



Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

January 20, 2017

Municipalities of the CRD
School Districts 61, 62 & 63

Re: Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

As our Annual General Meeting was held this week, so I thought I would write to update you on the activities of our committee. Charged with being aware of the circumstances for youth and families who may come into contact with the justice system, we have had speakers including:

- **Panel Discussion on Secure Care** with: Ceri Sanderson, Senior Advocacy Advisor, Representative for Children and Youth; Rick Schwartz, Youth Justice Defense; Gord Irving, Coordinator of Victoria Boys and Girls Club; and Dr. Grant Charles, Associate Professor, School of Social Work at UBC and Affiliated Associate Professor, Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, BC Children's Hospital
- **Communica** – offering conflict management and communication courses and workshops, and dispute resolution services such as mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, coaching, and group facilitation
- **Rainbows** - providing support to families going through a major loss in their family.
- **Mary's Therapeutic Farm** – supporting youth to engage with therapeutic animals
- **Susan Gmitroski, Island Health**, Coordinator of Ledger House (Youth Mental Health)
- **Joel Conway, Fortress Foundation** - focused on the education and empowerment of men, to address and eradicate the demand for sexual exploitation
- **Gord Irving, Boys and Girls Club** on Youth Support and Housing Initiatives
- **Darin Reimer, Sanctuary Youth Drop In Center**

In addition to reaching out to the community through these service providers, the committee hears from resource agencies including the Mobile Youth Service Team (MYST), the Capital Region's Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (CRAT), Crime Reduction Education Division (CRED) of Pacific Centre Family Services Association, Single Parent Resource Centre, Saanich Police, and many others. Through our network, we seek to understand the challenges and the resources in our Communities.

As you can see, there are many acronyms, and many service providers. We endeavor to meet in at least two or three different areas each year, including meeting on the Peninsula and in the West Shore. Our

goal is to increase the awareness so that when these issues arise in your municipality, you are informed and can respond.

Many municipalities have chosen to send a Citizen Representative. **We would appreciate you designating a liaison to assist them to briefly present our Annual Report.** Please assist your representative to be that two way communication link who can help us to serve you better and share our knowledge with you!

I am attaching a PowerPoint presentation on TCO2 – **Taking Care of Ourselves: Taking Care of Others.** The purpose of the PowerPoint is to show you what the presentations are like and to allay fears that they are scary, stigmatizing or negative. It is important to forewarn children and tune up their ‘spidey senses’ to help combat manipulation and ‘grooming’.

We have arranged to have these free presentations available area schools. They are put on by Children of the Street Society, who have worked with the Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons to develop age appropriate workshop style presentations throughout BC. **The presentations are so popular that it can be hard to get a booking, and the Capital Region Action Team, the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee have teamed up to bring them to the CRD for performances February 20 – 24, 2017.** There are still a few spots left, to book contact the MYST member, Constable Jennifer Gibbs at Jennifer.Gibbs@vicpd.ca

Funding for Police Services tops all of our budget expenditures; how we support our youth and families impacts this. Thank you for your consideration - the social fabric of our communities is richer when we talk about the circumstances for youth – they are our future.

Yours truly,

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Care of
Ourselves:
Taking Care
of Others



Free Workshops created by: Children of the Street Society

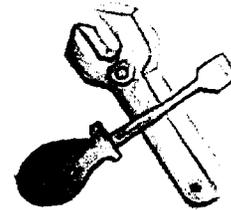
- Provincial society and federal charity dedicated to preventing the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children and youth in British Columbia through **education strategies, public awareness** initiatives, and **family support** since 1995.
www.childrenofthestreet.com
- Supported by the Office to Combat Human Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP). Workshops are in high demand throughout BC and can be hard to get.
- Sponsored to come to Greater Victoria by CRAT (the Capital Region Action Team), and the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee. Bookings still available for February 20 – 24, 2017.
Contact Constable Jennifer Gibbs, Jennifer.Gibbs@vicpd.ca to book.

