Dealing with Sexual Exploitation: A Resource Guide
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This community resource was primarily drawn from Steven Bittle's (2001). Youth involvement in prostitution: A literature review and annotated bibliography. Ottawa, ON: Department of Justice Canada, Research and Statistics Division. This comprehensive report provides a critical overview of the legislative history and policy responses to sexual exploitation of children and youth in Canada and highlights the main findings and debates from selected social science literature on this issue. Limitations of the social sciences literature are described, along with recommendations for future research.

Resources that are relatively easy to access were extracted. A copy of this report can be retrieved online at http://canada.justice.gc.ca/en/ps/rs/pre/rr01-13.pdf

Introduction

In addition to Bittle’s work, resources in this document were drawn from:


   This commissioned report provides a review of the literature addressing the issue of sexual exploitation of children and youth, with a specific focus on British Columbia.

   A copy of this report can be retrieved online at http://www.myfoundation.ca/academic-review.html


   This brief resource guide was prepared for community organizations who are developing workshops and educational forums on sexual exploitation.

   A copy of this guide can be retrieved online at http://www.myfoundation.ca/academic-manuals.html.

This guide is organized by subject. Resources are summarized and the location that the resource can be retrieved from is provided. In the cases that a resource addresses more than one subject the information is cross-referenced in each subject section.
**Aboriginal / First Nations**

**Resources**


Summary: This manual is based on a project in which interviews were conducted with over 100 service providers and two youth focus groups. The manual was designed to help prevent Aboriginal children and youth from recruitment and sexual exploitation and to identify resources to help those at risk, as well as those involved in the sex trade. Using a community development perspective, the authors suggest a continuum of care model of service delivery that addresses prevention through follow-up be used to empower Aboriginal youth.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library.


Summary: The authors report findings from consultation with over 150 commercially sexually exploited Aboriginal children and youth across 22 different communities in Canada (the National Aboriginal Project). The youth were given the opportunity to discuss exploitation and provide recommendations across several themes: abuse and exploitation; prevention; crisis intervention/harm reduction; exiting and healing; public attitudes/advocacy, and youth participation. Individual and systemic factors contributing to the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children and youth in the commercial sex trade are presented. Taking a community development perspective, the authors advocate for the importance of youth involvement and collective responsibility in order to create social change.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library, Save the Children Canada.

**Boys**

**Resources**


Summary: The purpose of this collection was to explore the complexities involved in talking about male sex work. In addition to bringing together accounts of the male sex trade from around the world, the various authors attempt to understand and explain the male sex trade from a range of frameworks, including sociological, psychological, historical, economic, political, legal and linguistic.

Location: Simon Fraser University, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library

Summary: The purpose of this report was to review the literature of male sex work in Canada, with particular emphasis on HIV and AIDS. Areas of the literature surveyed include: male sex work and the Criminal Code, demographic information on male sex work, male sex work and STDs, HIV and AIDS, previous research on street youth and young male sex work, indoor male sex work, clients of male sex workers, Aboriginal male sex work, the media and male sex work and Canadian social theory applied to sex work.

Location: UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article reviews the literature on male prostitution to examine theoretical and research conceptualizations of the male sex trade.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: Through in-depth interviews with eight boys (ages 14-16) this study examines the organized sexual abuse of adolescent boys involved in the sex trade in Dutch sex clubs. The author also reviews the motivation to remain in the club scene, and the boys' perceptions following a sexual abuse investigation by police.

Location: UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This study examines male prostitution in a mid-sized Midwestern city where preconditions of the sex trade differ from large cities. Men under the age of 18 who are involved in the sex trade were studied to reveal that many have the necessities of food, shelter and clothes, and many return to their family at the end of the evening.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article reports the findings of semi-structured interviews with 15 male hustlers and 15 male non-hustlers to examine male participation in the sex trade by choice. Respondents were asked questions about their living status, education, employment status, values, relationships, use of drugs and alcohol, knowledge of HIV and AIDS, and family history.

Summary: This descriptive study examines the experiences and opinions of men and women in the sex trade and provides insight into the ways in which gender influences experience. Findings are based on focus groups with 20 women and 21 men in the Capital Regional District (Victoria and surrounding areas).

