

Preventing Child Sex Trafficking

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Power and Politics of Language

- ▶ Trafficking: Frame is “other countries”
- ▶ Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children:
 - Accurate but not yet widely understood
- ▶ Prostituted Children: shift from ‘child prostitute’


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Focus of the field

- ▶ Safe Harbor Acts (and variations)
 - Reframing the law to focus on solicitors/exploiters and pimps/abusers
- ▶ Getting safe shelters/beds for victims
- ▶ Providing broad based support services
- ▶ AFNAP: research and mobilization
- ▶ NEEDED: Focused effort to counter demand/prevent


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Commercial Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation & All Sex Trafficking

- ▶ **Health & Public Health Issues/Concerns**
 - Not only the individual child/woman who is vulnerable; but the subsequent view of all children/women as objects/commodities
 - (ex: south high, middle school boy to woman in hall)
 - Health impact includes: multiple injuries from physical and sexual violence & body punishing sex acts, PTSD, STI's, steady exposure to verbal/sexual harassment, unwanted pregnancies, depression, addictions, etc.

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Gender socialization
SV frequency
Hyper-sexualized media
Lack of sexual health messages

We live in a sexually toxic/pornified society.


“Talking About It”, Cordelia Anderson, 2001

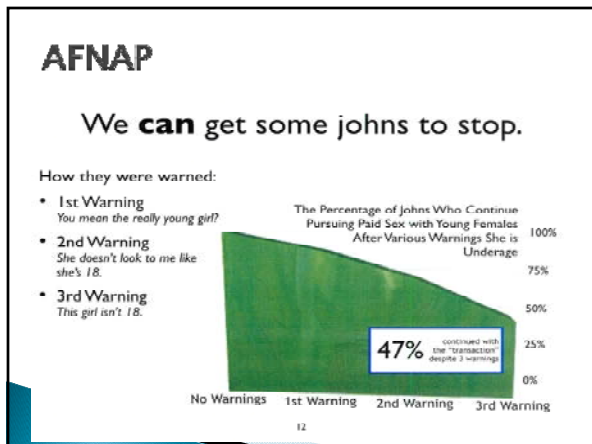
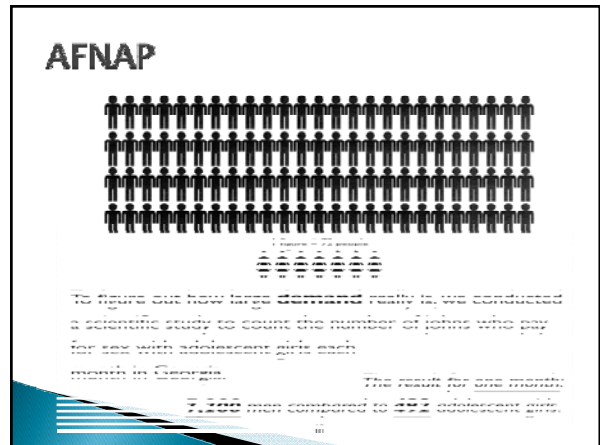
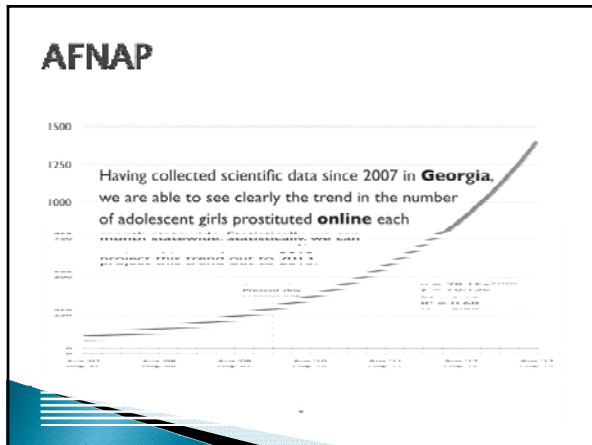
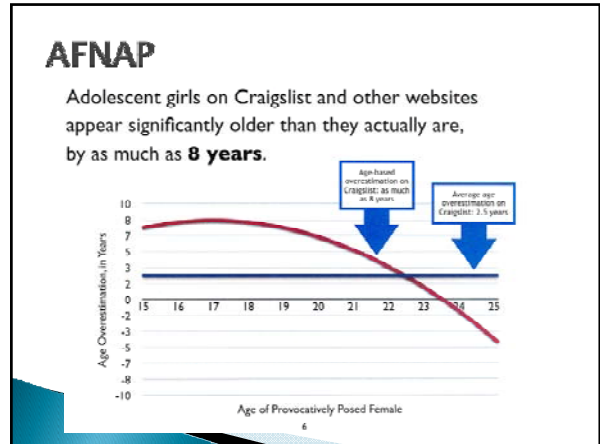
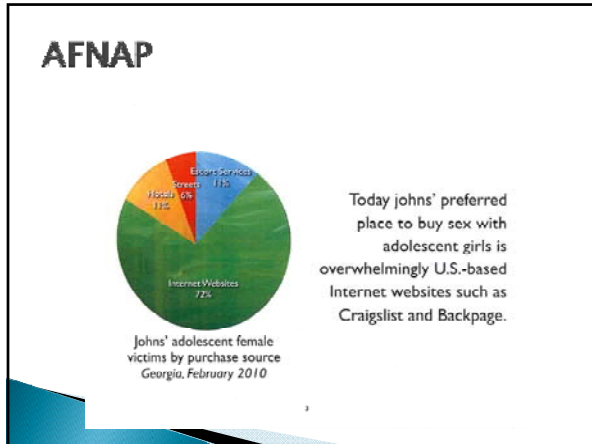



