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Accepted: Jeannette/OCTIP BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres - Status of Women Project discussion Subject:

From: Jeannette MacInnis
To: Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX

Subject: Human Trafficking Proposal December 2015

Date: Thursday, January 7, 2016 3:53:34 PM

Attachments: Human Trafficking Proposal December 2015.docx

Importance: High

Happy New year Roz!!

Hope you are doing well <sup>s.22</sup> We have submitted a draft proposal to SWC right before Christmas as we were a bit pressed for time with all of our projects. I am going to be working on a more robust version this coming week and wanted to get your input of thoughts on what we have so far fi you don't mind. Hopefully we can connect soon and have a fuller conversation.

Jeaannette

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Date: Friday, March 27, 2015 1:20:02 PM

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From: Foyle, Kathy JAG:EX
To: Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX

Subject: RE: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres - file in OCTIP folder

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 9:34:53 AM

# On it's way to you.. Kathy

From: Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 9:14 AM

To: Foyle, Kathy JAG:EX

Subject: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres - file in OCTIP folder

Hi Kathy – I am not able to access the report from this organization that is saved on our shared

drive. Are you able to open it for me and print a copy? Thanks, Roz

Rosalind Currie

Director, Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch

Ministry of Justice Office: (604) 660-4891 Rosalind.Currie@gov.bc.ca From: Walsh, Taryn JAG:EX
To: Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX

Cc: Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX; Lipp, Jamie M JAG:EX

Subject: RE: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres - Our Spirits are Not For Sale Report - CFO Funded Project

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:47:04 AM

Hi Roz

Marcie and I met with Paul yesterday on a different project – s.13 . He mentioned this report and that he connected with you. Yes food for thought.

Taryn

From: Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 11:24 AM

To: Walsh, Taryn JAG:EX

Cc: Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX; Lipp, Jamie M JAG:EX

Subject: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres - Our Spirits are Not For Sale Report - CFO

**Funded Project** 

Hi all: This is an excellent report on a great project. . . Paul LaCerte contacted me a couple of months ago about continuing to work together on this issue. . Perhaps we can discuss how to move forward with this organization on some of their ideas and recommendations contained in this report?

Let me know how you wish to proceed. s.13

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It is also worthwhile to consider s.13

s.13 food for thought!

Roz

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From: Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX
To: Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX

Subject: RE: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres report

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 11:37:29 AM

Thanks Roz. I will take a look and then let you know if we want to ask for permission to cite.

Appreciate you looking into this for me!

Marcie

From: Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 11:06 AM

To: Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX

Subject: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres report

Here it is. . . I can contact Jeannette and Paul at BC Association for permission to cite this report if needed. . .it is a report of the CFO grant we provided to them for \$100,000 to educate Aboriginal youth on issues of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

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s.13 I will have a look at the report now to see if it is useful for you.

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Office: (604) 660-4891 Rosalind.Currie@gov.bc.ca From: <u>Jeannette MacInnis</u>
To: <u>Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX</u>

Subject: Re: Future Partnership Opportunity - OCTIP and BCAAFC

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:26:36 PM

Hi Roz, I will draft something and have Paul approve as it will be from him and send to you by Friday.

Jeannette MacInnis, Director of Health and Ending violence initiatives, BCAAFC Sent from my Samsung Galaxy

----- Original message ------From: "Currie, Rosalind JAG:EX"

Date: 07-21-2015 4:17 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Jeannette MacInnis

Subject: RE: Future Partnership Opportunity - OCTIP and BCAAFC

Hi again. . would you be willing to provide a short quote about our partnership together to address issues of the sexual exploitation/human trafficking of Aboriginal girls and women with CFO funding? We are working on a Status Report on our OCTIP activities to implement the BC Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and are including quotes from our partners. . . if you feel comfortable to provide this, please send to me by Friday if possible - thanks! Roz

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Subject: RE: Future Partnership Opportunity - OCTIP and BCAAFC

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:30:30 PM

Hi Roz,

Thanks for getting back to me and Jeannette with your availability. I have time available in Paul's calendar on Friday July 31st at 1:30PM. It would be great if you could meet us at our office in Victoria.

Please let me know if that is still workable on your end.