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library, PEERS Victoria (250) 388-5325


Summary: This paper reviews the literature of male youth prostitution. The goal was to establish some theoretical understanding of gay and bisexual adolescent participation in prostitution.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library


Summary: This article describes the process of involvement in prostitution. It highlights characteristics of adolescent male and female prostitution and offers practical suggestions for intervention by physicians.

Location: UBC Library


Summary: This article reports the findings of a structured questionnaire administered to 100 males and 100 females, of which 50 males and 50 females engaged in prostitution. Questions in the study focus on early family and sexual experiences.

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Summary: This article reports the findings of a semi-structured questionnaire to 50 men involved in the sex trade and 50 men not involved in the sex trade. Questions focused on family background, sexual and criminal history, present life circumstances, substance use, and sexual practices with clients.

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Summary: This book provides mental health and human service professionals different perspectives of intervention for adolescent and young adult males who are victims or perpetrators of sexual abuse. Two chapters are dedicated to the issue of male prostitution.

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Summary: Studies on the backgrounds of male prostitutes provide important information on high-risk situational experiences, such as exposure to sexually transmitted disease and HIV infection. Important background variables include psychological, behaviour and social and economic factors. The high incidence of sexually transmitted diseases indicated that there is no correlation between sexual knowledge, sexual practice, and sexually transmitted diseases, HIV and AIDS. The authors argue there is a need for sexual education programs that will impact the sexual practices of adolescent male prostitutes.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library


Summary: This study examines the high-risk sex and substance use activities of 446 male street youth (aged 14-23) in Hollywood. The study compares participants involved in “survival sex” and those involved in “recreational sex”. The findings indicate that 90 percent of the males in the sample were sexually active; 27.1 percent had prostituted in the last three months, and participation in prostitution was most common among older, gay males.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This study used structured interviews with 50 male prostitutes (age 14-27) in Manhattan to examine their sexual orientation, sexual behaviour, knowledge of AIDS, and substance abuse.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library, McCreary Youth Foundation Library


Summary: This manual was created with the aim of decreasing the sexual exploitation of boys by providing concrete suggestions and advice to those working with at-risk young boys. There are two parts to this manual: Prevention and Intervention.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library, PEERS Victoria (250) 388-5325

Summary: A literature review relating to the health issues of male youth. The purpose of this report was to report on that review; to provide specific information on boys involved in the sex trade; to outline an evidence base that would assist in identifying funding priorities for the Foundations Commercial Sexual Exploitation Project (CSEP), and to make a conscious effort to keep the issues of boys’ health on the broader youth agenda.

Location: Available on-line [http://www.myfoundation.ca/academic-moment-for-boyz.html](http://www.myfoundation.ca/academic-moment-for-boyz.html)


Summary: The authors report HIV seroprevalence data from a sample of active young men involved in the sex trade in New Orleans, U.S.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library


Summary: This article reports the findings of structured interviews and direct observation of 70 young men involved in the sex trade. Questions focus around help-seeking behaviour of these young men. A discussion of implications for social work practices is included.

Location: UBC Library


Summary: Drawing on the findings of 87 men involved in the sex trade, the author describes the male prostitution scene in London with the intention of dispelling myths and confusion. Issues discussed include violence and the risk of violence for young men involved in the sex trade, the risk of HIV infection and the antecedents of life as a sex worker.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library

### Internet Resources

Summary: An extensive curriculum guide available for grades 6 and 8 (in English and French), covering many topics of children’s rights, including sexual exploitation.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library; also available online at http://www.safeonlineoutreach.org


Summary: This article provides background information on online victimization and internet safety, and reviews relevant Canadian and international legislation. Given the anonymity of the Internet, the rapid advancement of technology, and the inherent difficulties in regulating its use, sexual exploitation of children and youth through the Internet is increasing. The Internet can be used as a vehicle for recruitment, pornography, online sexual assault, promotion of sex tourism, and the development of virtual pedophilia communities. The author calls for informed policy development at the community level regarding this type of sexual exploitation.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation; also available online at http://www.childrightsweb.ca

Safe OnLine Outreach Society. (2004). Responding to online sexual exploitation: Organizational assessments and train the trainer project. Key to technological recommendations for non-profit organizations.

Summary: This guide contains suggestions and resources for improving an organization’s response to sexual exploitation in online environments.