Engaging Youth



- Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (TCO²) is a unique and empowering interactive workshop designed and delivered by youth, for youth about preventing sexual exploitation.
- Using monologues, role-plays and engaging activities, a group of two young adult facilitators involve participants in a meaningful and interactive discussion of what sexual exploitation is, who is involved, and how to prevent it from happening.
- Following each workshop, TCO² provides a safe space for youth to ask questions and come forward with disclosures about any concerns they have.

Customizable



- Workshops are interactive and customized to provide information most relevant to each school or community.
- Workshops are age appropriate and offered to children and youth ages 10 to 18, including students, alternate programs, community youth groups, and other youth audiences.
- Choose workshops targeting Grades 5, 6 & 7, Grades 8 & 9, or Grades 10, 11 & 12



Addresses current information on sexual exploitation, including:

- Definition of sexual exploitation and human trafficking
- Warning signs of recruitment and luring
- Use of technology in exploitation/trafficking
- Recruitment tactics used by exploiters
- Links between gangs and exploitation
- Recognizing healthy relationships online and in-person
- Barriers to exiting an exploitative situation
- Local community resources
- How to seek help
- Facilitators empower youth to think critically by talking to them about current trends related to exploitation and human trafficking.

HOW MANY PEOPLE
ARE TRAFFICKED EVERY YEAR?

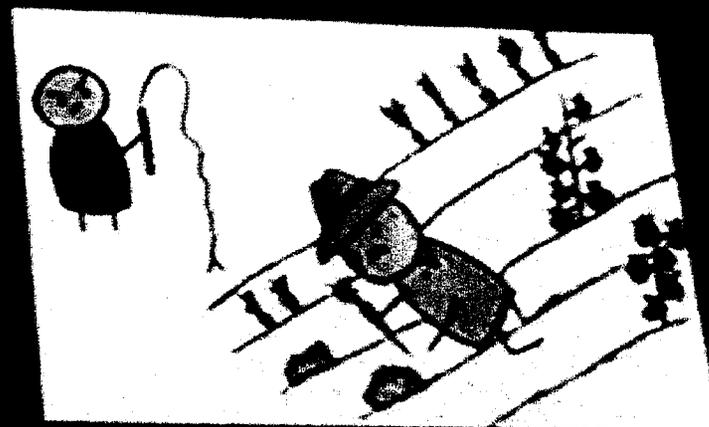


- A) 1 Million
- B) 5 Million
- C) 11 Million
- D) 21 Million

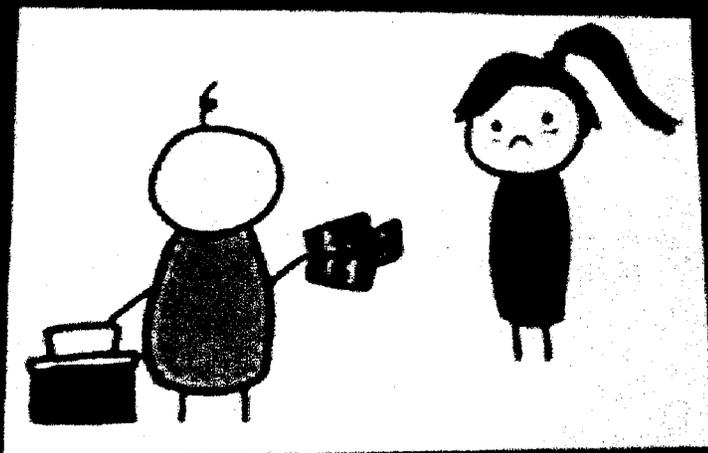
Forms of Exploitation



SEXUAL



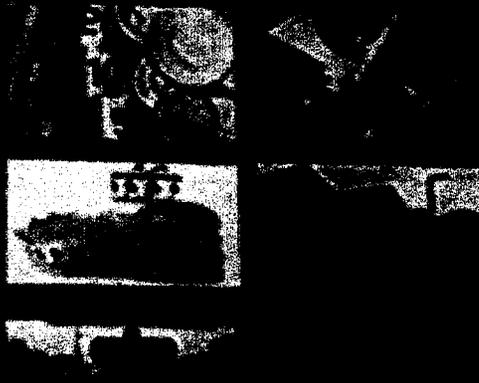
LABOUR



ORGAN HARVESTING

What does an exploiter use to
trick someone for sex?