Thanks,

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 Pascale Robichaud

 To:
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 Cc:
 Cyndi Fuss; Rubina Malik

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Date: Friday, October 2, 2015 12:55:57 PM

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Thanks Victoria -I will follow up with you next week Pascale - look forward to connecting about potential partnerships and projects we can collaborate on in the future re Aboriginal women. Thanks Roz

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Hi Roz,

As promised, I have contacted my colleague from Status of Women Canada regarding a potential meeting this week. I am virtually introducing you via this email. Pascale Robichaud is the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Operations and is the person at SWC to be speaking with concerning potential proposals about issues impacting Aboriginal women / communities. I have cc'd her and will leave it to the two of you to connect.

I have also contacted my colleagues at CIC and AANDC and will follow-up accordingly as I hear back from them.

#### Cheers

#### Victoria Martino

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BCAAFC Report on the Prevention of the Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Aboriginal Youth in BC

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# TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION IN BC'S ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

## Trafficking and Exploitation in BC's Aboriginal Communities

Over the last few years human trafficking and sexual exploitation have become a major focus on the continued effort to eliminate violence committed towards women and children not only internationally but domestically. In Canada, the exact number of women and youth who are sexually exploited and trafficked is not known due to its clandestine nature, however, several government and national organizations report that Aboriginal girls and women are significantly over represented. In 2006, Statistics Canada reported that Aboriginal people made up 3.8% of the total Canadian population however they make up the greater portion of trafficking and exploitation victims.

In BC, it is believed that one third to half of all sexually exploited youth are Aboriginal.<sup>1</sup> In 2002, out of 100 women working in the sexual exploitation industry in Vancouver, 52% were Aboriginal and 60% of sexually exploited youth in the city were Aboriginal.<sup>2</sup> This number has grown according to urban service providers while at the same time growing more secretive as cellphones and website advertising keeps its victims hidden from public view.

Aboriginal youth are vulnerable to the tactics used by these predators because of the impact of colonialism and residential schools and their inter-generational effects, family violence, childhood abuse, poverty, homelessness, racism, lack of education, and addictions. Perpetrators of trafficking and sexual exploitation seek out youth with these backgrounds offering a better life, friendship, and affection. Aboriginal youth are often lured into prostitution over time by men pretending to be boyfriends, perceived debts owed for drugs and alcohol, or simply what is called survival sex (needing the basics to live such as food, shelter, clothing) not even recognizing at first they are victims. At some point, these youth realize they are being forced to provide sex for money. By the time a victim gains the resolve to leave, she/he may be traumatized after years of being sexually victimized.

While oil and gas industries can provide significant economic opportunities for Aboriginal communities in northern BC, there are also incurring social impact costs. Northern communities are already seeing the effects in rising housing costs, creating homelessness and urban Aboriginal families being displaced. As seen in communities in northern Alberta, Saskatchewan, and North

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Urban Native Youth Association, 2002



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/crimeprevention/shareddocs/pubs/crime-prev-series2-sexual-exploitation-children-youth.pdf

# TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION IN BC'S ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Dakota where resource extraction developed quickly and an influx of workers, who the majority are young men, domestic and sexualized violence has increased. BC has the very real possibility that the sexual exploitation and incidents of violence of Aboriginal women and girls and the development of natural resource extraction will both increase in relation to each other.

Human trafficking is just beginning to be understood by our communities. Often it is thought of in the context of international trafficking portrayed in movies not understanding that it is about control of the individual, through intimidation and coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation, not about crossing borders. It is crucial for Aboriginal communities and their youth to understand and be educated about this form of violence and how it occurs in our communities.

Sexual exploitation is also misunderstood. Generally, it is perceived as a youth being used as prostitute for financial gain by a pimp or trafficker. It has many forms and how it is being perpetrated in our communities is going to have devastating consequences not just for the youth themselves but it will impact families and communities as a whole. It is in our local fast food chains, in the parking lot of the corner convenience store, in the house next door, not just on the street corner in the open.

Finally, we need a culture shift in how the general public views Aboriginal youth that are being trafficked and exploited. Too often they are viewed as criminal for "choosing" a lifestyle not as being exploited and a victim of a crime. The only difference between a youth with a bright future and sexually exploited youth is support, care, and concern.



## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**



## **Project Overview**

#### INTRODUCTION

As part of the BCAAFC's Taking Action to End Violence against Aboriginal women and children strategic plan, the BCAAFC with other Friendship Centre provincial territorial associations (PTA's) have been working with the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) on the development of a National Friendship Centre Strategic plan on Combating Human trafficking of Aboriginal women and girls. The BCAAFC hosted dialog sessions in northern BC (due to the proximity to the Highway of Tears) inviting youth, elders, RCMP, school districts, and other local organizations to discuss the issue of human trafficking of Aboriginal women and girls in their communities.