Location: Available online at http://www.safeonlineoutreach.org/content/2D_Key.doc


Summary: Written for teens, this guide informs teens about their decision-making processes for information on the web, and also highlights some safety issues teens should be aware of while using the Internet.

Location: Available online at http://www.safeonlineoutreach.or/content/You_theWeb_Sex.pdf


Summary: A CD education resource produced for teens. This guide informs teens about their decision making processes for information on the web, and also highlights safety issues teens should be aware of while using the Internet. CD can act as a stand along education resource or as a teaching tool.

Location: Contact Merlyn Horton at Safe OnLine Outreach Society for copies soloinfo@shaw.ca
**Intervention/Exiting**

**Resources**


Summary: This chapter reviews the literature concerning factors the influence entry into prostitution (child abuse, home environment and runaway behaviour). The authors discuss the legal and social service strategies recommended by the Badgley and Fraser Committees, and the federal government's response to these Committees is critiqued. The authors argue that attempting to return youth to a home-life they describe as intolerable is futile; service agencies must understand and help youth deal with the factors contributing to their decision to prostitute.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article examines youth prostitution in Britain and reports findings from an ethnographic study of youth prostitution in an unidentified city. The findings were derived from an examination of 411 youth involved in the street sex trade, and discusses antecedents to sex trade involvement and intervention services.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This report examines antecedents to involvement in the sex trade and appropriate interventions.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation; also available on line: http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/publications/youth/sex_exploit.pdf


Summary: An assessment of the scope of the problem in British Columbia in terms of youth involvement, exiting supports and programs, and service gaps and needs.

Location. McCreary Youth Foundation Library; as available on at http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/publications/youth/sex_exploit.pdf

Summary: Articles reports on the findings of interviews with 45 adult women across the three prairie provinces who were involved in the sex trade prior to age 18, as well service providers who work with sexually exploited youth. Study focuses on patterns of involvement, identity, health issues and violence. Reviews and describes implications of protective confinement legislation and programming and policies. Identifies major sources of service delivery and offers recommendations for policy and programming.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation; as available on line at http://www.harbour.sfu.ca/freda/reports/qc2.htm


Summary: This document provides an overview of best practice approaches for service delivery and program for youth across a variety of areas, including sexually exploited youth. The review identifies important elements and provides empirical basis for recommendations using eight research studies deemed to be empirically rigorous as to meet scientific standards described in report.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library; as available online http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/publications/youth/best_practices_provision_of_youth_services.pdf


Summary: This article describes the process of involvement in prostitution. It highlights characteristics of adolescent male and female prostitution and offers practical suggestions for intervention by physicians.

Location: UBC Library


Summary: This training guide was compiled to inform “carers” about how to appropriately support the rehabilitation and care for children who have been exploited in the commercial sex trade and to bring about awareness of the issues involved. The twelve units are organized according to core areas and include both information and group or individual exercises. Units are instructions and notes for the trainer, and anticipated length of lesson.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library; also available online at http://www.ecpat.net

Summary: This report details the context of sexual exploitation of children and youth in Canada and the characteristics of these youth. The recommendations address problems of sexual exploitation in terms of legislation, policing, and justice issues, programming and service delivery, and acquisition of the basic necessities such as safe housing and food. The Working Group calls for an interagency, multidisciplinary approach to services.


Summary: This book provides mental health and human service professionals to different perspectives of intervention for adolescent and young adult males who are victims or perpetrators of sexual abuse. Two chapters are dedicated to the issue of male prostitution.

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Summary: The authors address some of the challenges and debates involved in providing services to sexually exploited youth (versus generic services for all street youth). Three different approaches to service delivery in Canada are presented and discussed. The authors discuss funding and policy implications for the three service models and advocate for an approach that also addresses systemic inequalities that give rise to sexual exploitation.

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Summary: This project is an exit program for women and teens. It was developed with the purpose of providing an effective and efficient resource for someone exiting prostitution. This training manual was created to help provide professionals with the understanding to help better serve their clients.

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Summary: This report does not focus exclusively on children and youth in the sex trade, but it highlights antecedents, risk factors and effects associated with sexual exploitation, and also discusses legislative and legal issues and alternatives to criminalization. A brief overview of Edmonton services and programs geared toward individuals in the sex trade is presented.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library

Summary: This report focuses on the sexual exploitation of children and youth in Prince George. Within this document, the problems facing these youth are outlined, key issues are identified, the service provider response is described, and recommendations to address the problem are provided.