visible



What does an exploiter use to trick someone for sex?

visible

invisible



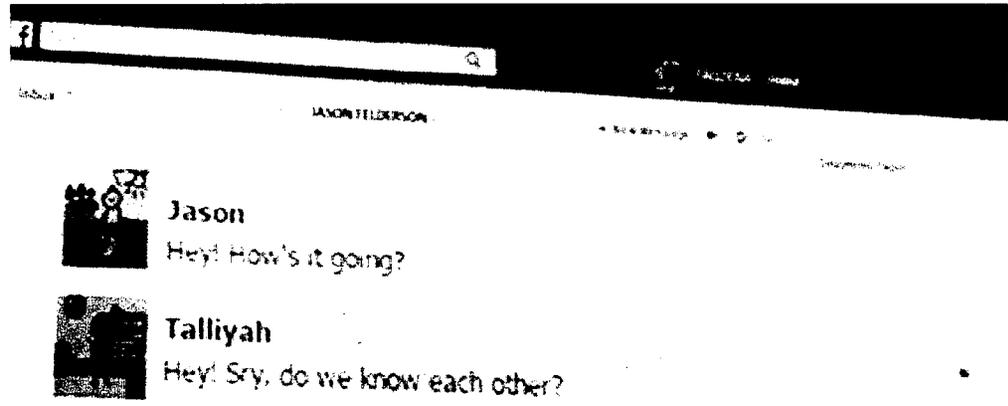


Technology used to Exploit

- 1 in 5 youth are sexually solicited online, and 75% of them do not tell a parent.
- Predators will use information that people share online about themselves to build rapport and gain access to youth.



Teens who share photos on Instagram may not realize that if their location services haven't been turned off, their photos can leave a trail directly to their home address.





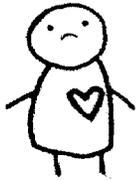
Student Data linked better outcomes for youth to:

- Physical activity
- Nutrition and Sleep
- ***Supportive relationships*** with peers and adults

Engagement was beneficial for youth who had been teased, excluded, or assaulted in the past year.

The Exploitation Equation

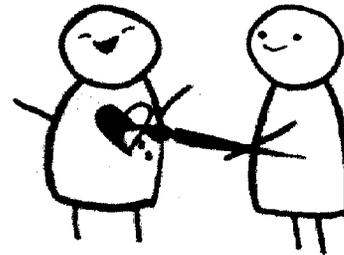
The Exploitation Equation



UNMET CORE NEEDS

- food & water
- housing & shelter
- love & belonging

The Exploitation Equation



FALSE PROMISES

Someone appears to fulfill your needs until...

The Exploitation Equation



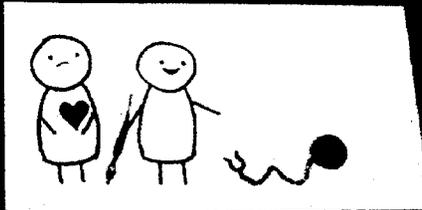
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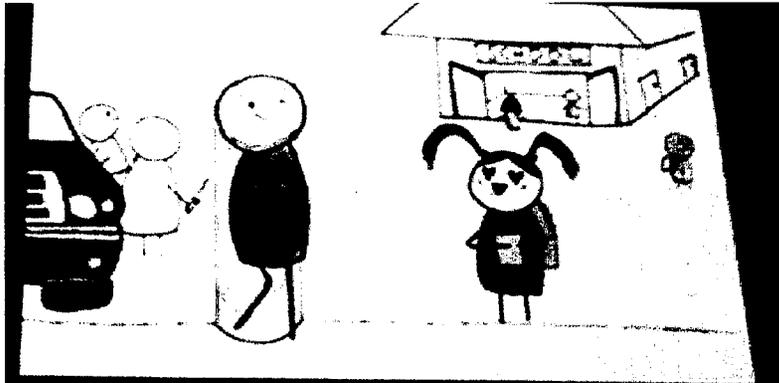
VULNERABILITY

