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A little about me...



**The first thing we must know is
 who we are working with...**

The VICTIM
 VS.
The SURVIVOR

UNDERSTANDING THE VICTIM

THE CHILD AND ADULT TRAFFICKING VICTIM

BEHAVIORS/RESPONCES ARE BASED ON TRAUMA AND FEELINGS

- Grateful to be rescued and fearful at the same time
- Feelings of shame, humiliation and guilt will cause victim to act:
 - *Angry, Aggressive*
 - *Run*
 - *Shut down and Non-cooperative/Silent*
- Hypervigilant to the feelings and reactions of others

UNDERSTANDING THE VICTIM...

KEEP IN MIND THE VICTIM IS CONFUSED

- They are being programed to believe the only one who cares is the abuser/trafficker
- Unwilling to believe they are victims
- She irrationally believes the abuser is all knowing and all powerful

Offenders reinforce these feelings by the things they say and do to victims. They use the shame and fear to bind the victim to them and isolate them from others who might help them. The victim is left feeling alone, isolated and very different from everyone around them.

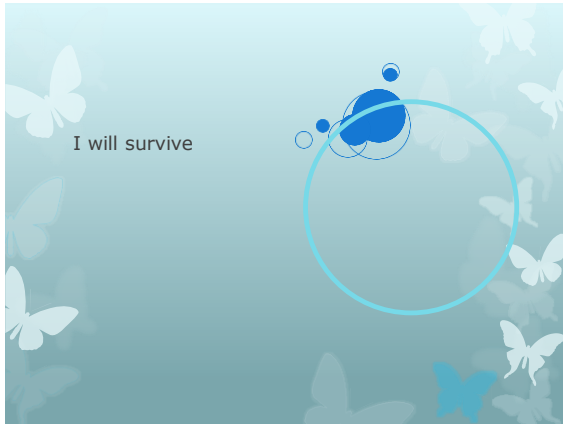
UNDERSTANDING THE SURVIVOR

Terminology...

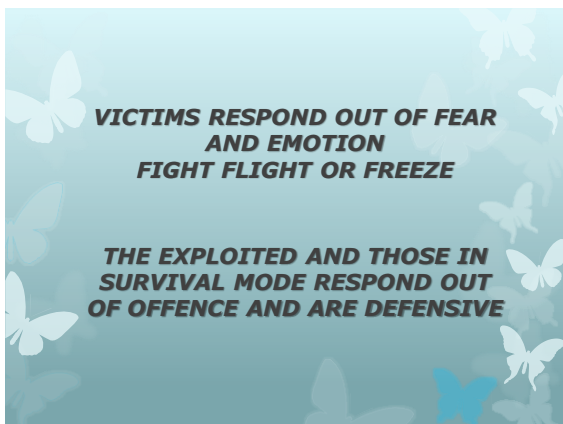
- The remainder of a group of people or things.
- A person who copes well with difficulties in their life
- What is left over

Survivor Mentality or Survivor Mode

Surviving to live / Everything is urgent
Conditioned mindset/ Providing for needs takes control







TRAUMA BOND

Occurs as the result of ongoing cycles of abuse in which the intermittent reinforcement of reward and punishment creates powerful emotional bonds that are resistant to change

Addicted to the hormonal rollercoaster the abuser sends them on.

Symptoms

- Over identify with abuser
- Feeling indebted to abuser, they need her
- Explaining almost everything away
- Protecting abuser
- Hiding emotions

STOCKHOLM SYNDROM

- Feelings of trust or affection felt by a victim
- Condition that causes a psychological alliance with their captors as a survival strategy

Symptoms

- **Admiration for and trying to please trafficker**
- **Resisting rescue attempts**
- **Refusal to testify, defending trafficker**
- **Running**

Victim develops dependence on trafficker and a habit of pleasing them, it began as a need for survival and becomes a habit.

PTSD

Developed after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, a car accident, or sexual assault.