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Summary: In 1984, the Committee on Sexual Offences Against Children and Youth recommended the enactment of legislation criminalizing children and youth involved in the sex trade as a means of preventing them from becoming entrenched in the sex trade. Lowman challenges this conclusion by criticizing the Committee’s theoretical framework and its interpretation of data on the characteristics of young people involved in the sex trade. Lowman argues that the Committee pathologized young people involved in the sex trade, thereby decontextualizing the decision to become involved in prostitution. Lowman advocates short-term strategies to reduce youth prostitution, accompanied by long-term initiatives that challenge male sexual socialization and youth unemployment.

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Summary: This book integrates the perspective of various disciplines to contextualize problems associated with youth homelessness, and to explore methods for helping youth exit the streets. Two chapters examine the relationship between childhood sexual and physical abuse, the decision to runaway from home, and subsequent involvement in the sex trade. The author advocates a multi-service approach, coordinated by all levels of government that stresses prevention, crisis intervention, and enhanced exit services for homeless youth.

Location: UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: The research report examines the mental and physical health, background characteristics, and needs of 44 sexually exploited and 35 at-risk youth (aged 13-19) in Kamloops, Nanaimo, Kelowna, and Prince George. Findings from the modified Adolescent Health Survey are presented and are compared to McCreary’s data on street youth and youth in school. Results are also compared with findings from the CRD study of 75 sexually exploited youth. The youth highlighted the need for safe housing, education, employment opportunities, and substance abuse services.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library; also available for purchase at [www.mcs.bc.ca](http://www.mcs.bc.ca)

Summary: A follow-up report to the 1991-92 research, *The Youngest Profession - The Oldest Oppression*, in which 50 sexually exploited young people were interviewed in Calgary, AB. For this project in 2000-2001, retrospective interviews with 28 of the original participants along with 10 others were conducted, with a focus on time in the trade, as well as exiting, reintegration, and services.


Summary: The author, former head of Calgary Police Vice Unit and current Executive Director of Calgary's Street Teams, wrote this booklet to increase understanding of the dynamics of child exploitation. MacInnes' interviews over 300 youth involved in the sex trade and numerous pimps. These interviews inform his presentation of the psychological profile of both pimp and youth, as he traces the recruitment techniques and the exiting process.

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Summary: The author recounts individual stories of commercially sexually exploited girls in order to provide insight into their lives. He describes the stages in the intervention process, as well as those involved in reintegration. He provides timelines, and describes realistic expectations regarding adolescent behaviour throughout these processes. Points out important points about living, financial, and education arrangement, and about social skills following exiting.

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Summary: This article report findings from a Swedish study of 23 women exiting the street sex trade. The article outlines the challenges involved in leaving the sex trade and presents a model of exiting that combines structural, situational, interpersonal, and individual factors to explain how and why women exit.

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Summary: This report provides case histories of sexually exploited female youth who have successfully exited the trade, studies of male pimps, information on establishing community programming for sexually exploited youth, and a case study of the Paul and Lisa Program (New York, Connecticut, New Jersey).

Summary: There are important differences between homeless youth, runaway youth and youth involved in the sex trade. A majority of street youth witnessed considerable interfamilial emotional and substance abuse problems before ending up on the streets. Bridge Over Troubled Waters is a multi-service agency for homeless and runaway youth in Boston, Massachusetts. The agency is recognized for its work with street youth, and the programs attempts to design and deliver services that suit the characteristic and needs of street involved youth.


Summary: This study compares 70 young people who were sexual abused as children, but are not involved in the sex trade and 35 young people involved in the sex trade who were not sexually abused during their childhood. The author outlines treatment initiatives for both sexually abused children and children involved in the sex trade.


Summary: This articles reports finds of structured interviews and direction observation of 70 young men involved in the sex trade. Questions focus around help-seeking behavior of these young men. A discussion of implications for social work practices is included.


Summary: This is a comprehensive manual that presents a provincial framework for understanding and working with sexually exploited youth. Guiding principles for effective program design and delivery for this population are presented along with information on currently available BC programs/services that are recognized as meeting these principles.