FALSE PROMISES



EXPLOITATION

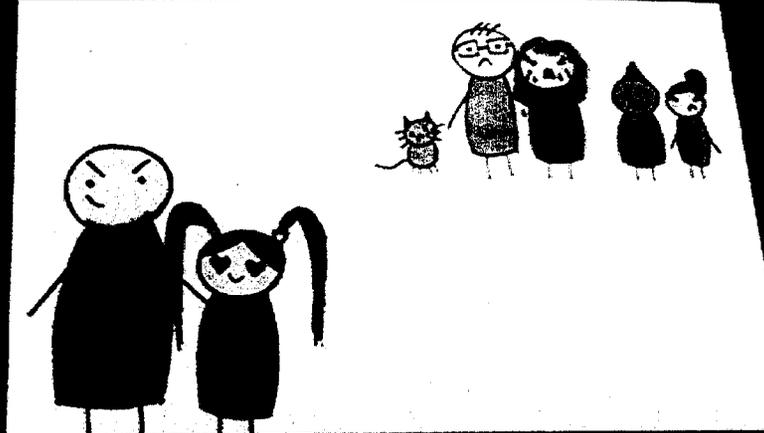
Warning Signs of Recruitment



AGE DIFFERENCE



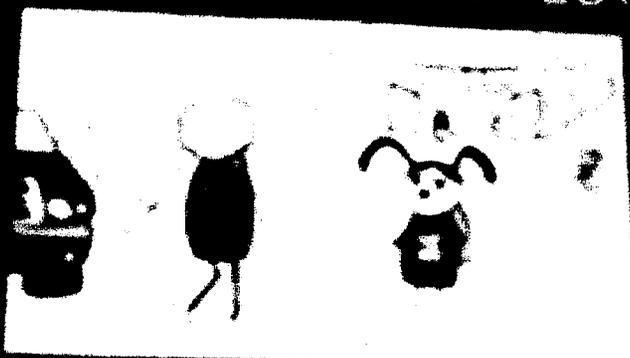
GIFTING



ISOLATION



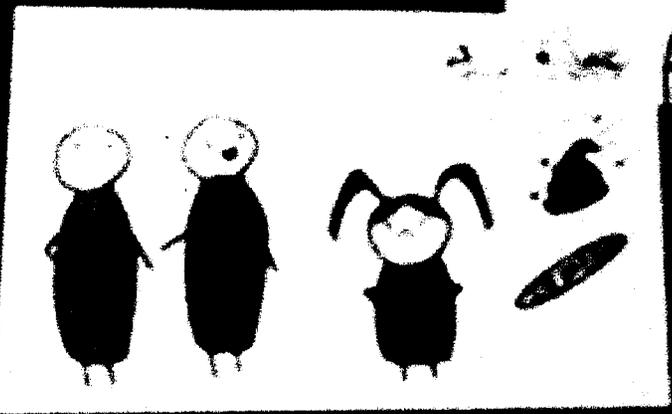
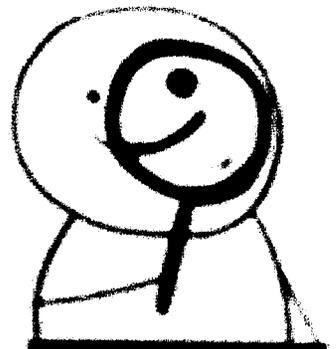
LIFESTYLE CHANGES



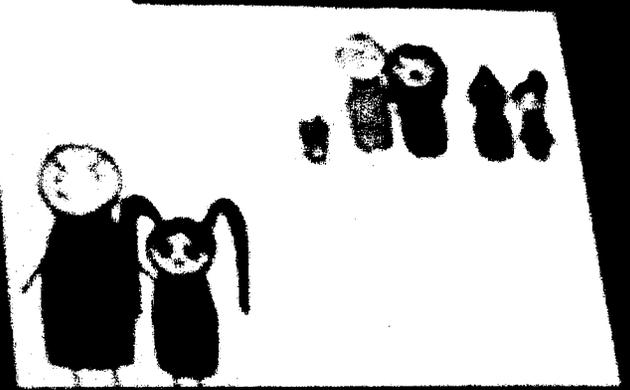
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GIFTING