Sexually Toxic Environment

- ▶ Where “the game” “the life” are romanticized and glamorized and the harm minimized
- ▶ Toxic Decisions make sense in a toxic environment
- ▶ Healthy choices are not – but should be – the easy choices
- ▶ Along with helping people beat the odds – we need to change the odds

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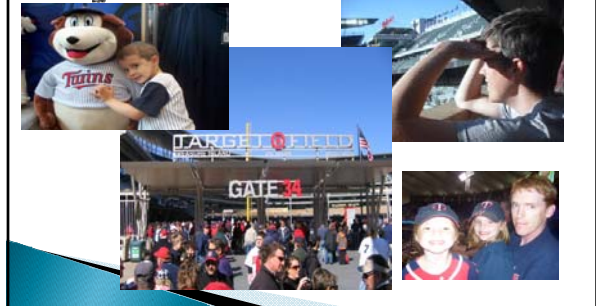


Are we raising a generation of exploiters?

- Why are there so many (primarily males) willing/able to commercially sexually exploit children and women?
 - Definition & expectations of masculinity
 - Right of passage
 - Worlds oldest oppression (V. Carter)
 - Assumed right/entitlement of men to be able to purchase/use/demand
 - Assumed worth of women to be sexual objects, valued as a commodity

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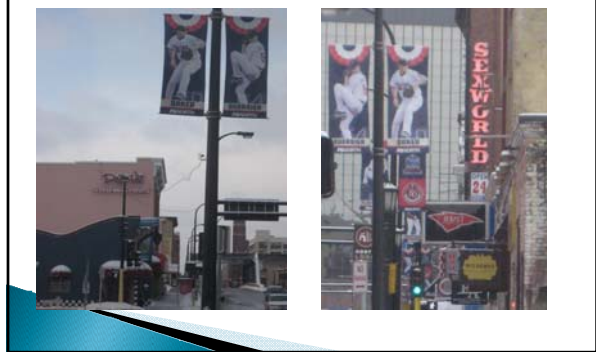
Families Going to Target Field – Twins or Target Center – Timberwolves



Families Navigating the Sexually Toxic/Pornified Environment



Twins Banners, Turn Right- Turn Left



Average User Rating: 3.4 out of 5 (from 83 users)

A fully renovated and decked out High-class strip club in the old Blues Alley building. Its a huge complex with several posh VIP areas and the most beautiful women in the city. The place is designed to look classy and be comfortable. The dancers come provide close up entertainment while you lounge on the couches or plush chairs. They offer a full menu of both food and drink.

Free admission on Twins game days with a ticket stub. Cover is usually around \$8.

After the game...the Seville Club!

Family Photo Opportunity

Bus Stop Near Commercially Sexually Exploitive Businesses in Target Field Neighborhood

CSEC & Demand: Think About "it"

- ▶ Poverty? Homelessness?
 - If hundreds of children & women were homeless, hungry, on the streets.... See the need to help not harm
- ▶ She asked/offered: If a child came up to an adult and offered ___ \$ for ___ sex act.....
 - See a child in need of assistance not exploitation

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Demand, Shared Hope

As the culture continues to normalize sexual images and activities, *(such as commercial sex)* the markets grow.

• www.sharedhope.org;

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Benefit to who of keeping ½ the population as "objects"

- ▶ APA, 2007 Sex objects "things for others sexual use"
 - Multiple media messages have a negative health/mental health impact
- ▶ Females: to see themselves and objects and worth in sexual attractiveness to males
 - To be supply - compliant victimization, self objectification
 - Buy in to dominant norms of "sexiness" and roles

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Message to men is that being violent and buying and selling women's and girls' bodies for sexual use is *normal* and acceptable.

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Roles are Cast Early

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Pornified Culture: Normalization = what is wrong with you if you don't want it

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The Politics of Language

Kiddie porn actress found alive, well
By AP and CP

ORLANDO, Florida -- A 15-year-old girl who appeared in a series of sexually explicit pictures taken at a Walt Disney World hotel and other locations has been found and is now safe, authorities said yesterday.