Summary: This exploratory study focuses on perceptions and attitudes regarding benefits and risks of involvement in the sex trade from 14 sexually exploited youth on Vancouver's downtown eastside. The authors state that insights gained from listening to the youths' voices have implications for policies and services. In order to be effective, intervention efforts must be grounded in the lived experience of sexually exploited children and youth.

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Summary: The authors suggest that the provision of specialized services for sexually exploited youth ignores the similarities of these youth to other high-risk youth in terms of the structural factors that provide a context for these experiences. Instead, they call for flexible, reflective, strategic, integrated responses that incorporate harm reduction, youth participation and empowerment strategies, and adequate staff support. They suggest that the way that commercial sexual exploitation is viewed and the understanding of how it affects an individual has direct impact on the kinds of services provided. Because of the variety of ways in which it has been viewed, there are a multitude of models, but no model has been specifically signaled out as being best practice.

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Summary: This article examines the needs and problems of early adolescent street youth (aged 12-15). Younger adolescents are at higher-risk for negative psychological and physical consequences of life on the streets.

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Summary: This manual is based on a project in which interviews were conducted with over 100 service providers and two youth focus groups. The manual was designed to help prevent Aboriginal children and youth from recruitment and sexual exploitation and to identify resources to help those at risk, as well as those involved in the sex trade. Using a community development perspective, the authors suggest a continuum of care model of service delivery that addresses prevention through follow-up be used to empower Aboriginal youth.

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Legislation / Policy

Resources


Summary: This article reviews the response of the Canadian Psychological Association to the Badgley and Fraser Reports.

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Summary: This articles describes the two major reports on prostitution that were initiated by the government in the 1980’s; the Badgly Report and the Fraser Report, and discusses the legislation that was enacted in response to these documents. According to Bagley et al., legislative initiatives have not taken social science or research findings into account and instead have criminalized sexually exploited youth.

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Summary: This article examines policy alternatives for dealing with women involved in the street sex trade. Vice squad officers, sex trade workers, clients, resident groups, and various “authority representatives were interviewed for this study. The authors criticize “quick fix” response and argue that the law is not a panacea for dealing with the street sex trade. They suggest legal and social service initiatives, such as enacting procuring legislation, reviewing child welfare, introducing health education, and providing harm reduction strategies for women involved in the sex trade.

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Bittle, S. (2002). When protection is punishment: Neo-liberalism and secure care approaches to youth prostitution. Canadian Journal of Criminology, 44(3), 317-351

Summary: The author describes the shift in public and policy frameworks and discourse from viewing prostitution as a criminal activity requiring punishment to viewing it as a form of victimization requiring protection. A critical analysis of the protectionist strategies and calls for the power relations underlying these policies to be challenged is provided.

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Summary: Early in this chapter, Busby suggests that there exists a gender bias in legislative practices and sentencing and she connects this to the fact that commercially sexually exploited girls occupy a “curious contradictory place in criminal because they are treated as both perpetrators and victims.” The author outlines the main features of specialized protective type of legislation that primarily affects girls. Busby questions whether this legislation is merely an attempt to regulate girls’ sexual / survival behaviour and whether it is connected to larger themes of social control.

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Summary: This commissioned report examines the lack of charges under section 212(4). The author argues that street involved/homeless children and youth must be proteced from the sexual advances of predators and pedophiles.

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Summary: In December 1985, the federal government introduced Bill C-49, criminalizing communicating for the purpose of prostitution. Included in Bill C-49 was a mandatory review clause. In response, the Department of Justice Canada commissioned a series of regional evaluations (Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax; with some consideration of prostitution-related activities in Regina, Winnipeg, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Trois-Riviere and Quebec City). This report provides a synthesis of these regional evaluations. Regional assessments are also available.

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Summary: This report details the context of sexual exploitation of children and youth in Canada and the characteristics of these youth. The recommendations address problems of sexual exploitation in terms of legislation, policing, and justice issues, programming and service delivery, and acquisition of the basis necessities such as safe housing and food. The Working Group calls for an interagency, multidisciplinary approach to services.


Lowman, J. (1986). You can do it, but don’t do it here: Some comments on proposals for the reform of Canadian prostitution law. In J. Lowman, M. Jackson, T. Palys, & S. Gavigan (Eds.), Regulating sex: An
anthology of commentaries on the finds and recommendations of the Badgley and Fraser reports. Burnaby, BC: Simon Fraser University.