GUT FEELING



ISOLATION

Cyber Safety

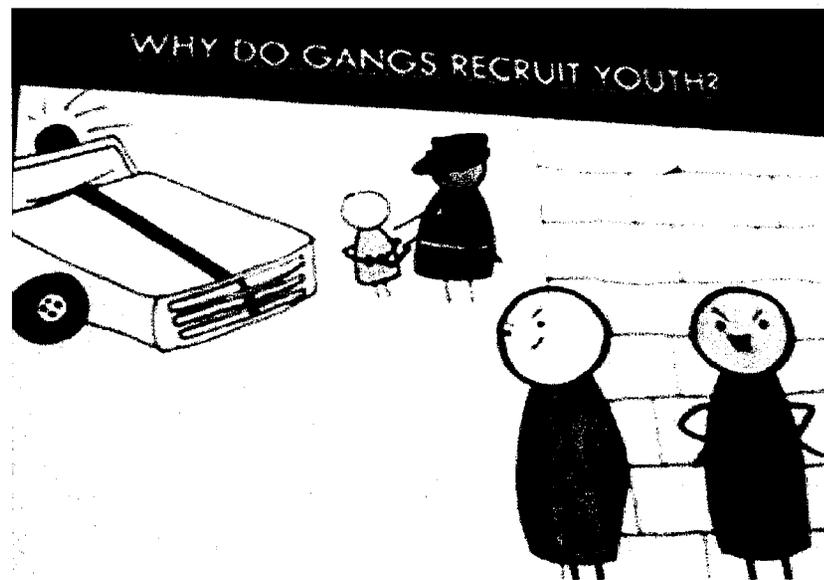
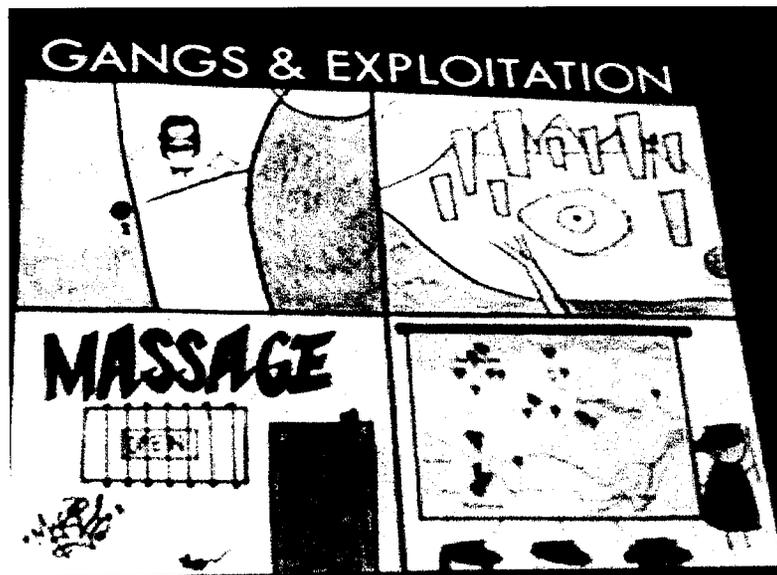


Youth are more likely to be connected online than to be playing in their yard.

TCO2 addresses online safety strategies.