With the information gained from these sessions, the NAFC's Advisory Committee on the trafficking of Aboriginal women, girls, and boys sent out a call for submissions from Aboriginal youth on the creation of public service announcements on the issue with specific messaging that was accumulated from communities and service providers (i.e. "our spirits are not for sale"). Four videos were approved for completion. These videos have been used by the BCAAFC for purposes that help promote awareness to the issue of human trafficking of Aboriginal youth in BC through online websites, workshops, youth forums, etc.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF WORKSHOP CIRRICULUM

With funding from the Ministry of Justice, OCTIP Division, the BCAAFC began the development of a prevention and education workshop for Aboriginal youth. The curriculum was developed after review of several reports written on the issue of trafficking and exploitation using an Aboriginal lens to engage Aboriginal youth and their lived realities in their communities. There was a focus on the specifics of sexual exploitation and human trafficking in relation to Aboriginal youth which included understanding the associated terminology; the who's at risk and risk factors associated



with moving to, and living in an urban setting; understanding grooming and luring methods being used on Aboriginal youth; techniques used by perpetrators online; legalities; and self and Peer exploitation.

The BCAAFC also developed a module on "Protecting your Spirit" based on the medicine wheels Emotional, Physical, Spiritual, and Mental elements and how each decision we make affects us. Also included in the curriculum was the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and possible linkages to trafficking and exploitation.



## **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**



### Project Activities

The "Our Spirits are NOT for Sale" workshop was designed to as a full day workshop, delivered through a PowerPoint Presentation and a companion workbook with helpful information and resources for youth to take home.

#### **COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**

Although originally scheduled to do eight workshops, the Terrace workshop participation was larger than anticipated. Three First Nations communities from hundreds of miles away, bused their youth in and required accommodations, the cost of this workshop negated having the original eight. A conversation was had with the Ministry of Justice to discuss this change.

Workshops were delivered in 5 communities across the province (1 still to be delivered in Victoria). Local centers invited and gathered registration from nearby First Nations communities, schools, MCFD workers, as well as at risk youth and youth councils. One workshop was held on reserve to the students at the Eke Me Xi learning Centre in Port Hardy. The smallest workshop was delivered to a group of 22 youth in Prince George and the largest to a group of 60 youth in Surrey. Due to the sensitive nature of discussions that had the very real possibility of opening up traumatic experiences for youth, a counselor was available on site or nearby. Also for support and grounding, elders were invited to provide a traditional opening and closing prayer as well as provide cultural support. These elders whom had a relationship of trust with youth in their community were crucial to the success of each workshop.

A local RCMP officer was invited to attend each workshop to learn about trafficking and hear from Aboriginal youth what is happening in their community. This proved to be beneficial. Spending the day with them, youth felt open to ask questions relating to issues they were dealing with and two youth took it upon themselves to have private conversations with the RCMP officers about incidents relating to sexual exploitation.

These workshops incorporated culture in all of its teachings, group activities, and provided a space for youth to talk openly about what occurs in their communities. 182 youth took part in the community workshops. A survey was given at the end of day to gain insight into youth thoughts on human trafficking and sexual exploitation which was used to develop an insight into youth thoughts about humans trafficking and sexual exploitation in their communities.



## **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**



#### BCAAFC PROVINCIAL YOUTH AND ELDER FORUM

The BCAAFC held a provincial youth and elder forum in Feb 2015. This was the perfect opportunity to hold the provincial leadership development and training. The leadership training gave youth by giving them skills to continue to educate their peers on sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Twenty-three youth leaders were in attendance and sparked interesting conversations on the different issues their communities were facing, what was happening, and best ways to address it.

#### GATHERING OUR VOICES YOUTH CONFERENCE

BCAAFC delivered the "Our Spirits are NOT for Sale" workshop at this year's Gathering Our Voices youth conference in Prince George to over 60 youth in 2 three hour sessions. This was a perfect opportunity to engage youth from all over the province. It was well received and youth shared stories from their communities.