Symptoms

- **Flashbacks**
- **Intrusive imagery**
- **Nightmares, insomnia**
- **Anxiety**
- **Emotional numbing**
- **Hyper-vigilance**
- **Avoidance of traumatic triggers**

Trauma Brain

- * Brain in survival mode
- * Normal human response to abnormal events
- * Strange behavior
- * Scattered memories
- * Flight – Fight – Freeze

Trauma Informed Interviewing



Here and now, Physically felt, Simple questions

DO'S AND DON'TS

Do

- Ask if something is wrong
- Express concern
- Listen and validate
- Offer help
- Support decision

Don't

- Wait for them to come to you
- Judge or blame
- Pressure
- Give advice
- Condition for support

TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

We must be able to identify

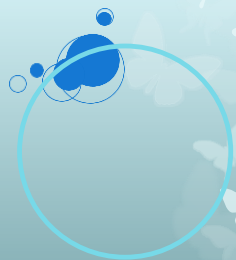
We must be able to understand

We must show we care

QUESTIONS....

OK NOW FOR THE HARD STUFF....

Groomed to fear any authority but his.



Challenges of trust... What are the issues and how to overcome them.

GROOMED AND CONDITIONED – (criminal mentality)

Lies that were told ... they want to control you, they want to take you from me, they will take you to jail, they don't care about you, they are all crooked

PAST EXPERIENCES –

Watching parents or others being arrested, media distortion of arrests, fear of the police

DANGER –

Talking to police could result in further danger, by traffickers or other girls, lose trust with those involved in the life, may have to hide, the police cannot provide protection...(no where to go)

What Survivors Had to Say...

"I did not believe I was a victim or that I was doing anything wrong but the law made me feel less than human, more so than the tricks"

"I was just arrested, no one ever offered help, no one asked me how I was doing, but they would arrest me taking me off the streets for a minute, or they would find something else or make a false charge to keep me locked up longer"

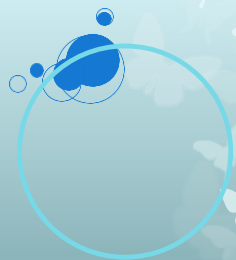
"I knew I couldn't trust them to help me, I had to serve them for free to stay out of jail"

Just a
child...prostitute?

1st arrest

2nd arrest

Threats



How to Break Barriers and Build Rapport

✂ **Make sure they know you don't see them as a criminal.**

Pay attention to your
body language
tone of voice
eye contact

✂ **Be honest about your intentions**
A victim is trained to read people and are analyzing you.

It's a Cultural Thing

The belief system of the "*The Life*"
Vs.
The belief systems of LIFE

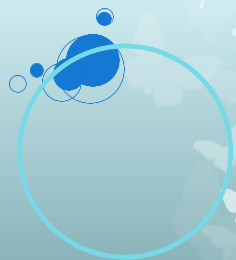
Empty promises and threats...who do I trust?

The Detectives

The Attorneys

The Advocates

The Trafficker



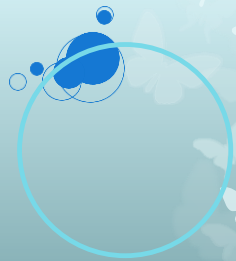
"Sealing the Deal"

✂ The victim must be convinced that it is worth the risk

- ✂ Danger of being a "snitch"
- ✂ Can you really protect them
- ✂ What resources are available

My worst fear
coming true...

The story of Jenelle...



*People don't care
how much you
know, until they
know how much
you care.*

How do we change this...

We do not have to agree or condone behavior or thought processes, but we must understand them.

- Understand thought process of victim/survivor
- Understand the culture
- Establish rapport
- Be consistent
- Be honest

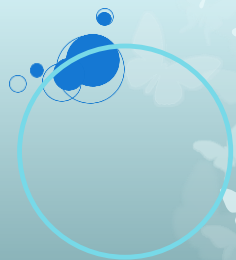


Relationship is key....

Feeling safe

Being understood

Retraumatized...
after the trial



Questions...
Discussion...
Lets go deeper...

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