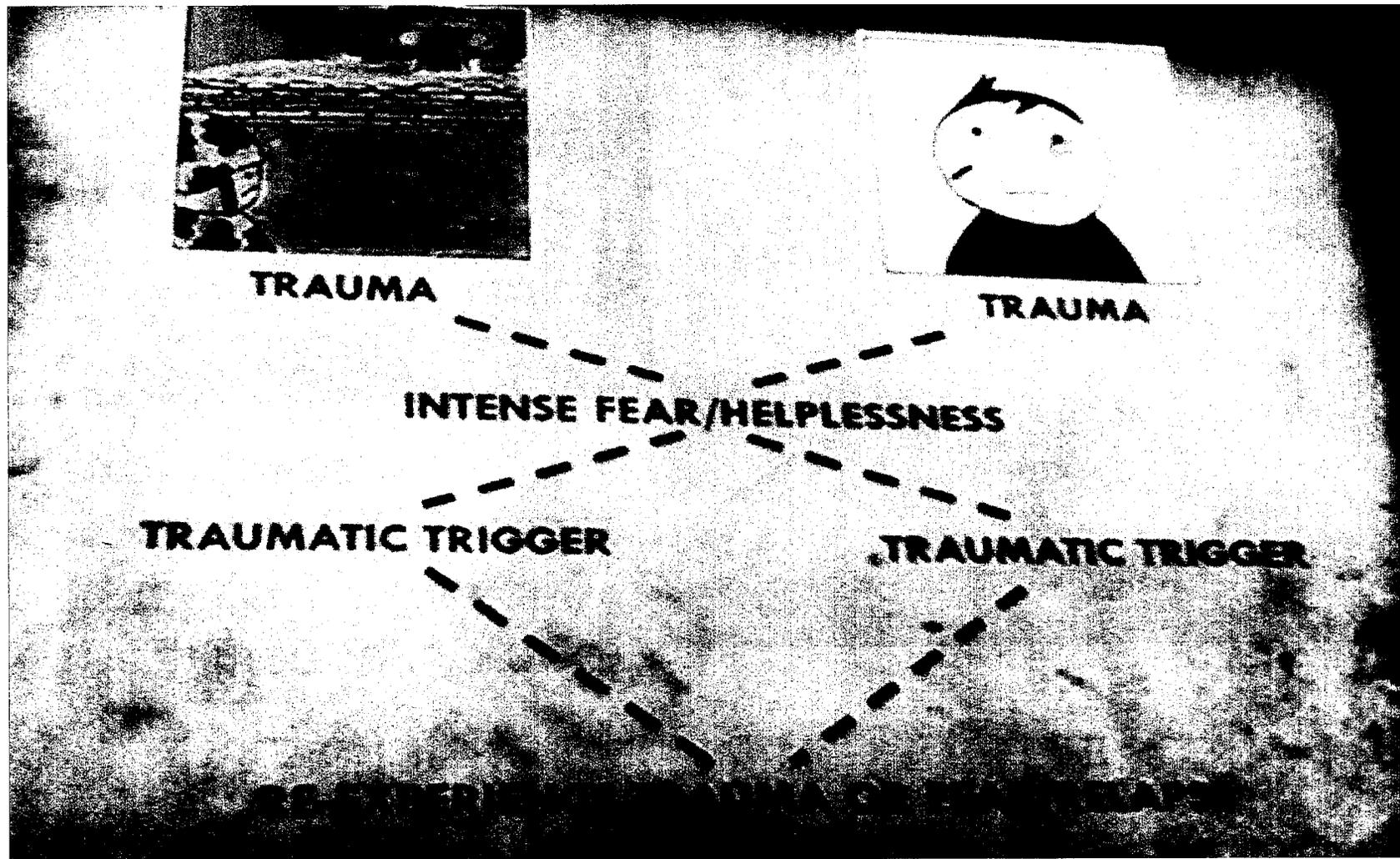
Gangs Exploit Youth

- The Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons tracks likely places for exploitation



- Youth are likely to get less severe penalties for crimes

TCO2 Talks about Trauma



Gangs Hurt

- Youth are exposed to violence, injury and death



- It can take years to recover from Gang Association

“Youth who felt their activities were meaningful were more likely to feel good about themselves and more likely to rate their mental health as good or excellent.”

McCreary, 2013 South Island Statistics



TCO2 Talks about Resources for Youth

CRIME STOPPERS

LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR POLICE
If you have information about a crime you would like to report to the police, call Crime Stoppers. We will keep your name and phone number confidential.

1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

To leave a message for police, call 7283

If you're in Canada you can call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Thank You
7-ELEVEN
Participating
The Partner

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.
CHAT WITH ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS NOW.

Online chat is available from Noon to 1 AM in BC and Yukon only.

LAUNCH CHAT

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SHE COAST - 1-866-641-3311
TTY - 1-866-672-3311

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