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**SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM MODEL
INTERVENTION OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING**

THE NEED....currently

**OVER 100,000 TO 300,000
DOMESTIC GIRLS
BETWEEN 11-17 YRS**

- FLORIDA IS IN THE **TOP 3 STATES** IN US. With Central Florida being #1-2 region.
- It is estimated that at **any given moment**, there are between **30,000 to 40,000 pre-teen and teenage runaways in Florida**
- The average age is lowering each year for targeting girls.

**17, 500 FOREIGN VICTIMS
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

- MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN are brought from “out of the country” into the US, to be sold as labor workers (without payments) and/or sexual selling of these persons and often both.
- **27 MILLION WORLDWIDE**, men, women & children.

After Personal Safety, HOUSING remains the overwhelming need of Human Trafficking Victims in Florida.

- We need more **SPECIALIZED LONG TERM SAFE HOUSES AND REHAB PROGRAMS** like WINGS OF SHELTER.
- **Training for state agencies is crucial—and it pays off.**
- **Standard Group homes and standard foster care placements are not viable alternatives,** because such teenagers comprise strong flight risks whose first instinct is often to re(70)% turn to their pimp.



WHY ARE THE CHILDREN RUNNING AWAY FROM PLACEMENTS - BE AWARE

The service provider needs to know...



MOSTLY, THESE KIDS DO NOT WANT TO BE RESCUED



THEY OFTEN WANT TO RETURN TO THEIR TRAFFICKER



THEY THINK THEY “ARE LOVED” BY THE SEX TRAFFICKER



And they BELIEVE THAT “THEY LOVE” THE MAN WHO IS SELLING THEM INTO PROSTITUTION

THE PROFILE OF CHILDREN THAT WE SEE... MENTAL HEALTH

- Extreme anxiety and fear all of the time.
- Changed relationships with others (including the inability to trust).
- Self-destructive behaviors (including suicide attempts, cutting).
- Changed feelings or beliefs about oneself (including profound shame and guilt).
- Changed perception of the perpetrator (including establishing a trauma bond).
- Despair and hopelessness.

WINGS REHABILITATION PROGRAM

DEVELOPMENT IS:

“A NON PUNITIVE SYSTEM”

- It is important to NOTE that the NON PUNITIVE SYSTEM is not without STRUCTURE and not without LIMIT SETTING. The NON PUNITIVE SYSTEM has policies and guidelines and will have CONSEQUENCES if the policies and guidelines are broken. We are strong on SAFETY POLICIES.
- **THE OVERRIDING PRINCIPLE is “Unconditional Love; Patience; New Chances” and “Encouragement to do better the next time”.**
RELATIONSHIPS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER RULES.

WINGS SAFE HOUSE “Non Punitive System”

- We tell the girls that they don't have to keep their rooms pick up – only the central living areas.
- We make the girls lunches and clean their dirty dishes away from the place settings.
- We don't give them chores for the first few months at the house.
- We remove the stress and Re-Empower the girls where it is Safe to do so.

What are the Caregiver Administrators' goals?

- **KEEP THE GIRLS WANTING TO STAY AT THE SAFE HOUSE** through attitude and care giving. To set up a relationship of support and care giving that is very nurturing and one that focuses on “adding special touches of acts of kindness” toward the girls.
- **LOWER EXPECTATIONS OF PERFORMANCE**. Work on “new self image” instead of high success achievement venue. Work on gaining small success a step at a time.
- **KEEP THEM SAFE** – Never alone without an agent from Wings of Shelter.

HOW DO WE MEASURE SUCCESSES IN THE SAFE HOUSE FOR THE GIRLS?

- **Caregiver Administrators**: input (they are with the girls day and night.)
- **School and Education**: We speak to the principal and teachers weekly.
- **Trauma Counseling**: Every girl goes to Trauma Counseling weekly.
- **Big Sister Program Evaluation**: Each one has 3-4 Big Sisters (4 hours at a time) each week.
- **Spiritual** – Church Activities; Church leaders.

FUTURE PLANS – WINGS SAFE HOUSE REHABILITATION EXPANSION

- We see that, through our experience with the children and their physical; emotional; psychological and Spiritual needs, that there needs to be a **TWO STEP PROCESS of REHABILITATION** assistance for them.
- WE ARE PLANNING THE “CENTRAL CLEARING PORTION OF THE SAFE HOUSE REHABILITATION PROGRAM.
- THE “MINI-REHABILITATION SAFE HOUSE FOR ONE CHILD (AT A TIME) LONGER TERM.



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