Summary: The author argues the Badgley Committee provided an inadequate analysis of how some youth become involved in prostitution after running away from an intolerable home-life (due to sexual and physical abuse), and ending up on the streets with marginal employment opportunities. Lowman maintains that pursuing the recommendation to criminalize young people involved in the sex trade would serve to “entrench further their identity.”

Location: SFU Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: In 1984, the Committee on Sexual Offences Against Children and Youth recommended the enactment of legislation criminalizing children and youth involved in the sex trade as a means of preventing them from becoming entrenched in the sex trade. Lowman challenges this conclusion by criticizing the Committee's theoretical framework and its interpretation of data on the characteristics of young people involved in the sex trade. Lowman argues that the Committee pathologized young people involved in the sex trade, thereby decontextualizing the decision to become involved in prostitution. Lowman advocates short-term strategies to reduce youth prostitution, accompanied by long-term initiatives that challenge male sexual socialization and youth unemployment.

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Summary: In 1985, the federal government introduced legislation that criminalized communicating for the purposes of prostitution. In 1988, a new law was enacted to criminalize customers of youth and increased penalties for persons living on the avails of youth involved in the sex trade. Lowman examines “patterns of enforcement of these new laws, and the response of the judiciary to offenders.” Lowman argues, “in terms of the legal response to youth prostitution, it is the youths themselves who are the main object of law enforcement in Vancouver.”

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library


Summary: The author examines how various moral concerns influenced the enactment and enforcement of Canadian prostitution-related legislation between 1867 and 1917.

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Parents / Caregivers

Resources


Summary: This guide provides information and support to parents and caregivers of sexually exploited youth. It offers background information about the reasons why some youth leave home and subsequently become involved in the sex trade. The authors suggest a family-centred approach that does not blame the child for becoming involved in the sex trade. Parents are encouraged to take responsibility for any mistakes they made prior to their child becoming involved in prostitution. It also provides information on health-related issues for street-involved youth, and it clarifies legal issues and identifies resources and services in British Columbia.

Location: Vancouver Public Library.


Summary: Based on information provided by young people who have exited the sex trade and their parents/caregivers, this guide discusses why young people enter the sex trade and what parents can do to help young people exit the sex trade.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation, Children of the Street Society; also available online at http://www.myfoundation.ca/pdf/myf_sexual_ex_final.pdf

Risk factors

Resources


Summary: This chapter reviews the literature concerning factors that influence entry into prostitution (child abuse, home environment and runaway behaviour). The authors discuss the legal and social service strategies recommended by the Badgley and Fraser Committees, and the federal government’s response to these Committees is critiqued. The authors argue that attempting to return youth to a home-life they describe as intolerable is futile; service agencies must understand and help youth deal with the factors contributing to their decision to prostitute.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library

Summary: This article provides information on the scope of the commercial sexual exploitation of children, both internationally and in the United States and briefly reviews world responses to this problem. The author highlights a few current efforts in the United States that address exploitation, including participating in Johns' School as a form of prevention, the Youth Advocate Program that provides public education and advocacy, and other programs that are modeled on the youth participation and peers counseling approaches. The importance of youth involvement and opportunity for engagement is emphasized.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library, McCreary Youth Foundation Library


Summary: This article examines the economic and political issues associated with youth prostitution, and it reviews some initiatives launched by health and social care workers.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library


Summary: This article examines youth prostitution in Britain and reports findings from an ethnographic study of youth prostitution in an unidentified city. The findings were derived from an examination of 411 youth involved in the street sex trade, and discusses antecedents to sex trade involvement and intervention services.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article examines the sex trade from a work perspective rather than from a social problem perspective. This research captures the experiences of 201 current and former sex trade workers (primarily female) in the Capital Regional District and their views of their work, health status, access to services, and exiting process. Recommendations focus on education the public, police, justice, and professionals about the reality of sex work and the needs of sex workers; accessing quality services that are sensitive and respectful to sex workers, developing networks of social support, and providing safe housing and experiential outreach services.

Location: Available online at http://web.uvic.ca/~cbenoit/papers/DispMyths.pdf

Summary: This document examines the neglect and abuses that young people involved in the sex trade face before entering the sex trade, and the continued victimization they experience when pimps, customers, and muggers abuse them on the streets.

