > Indiana Supreme Court CSEEC Committee
- > SWAT
 - > Safe Streets Gangs and Violent Crime Task Force
 - > Adjunct Professor
 - > Forensic Interviewer
 - > Community Leaders
- > Advocates

29

of collective years of experience

97

of recoveries

150

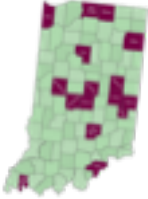
of individuals served at Restored each year.

6500

of trainings in 2017-2018

5

of operational trainings to law enforcement



HOW ARE CHILDREN GROOMED?

Grooming


- ☐ Selection based on vulnerabilities
- ☐ Knowing what makes them most vulnerable
- ☐ Picking forms of communication-do you pretend to be someone else, yourself
- ☐ Understanding someone's likes and dislikes-what is important to them
- ☐ Be that person's perfect match
- ☐ Timing of communication- how long do you talk to them, when do you meet them in person
- ☐ How do you manipulate them to make them believe that you care about them
- ☐ They can use gifts

Characteristics

- ☐ Broken Home
- ☐ Promiscuous
- ☐ Addiction-drugs or alcohol or both
- ☐ Outcast-exclusion
- ☐ Sexual abuse or molestation
- ☐ Perception of body is only their acknowledged worth
- ☐ Runaway
- ☐ Family

DARK NET/DARK WEB/DEEP WEB

Visible/Deep



WHERE'S IT HAPPENING? BACKPAGE IS SHUTDOWN RIGHT?!

Social Media/Online Dating Apps

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ KIK
- ☐ SnapChat
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Plenty of Fish
- ☐ Skout
- ☐ Tinder
- ☐ Sugar Daddy Websites
- ☐ Grindr
- ☐ Text me now App
- ☐ Periscope
- ☐ Whisper

Websites

- ☐ Skip the Games
- ☐ Erotic Mugshots
- ☐ Massage Troll
- ☐ Adult Friend Finder
- ☐ Escort Wiz
- ☐ Backpage.nl (off shore accounts)
- ☐ RubMaps

Human Trafficking in an Economic Issue

Supply & Demand - the amount of goods and services that are available for people to buy compared to the amount of goods and services that people want to buy. Demand is the amount of goods and services that people want to buy. Supply is the amount of goods and services that are available for people to buy.

"INTERSECTIONS"


Department of Child Services
Reunification

Medical Providers
Kinship Placement

Law Enforcement
Foster Care
Probation

Court System
Direct Care Staff

Residential Facilities
Department of Corrections



Multiple Perpetrators

Arrested 11 plus times

Juvenile Detention

VICTIMOLOGY

Victimology

Some risk factors for youth include:

- ☐ History of childhood abuse, family conflict/violence
- ☐ Prior involvement in child welfare system
- ☐ Poverty
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ A need to be loved
- ☐ Are attracted to high-risk friends

Polyvictimization

- ☐ Sexual Abuse/Sexual Molestation
- ☐ Physical Abuse
- ☐ Domestic Violence
- ☐ Rape
- ☐ Bullying
- ☐ Addiction
- ☐ Exposure to family violence (Finkelhor, 2011)

VICTIMOLOGY / MENTAL HEALTH

- ❑ Symptoms of psychological trauma
- ❑ Extreme sadness and hopelessness
- ❑ Risks for suicide, memory loss, and presenting as withdrawn
- ❑ Difficulty concentrating, demonstrations of aggression / anger
- ❑ Trauma bonds
- ❑ PTSD
- ❑ Anxiety and mood disorders, panic attacks
- ❑ Substance-related disorders

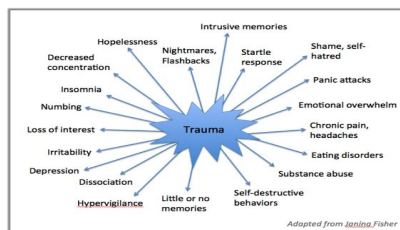
"AFTERMATH OF TRAUMA"

_____ children's exposure to multiple traumatic events, often of an invasive, interpersonal nature, and the wide-ranging, long-term impact of this exposure. (*The National Child Traumatic Stress Network*)

_____g: Being connected (loyal, helpful, supportive, enmeshed) to people who are dangerous, shaming, or exploitive. Constant intermittent reinforcement of reward & punishment creates bonds that are opposed to change.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS THAT UNDERSTAND TRAUMA HELP EVERYONE!



DO JUVENILE RECOVERY OPERATIONS WORK, WHO'S INVOLVED, AND HOW ARE YOUTH RECOVERED?

Do Operations Really Work?

- ☐ Operations are important to disrupt the trade of Human Trafficking.
- ☐ Pimps and traffickers have to camouflage their girls as they try to advertise them on social media websites to not draw attention from law enforcement.
- ☐ Prevents them from operating freely wherever they choose.
- ☐ Our ultimate goal is to recover child victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation.
- ☐ We engage media to let community, buyers and perpetrators know we are in the field doing operations.
- ☐ Even when individuals turn down services we follow up and when their ready we *HELP*.
- ☐ At the very least it's another way to be preventive-sending a message that the law enforcement will catch you if you traffic or exploit a child.

If it was your kid, do you really care how many kids we recover? One child is worth everything!