Key Project Activities	Dates	Outcomes
BCAAFC developed a culturally appropriate workshop and PowerPoint specifically to educate and prevent the sexual exploitation of Aboriginal Youth in BC.	April 2014 – July 2014	A completed workshop and PowerPoint that is cultural and traditional that can further benefit FC's and youth after project is completed.
Coordinated dates of workshops that were held in the fall 2014 and January 2015. Promotion of workshops was through regional FC's and community organizations and BCAAFC Social Media and website.	July 2014 – Aug 2014	Engaged with FC communities and provided a better understanding of risks for youth in the community.
Delivered 6 regional workshops to Aboriginal Youth - Workshops include educating youth on SE and HT as well as an introduction to the BCAAFC's Moose Hide Campaign and MMIW.	Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> - March 20th	Aboriginal youth became aware of potential risk factors and ways to avoid them. Understand the laws around trafficking and sexual exploitation and services that are available
Delivered Provincial youth training and leadership development Gathering to selected youth to take leadership roles in their communities on educating and creating awareness and prevention on the issue of SE and HT to their peers.	Feb. 9th 2015	Aboriginal Youth trained to be leaders in their communities on the issue of Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking with the creating a strong provincial network of youth able to raise awareness to their peers.
Created final report and findings from input by Aboriginal youth in discussions and questionnaires.	Jan 2015 – March 2015	Final report will benefit FCs and others to understand the youth perspective on the issue and ways to address their concerns.



## YOUTH THOUGHTS



## Youth Thoughts

In total 276 Aboriginal youth took part in the "Our Spirits are NOT for Sale" workshop and training to prevent Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation. It was a great chance to learn from youth as well as to educate them. BCAAFC received 164 completed surveys given to youth at the end of the workshop. From these surveys and from group discussions during the workshops BCAAFC gained an insight into the youth perspective. Every community was different as well as the youth experiences that participated. From youth at risk and in care to those living on reserve and in urban centers, the youth experience, family connection, and location defined a vast difference of realities for these youth. This is not meant to be conclusive data but a glimpse into the lived realities of Aboriginal youth around the province in relation to human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

#### THE REALITIES FOR YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES

#### Does trafficking and exploitation occur in your communty?



For youth who responded "I know it does!" to the question "Does trafficking and exploitation happen in your community?" most offered a reason, sighting an incident of a friend or family member or offering where and how that they knew it was occurring.<sup>3</sup> Youth at risk or experienced homelessness shared their experiences in group discussions offering much different experiences and a culture of exploitation that is not widely known.

Youth overwhelming thought that peers in their community were vulnerable to being lured by traffickers and being victims of sexual exploitation. The reasons given were often in relation to looking to fit in and be cared for, racism, and family violence, and youth homelessness.

# Do you think that youth in your community are vulnerable to Exploitation and Trafficking



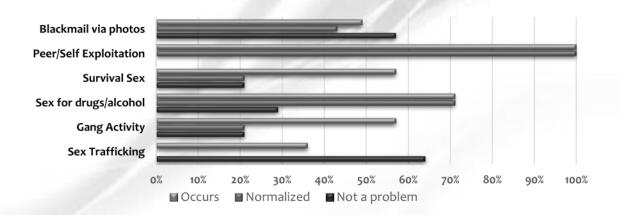
 $<sup>^3</sup>$  By the language "Knew" or "Know", it is referring to how these youth experience these questions and should in no way be taken as concrete fact.



## YOUTH THOUGHTS

We asked youth to select specific types of exploitation that they believed occurred in their community as well as if it was considered a normal experience as an Aboriginal youth. It's these types of experiences that have become common and accepted as a lived reality it should raise tremendous concern for all of our communities.

#### **Exploitation and Normalization in our Communties**



Youth believe that the blackmail by using of sexualized images sent via chatrooms or cellphones is common enough that 43% believe that it is normal. Not surprisingly, but what usually leads to blackmail via photos, is 100% of surveyed Aboriginal youth know peer/self-exploitation (i.e. Sexting) occurs and 100% of them believe it is normal behavior.

One of the most common methods of the sexual exploitation of Aboriginal youth is survival sex for food, clothing and shelter. 56% of surveys responded that they felt that it occurs in their community but only 20% felt that it was normalized by youth in their community.

During the workshops youth were quite open about the normalization of young girls, and in some cases young men, providing sexual acts for free drugs and/or alcohol. 71% believing that it was normal, even a few stating that "everybody does it". Sadly, many were surprised to learn that it is sexual exploitation and common way for traffickers and recruiters to lure youth in to sex trafficking.