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Summary: This paper reviews the empirical literature on traumatic intrafamilial experiences and subsequent involvement in prostitution.

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Summary: This report examines antecedents to involvement in the sex trade and appropriate interventions.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation; also available on line: http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/publications/youth/sex_exploit.pdf


Summary: This report provides an overview of the scope of sexual exploitation of children and youth in Burnaby, BC, the legal context, the service context, the characteristics of youth in the sex trade, and suggest plans for action.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation. Library, City of Burnaby (Social Planning Department)

Chand, M.K. & Thompson, L. (1997). *You have heard this before: Street-involved youth and the service gaps*. Vancouver, BC: Interministerial Street Children's Committee

Summary: This survey reports the findings of surveys distributed to both youth aged 12 to 19 and service providers regarding gaps in service for Vancouver’s street-involved youth. High priority recommendations presented include safe housing, substance abuse programming, mental health services, flexible and accessible 24-hour services, integrated case management and integration of services, increased services and service coordination across the province, and increased enforcement and charges against customers.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library

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Summary: The findings of a semi-structured questionnaire to 50 men involved in the sex trade and 50 men not involved in the sex trade. Questions focused on family background, sexual and criminal history, present life circumstances, substance use, and sexual practices with clients.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library


Summary: This article examines why some sexually abused youth enter prostitution and the impact of sexual abuse on youth involved in prostitution.
Location: UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This document outlines the information collected by the Vancouver Police Department's high-risk youth cars, Yankee 177 and Car 278, for the 6-week period of May 18, 2000 to July 5, 2000. Demographic characteristics of the youth intervened with on Vancouver's downtown eastside, as well as details of the types of intervention provided by the police are presented.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation


Summary: This book provides mental health and human service professionals to different perspectives of intervention for adolescent and young adult males who are victims or perpetrators of sexual abuse. Two chapters are dedicated to the issue of male prostitution.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: The purpose of this study was to examine the prevalence and correlates of survival sex among runaway and homeless youth. Interviews were conducted with 640 youth accessing shelters and 528
street youth throughout the US. The authors argue that prostitution is an economic survival strategy and that childhood abuse is an important precursor to participating in survival sex.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: A literature review on adolescent prostitution. Explanations for youth involvement in prostitution are discussed.

Location: UBC Library


Summary: This report does not focus exclusively on children and youth in the sex trade, but it highlights antecedents, risk factors and effects associated with sexual exploitation, and also discusses legislative and legal issues and alternatives to criminalization. A brief overview of Edmonton services and programs geared toward individuals in the sex trade is presented.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library


Summary: This report focuses on the sexual exploitation of children and youth in Prince George. Within this document, the problems facing these youth are outlined, key issues are identified, the service provider response is described, and recommendations to address the problem are provided.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library


Summary: In 1984, the Committee on Sexual Offences Against Children and Youth recommended the enactment of legislation criminalizing children and youth involved in the sex trade as a means of preventing them from becoming entrenched in the sex trade. Lowman challenges this conclusion by criticizing the Committee's theoretical framework and its interpretation of data on the characteristics of young people involved in the sex trade. Lowman argues that the Committee pathologized young people involved in the sex trade, thereby decontextualizing the decision to become involved in prostitution. Lowman advocates short-term strategies to reduce youth prostitution, accompanied by long-term initiatives that challenge male sexual socialization and youth unemployment.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library.

Summary: This purpose of this study was to explore the pathways and their interrelationship into prostitution through a series of structured interviews of 1,142 female detainees. Questions focused on history of involvement in prostitution, as well as experiences of childhood sexual abuse, running away and drug abuse.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This book integrates the perspective of various disciplines to contextualize problems associated with youth homelessness, and to explore methods for helping youth exit the streets. Two chapters examine the relationship between childhood sexual and physical abuse, the decision to runaway from home, and subsequent involvement in the sex trade. The author advocates a multi-service approach, coordinated by all levels of government that stresses prevention, crisis intervention, and enhanced exit services for homeless youth.

Location: UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article reports the findings of interviews of 45 female youth involved in the sex trade and 37 female youth with no sex trade involvement. Questions focus on background information, prostitution history, childhood sexual victimization, childhood physical abuse, leaving home, alcohol use, drug use, parental alcohol use, interparental violence, family dysfunction, and self esteem.