Child Pornography Vs
Crime Scene Photos
Prostituted children
Commercial Sexual
Exploitation
"Had sex with for money?"

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"Language is power, life and the instrument of culture, the instrument for domination and liberation."

Angela Carter

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Labels and language are both powerful and dangerous. Often, labels utilized by social literature and court opinions are the products of media sound bites or quick judicial pens.

- Mary Leary, Esq., *Death To Child Erotica?*

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Massage or Spa?

Nice Guys

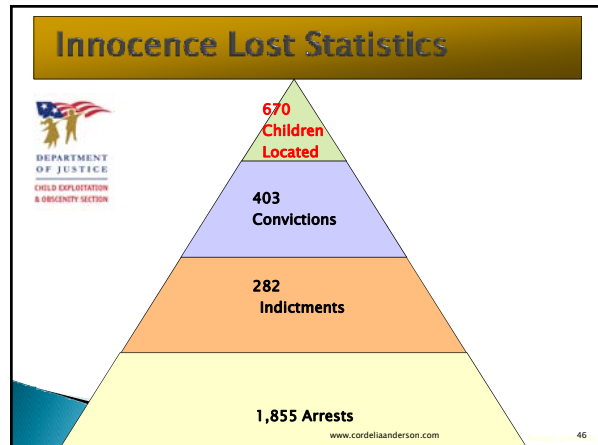
Charged: Leader of alleged 'Nice Guys' prostitution ring

- By **PAUL WALSH** and **DAVID CHANEN**, Star Tribune Staff Writers July 29, 2010
- A former assistant Hennepin County attorney was charged Thursday with allegedly running a high-dollar prostitution ring that connected women with "Nice Guy" customers at Minneapolis hotels.
- John St. Marie, 66, of Minneapolis, ran a website that advertised prostitution services
- St. Marie set up appointments for prostitutes with men he called "The Minnesota Nice Guys" – those whom he claimed were safe and would pay well

Need to SHOW the Reality Not Glamorous: Prostituted CHILD/TEEN (NCMEC Campaign)

PROSTITUTION IS A TERRIBLE LIFE. ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE 13 YEARS OLD.

WE'RE HERE BECAUSE THEY'RE OUT THERE.



Current ILNI Facts

Number of Task Forces/Working Groups: 32

- Number of Cases: 586
- Number of Children Recovered: 670
- Youngest Victim: 9 y/o
- Majority of cases reveal over 25% are child victims

DEMAND CHANGE

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CHANGE HEART

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Build on the Efforts to Engage Boys & Men

- Stories
- Examples




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Men: Collect & Tell Stories




- ▶ Hunting for Bambi "gift" from hotel - what to do?
- ▶ *When a porn video was offered as a gift*
- ▶ Invitation to stag party "strippers" part of the 'event' - what to do?
- ▶ *When I heard women were to be exploited as part of our entertainment, I demanded the change by...*




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Action for Prevention

- ▶ Challenge the language
- ▶ Engage Men: Say **no** to treating women & children as commodities and objects & **yes** to equality and respect
- ▶ See it, Name it, Speak Up & Speak Out
- ▶ Truth Campaign against
- ▶ Support Safe Harbor type laws
- ▶ Call out harm from & linkages to pornography
- ▶ Ban sexploitive advertizing
- ▶ Hold businesses accountable: Craigslist, Backpage
- ▶ Don't buy the hype! Or the costumes, party favors, programming



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ACTIVISM:

Breaking Free Organized: Protest Against Karma Night Club Sponsoring & Profiting from Pimps Across the Country

USI Billboard: Issue City Contracts with them for Internet

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Choose Porn Free Sites Hotels & Resorts Change

- MNCASA 08
- MNMAN
- MDH
- Kohler/Marriott
- WINONA COUNTY SUCCESS






Sample policies provided with webinar materials and available at <http://www.menpeace.org/programs/mnman/hotels>

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Real Men Campaign:

- ▶ Feature high profile men helping speak against CSEC in the US
- ▶ **Twitter** is part of effort. There CEO says keeping Internet CSE free is important to their company
- ▶ GOAL: raise awareness, stifle demand
- ▶ www.demiandashton.org




Demi Moore & Ashton Kutcher

DNA Foundation


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“Who ever tells the story, defines the culture.”

David Walsh, Ph.D. & author



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Is a revolution too much to ask?

- ▶ Revolution is something so big that it changes the world.
 - Dr. David Walsh



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Revolution with Heart for a Collective Change of Heart



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MN Prevention Efforts

- ▶ MN Women’s Fund: A Future Not a Past
- ▶ MN Sex Trafficking Prevention Networks
 - <http://groups.google.com/>,
- ▶ SV & DV & CSE Prevention efforts as well for collective “outrage” to insist on human rights, children’s rights & social justice
 - **Demand: A NEW NORMAL**

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