DO JUVENILE RECOVERY OPERATIONS WORK, WHO'S INVOLVED, AND HOW ARE YOUTH RECOVERED?

Who's Involved

- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Analysts
- ☐ Victim Advocates
- ☐ Health Department

How are youth Recovered? -Youth are recovered by a **TEAM** of professionals who work tirelessly canvassing the internet and social media; conducting operations and following up on countless tips.

THE ROLE OF AN UNDERCOVER?! INSIDE A HOTEL ROOM?

The Role of an Undercover

- ☐ ~~was assigned to the~~ The role of an undercover is to infiltrate the world of sex traffickers and recover victims of the trade as well as investigations.

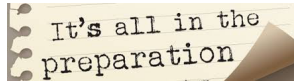
Inside the Hotel Room

- ☐ ~~Victim families~~ One of the main roles of an undercover (UC) is to collect evidence in the field; law enforcement is expected to be also utilized.
- ☐ Cameras are live and will document everything in the room, I.E. potential "buge" robberies.
- ☐ 2 live video feeds. Assisting units see what the UC does, this ensures UC safety.
- ☐ Documenting all evidence, if for some reason these investigations go to court, there is documentation of all evidence and a true depiction of what happened.
- ☐ Victims of these investigations are situationally vulnerable. Recording equipment can support and protect both victim and law enforcement sides of the investigation.
- ☐ For instances when law enforcement may engage themselves in misconduct, this evidence can be of benefit to the victim.

HOW DO YOU RESPOND?

"Preparation"

- ☐ Roles/Advocate/Victim Specialist/Health Department
- ☐ Creating a plan
- ☐ DCS
- ☐ Placement
- ☐ Shelter
- ☐ Victim Services (clothing, food, blankets, snacks, hygiene, etc.)
- ☐ Triage- Law Enforcement and Advocates
- ☐ CAC vs Non-CAC
- ☐ Placement
- ☐ Combative
- ☐ Resistance vs Options
- ☐ Give Choices



RECOVERY?

"TRIAGE"

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relationship Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Attachment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choices | <input type="checkbox"/> Somatic Responses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building on Strengths | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide/Suicide Ideation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Forensic Exam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Overcoming Obstacles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where is my stuff?! | <input type="checkbox"/> Can I call my parent?! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where is my phone?! | <input type="checkbox"/> Please Trust me?! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interview/ Placement | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is going to happen to my friend or boyfriend?! | |

WHO SHOULD INTERVIEW DURING AN OPERATION

Interviewing is not an *Interrogation*! Victims should be interviewed by individuals who either have forensic training or know how to work a "victim centered investigation".

- ☐ Triage Youth
- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Forensic Interviewer
- ☐ Victim Advocate
- ☐ Department of Child Services
- ☐ Counselors
- ☐ Probation



FORENSIC INTERVIEW

"THINGS TO CONSIDER"

- Child Advocacy Center vs. Non- Child Advocacy Center
- Transparency
- Open ended questions
- Utilize sensory questions
- Clarify words the child uses
- Clarify "scripted" accounts of victimization (Narrative)
- Utilize "in and out" techniques when child becomes distressed
- Utilize timelines
- If conducting multiple interviews, do not start from the beginning each time
- Do your homework!


FORENSIC INTERVIEW

"THINGS TO CONSIDER"

- Understanding developmental and cultural issues
- Understanding different types of prostitution
- Various Hierarchies
- Understanding a child's language, fear and loyalties
- Understanding prostitution is an act its not who someone is....
- "Think outside the box"
- Adults: Asking if they know of any juveniles
- Every Agency has a different protocol
- Understanding Trauma Bond

WHAT IS A "VICTIM CENTERED" INVESTIGATION?

- Making sure the victim doesn't become Secondary to the INVESTIGATION! (This is why working with a victim advocate is important).
- Treating victims/survivors with the same RESPECT you would treat any victim/survivor of any other crime!
- Protecting the Safety of the victim and meeting them where they in that moment.



WHERE SHOULD A YOUTH BE PLACED?

“RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT CHECKLIST “

☐ Child Sexual Exploitation

☐ Boundaries/Structure

☐ Victim Advocates

☐ Understanding the Stages of Change

☐ Individualized treatment plans

☐ Understanding complex trauma & trauma bonding, complex PTSD

☐ Understanding hierarchies

☐ Understanding recruiting & how to handle it in a proactive manner

☐ Understanding every child and case is different

☐ Secured/semi-secured units

☐ Understanding it's a marathon not a sprint

☐ Holistic care

☐ Outside the box thinking

☐ Independent living skills

☐ Evidence Based Treatment

☒ EMDR

☒ Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing

☒ CBT

☒ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

☒ DBT

☒ Dialectical Behavioral Therapy

☒ Narrative Therapy

☒ Seeking Safety

Thank-you, I'm so happy I can now relive the most horrific parts of my childhood! -said no one ever-

STAY IN YOUR LANE?! PANEL DISCUSSION

Multidisciplinary Team/Law Enforcement Best Practice

☐ Communication

☐ Education and training

☐ We need them, they need us

☐ Positive Relationships

☐ Accountability

☐ Credibility

☐ Justice

☐ Changing the Landscape

☐ Demand

☐ Stay in your LANE!

☐ Why its IMPORTANT to have a great TEAM?

DO WE ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT?

NO

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