Aboriginal gang activity was believed to occur in communities by 56% of responses but only 22% believed it to be normalized by their peers. Many youth commented that the lure of gang was to have family and thought that a gang supply of drugs and alcohol may influence some of their peers.

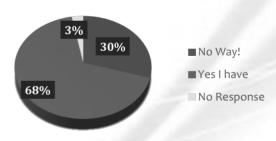


## YOUTH THOUGHTS



Sex trafficking was not considered normalized by youth at all, o%. The large majority, 64%, did not believe that it was an issue in their community. The fact that the sex trafficking of underage girls is increasingly being transacted through websites like backpage.com, cell phones, and other social media, it is understandable that most Aboriginal youth would not see it happening or as an issue in their community.

# Have you made friends with a stranger online?



With the ease of technology, traffickers and recruiters are using social media as way to connect with youth. It provides access to youth all over the province from the convenience of a computer or cellphone. This was an interesting insightful conversation in each workshop and how youth justify talking with and making friends with someone they don't know online. Most girls admitted to having uncomfortable conversations

online in which they felt uneasy but still remain open to talking with strangers. In the more remote communities youth said that it was a way for them to feel connected to the outside.

#### **DISTURBING TREND**

During the workshops and group discussions the youth in attendance were open about their communities and what occurs. Openly discussed were incidents, in more than one community, of young Aboriginal women being drugged and taken to houses for the purpose of sexual exploitation by groups of men paying the abductor cash. Often pictures are taken and the young girl was threatened if she reported the incident.

#### WHAT IS LACKING FOR YOUTH

In group activities and survey questions youth were asked what they thought would help prevent and support them from becoming victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. The four top responses were:

- ♣ Drop in Youth Centres for Aboriginal youth that have late hours providing a safe place to go at night.
- More educational workshops on trafficking and exploitation and meaningful engagement.
- Affordable housing and/or living support.
- Job security and training.



## **GROWING CONCERNS**



## **Growing Concerns**

From the workshops the BCAAFC held across BC it became overwhelmingly apparent that more needs to be done to create public awareness on the issue and to educate Aboriginal youth to better prevent them from becoming victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Three major concerns that came to light during this project were the normalization of certain types of exploitation; growth of the natural resource sector in northern BC, and ongoing support for youth aging out of care.

#### NORMALIZATION

Normalization of certain types of exploitation such as survival sex and sex for drugs/alcohol as well as new ways that young Aboriginal girls are being victimized are increasingly disturbing. These should not be accepted realities of these young people's lives. Pop culture in our media including music, TV and movies are all contributing factors to the behavior and normalization of sexual exploitation. Youth providing sexual acts to adults for free alcohol and drugs can ultimately lead to sex trafficking. Clearly, educational programs on sexual health, respecting your body, and sexual exploitation need to be taught at an earlier age.

#### NATURAL RESOURCE INDUSTRY GROWTH

When looking at the impacts of resource extraction in communities gender is often ignored and women and girls experience specific health and social impacts caused by its activities including threats to their housing, causing displacement and separation from family, increase in domestic and sexualized violence, ultimately affecting their traditional and cultural values. The oil and gas industry is primarily populated by men who work for weeks at a time and then go into small towns and urban areas nearby in their off time. Alcohol and drug use fuels violence and often increases safety concerns in communities dealing with such an influx. Drug use, alcoholism and sexual exploitation all increase. As an example, the Good, the bad and the ugly of Fort McMurray stated that "the sex trade in Fort McMurray, AB, has kept pace with the booming its oil industry, and goes hand in hand with the increase in hard drug use." 4.

BC is on the verge of a tremendous increase of resource extraction and development. With the heartbreaking history of the Highway of tears in the north there needs to be strategies in place to

<sup>4</sup> http://tothetarsands.ca/2007/09/11/a-tale-of-two-cities-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly-of-fort-mcmurray/



## **GROWING CONCERNS**

prepare our Aboriginal communities in the North and its young women for what changes may come with natural resource industry.

#### YOUTH IN CARE

Many youth in care participated in the "Our Spirits are NOT for Sale" workshops; however one story highlighted the realities and correlation of being a youth in care and the vulnerability to being sexually exploited regardless of gender.

The youth related his story as ... he was in care since the age of 10 and at 18 was living in a group home on a youth agreement. He, like so many other teenagers his age, went out one night and drank too much alcohol. He was then removed from his group home and released from his agreement leaving him to fend for himself with no place to go. Subsequently he was sexually exploited for 6 months.

Many have criticized the child protection system for not providing services beyond the age of 19, finding that many youth exiting care do not have the basic life skills or decision making skills necessary to live independently. Youth who age out of care face a number of simultaneous challenges, such as finding stable employment and affordable housing resulting often in homelessness, drug addiction, and the very high possibility of sexual exploitation.

Transitioning into adulthood can be stressful even for youth in stable environments, and socioeconomic issues like poverty, racialization, and marginalization are definitely contributing factors for Aboriginal youth becoming victims of sexual exploitation. The question is if youth in care are not allowed to make decisions for themselves until they age out of care why do we expect to make good ones. We need to rethink how we support youth after the age of 19 so they do not vulnerable to homelessness, addictions, and sexual predators.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**



#### Recommendations

#### 1.1 EDUCATING ABORIGINAL YOUTH

Prevention education provides Aboriginal youth with tools to understand how sexual exploitation happens, how to avoid it and what to do when it happens to them. It also helps them identify the elements within language, media and popular culture that glamorizes behavior that may be detrimental or dangerous. Prevention education also provides Aboriginal boys and young men with tools to understand how sexual exploitation happens and what to do if they see it happening around them. And, most importantly, education teaches boys how to avoid exploiting the young women in their lives and how to protecting them instead.

- 1.2 EDUCATING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS
  - Misconceptions of what "Human trafficking" and "Sexual Exploitation" are and what they really mean in BC communities is a main barrier to its prevention. When service providers and community members are not able to spot signs that it is occurring we will never be able to prevent it. Educational Workshops and public awareness ads on the specifics of trafficking and exploitation of Aboriginal youth are needed to be taught to communities as a whole.
- 1.3 INCREASING PARTNERSHIPS IN COMMUNITIES TO ACCESS AND PROTECT EXPLOITED YOUTH Many communities expressed frustration that there is no safe place to send exploited youth. They cannot necessarily be returned to foster care or their families because their home life is often perilous and they might run away again. Nor can they be released onto the streets, where their exploiters are waiting. Partnerships with community organizations like Deborah's Gate and Covenant Houses could create a safe way to move these girls out of the communities they are being trafficked and exploited in and given a chance to heal before being reconnected to their community.

In one large community where it was widely known that the trafficking and sexual exploitation of Aboriginal girls is extremely high, community services providers who specialize in sexually exploited youth, reflected that they have no access to these young girls and no way of intervening. Clearly, Aboriginal sexual exploitation youth workers are required in every Friendship Centre community to connect with these young women.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**



#### 1.4 CHANGING OUR LANGUAGE

How we talk about sexual exploited youth is challenging. Often the language used by community service providers, police, media, etc. de-victimizes youth who are the most vulnerable. Using terms such as "Child Prostitute" "underage sex worker" brands them and casts the responsibility on them that by choice they are responsible for the abuse and exploitation that they are enduring. We should all be using terms that keep the victimization of the youth at the forefront.

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

Aboriginal youth play critical roles on both sides of the trafficking and sexual exploitation spectrum. At one end, they are the most vulnerable to becoming its victims and, at the other, the most qualified to protect themselves and their peers from being victims. We need to continue to engage them in the conversations as they have a deeper understanding of how they are being lured and recruited as well as insight into their communities that adults do not possess.

With Friendship Centre's in 25 communities across BC and in the urban areas in which the trafficking of Aboriginal women and girls is significant, they are important partners in combatting the issue of the trafficking of Aboriginal women, girls, and boys. They have the strength and ability to be meaningful partners in the continued effort to eradicate this type of violence against our women and children.



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# APPENDIX 1 - FINANCIALS

## Appendix 1 - Financials

### HT and SE Project Budget

	YTD	Annual
	Actual	Budget
REVENUES		
Ministry of Justice	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
EXPENSES		
Programming Expenses		
Workshops and meetings	33,346	41,500
Provincial gathering	18,556	23,000
Moose Hide Campaign	11,645	9,000
	63,547	73,500
Staffing costs		
Ending Violence coordinator	12,500	12,500
	12,500	12,500
Administration & Operating costs		
Administration & Operating costs	10,000	10,000
Program materials	13,953	4,000
	23,953	14,000
Total expenses	100,000	100,000
Surplus (deficit) for period		