Location: UBC Library


Summary: The purpose of this paper was to explore the early family environment of a sample of female sex workers and compare the findings with a large community data set of similarly aged women.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library.


Summary: This article examines the associations between childhood abuse and personal and educational successes, and involvement in the sex trade in a sample of 400 young offenders from Saskatoon and Regina. The effects of working in the sex trade are also discussed in terms of psychological physical and emotional safety.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library, McCreary Youth Foundation Library.

Summary: This study compares 70 young people who were sexual abused as children, but are not involved in the sex trade and 35 young people involved in the sex trade who were not sexually abused during their childhood. The author outlines treatment initiatives for both sexually abused children and children involved in the sex trade.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: Drawing on the findings of 87 men involved in the sex trade, the author describes the male prostitution scene in London with the intention of dispelling myths and confusion. Issues discussed include violence and the risk of violence for young men involved in the sex trade, the risk of HIV infection and the antecedents of life as a sex worker..

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This study compares visits of 467 youth not involved in the sex trade to a runaway/homeless outpatient clinic with 153 youths involved in the sex trade who attended the same clinic, over a one year period. From the findings, the authors argue that homeless youth involved in the sex trade are also involved in more high-risk behaviours, such as drug abuse, suicide and depression, HIV-related risks associated with prostitution including multiple drug use, gay or bisexual male involvement, and numerous sexual partners. A large number of the youth involved in the sex trade reported a history of sexual abuse.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library

**Rural issues**

**Resources**


Summary: The research report examines the mental and physical health, background characteristics, and needs of 44 sexually exploited and 35 at-risk youth (aged 13-19) in Kamloops, Nanaimo, Kelowna, and Prince George. Findings from the modified Adolescent Health Survey are presented and are compared to McCreary's data on street youth and youth in school. Results are also compared with findings from the CRD study of 75 sexually exploited youth. The youth highlighted the need for safe housing, education, employment opportunities, and substance abuse services.

Summary: This study examines male prostitution in a mid-sized Midwestern city where preconditions of the sex trade differ from large cities. Male prostitutes under the age of 18 are studied to reveal that many have the necessities of food, shelter and clothes, and many return to their family at the end of the evening.

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**Street-involved / Homeless Youth**

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Summary: This chapter reviews the literature concerning factors the influence entry into prostitution (child abuse, home environment and runaway behaviour). The authors discuss the legal and social service strategies recommended by the Badgley and Fraser Committees, and the federal government's response to these Committees is critiqued. The authors argue that attempting to return youth to a home-life they describe as intolerable is futile; service agencies must understand and help youth deal with the factors contributing to their decision to prostitute.

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Chand, M.K. & Thompson, L. (1997). *You have heard this before: Street-involved youth and the service gaps.* Vancouver, BC: Interministerial Street Children's Committee

Summary: This survey reports the findings of surveys distributed to both youth aged 12 to 19 and service providers regarding haps in service for Vancouver's street-involved youth. High priority recommendations presented include safe housing, substance abuse programming, mental health services, flexible and accessible 24-hour services, integrated case management and integration of services, increased services and service coordination across the province, and increased enforcement and charges against customers.

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Summary: In December 1985, the federal government introduced Bill C-49, criminalizing communicating for the purpose of prostitution. Included in Bill C-49 was a mandatory review clause. In response, the Department of Justice Canada commissioned a series of regional evaluations (Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax; with some consideration of prostitution-related activities in Regina, Winnipeg, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Trois-Rivières and Quebec City). This report provides a synthesis of these regional evaluations. Regional assessments are also available.

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Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article presents the findings of surveys administered to a sample of both youth attending school and youth living on the street.
Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This authors examine the family and social backgrounds, living conditions and criminal activities of street youth in Toronto and Vancouver.
Location: SFU Library, Vancouver Public Library, McCreary Youth Foundation


Summary: This study examines the high-risk sex and substance use activities of 446 male street youth (aged 14-23) in Hollywood. The study compares participants involved in “survival sex” and those involved in “recreational sex”. The findings indicate that 90 percent of the males in the sample were
sexually active; 27.1 percent had prostituted in the last three months, and participation in prostitution was most common among older, gay males.

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Summary: There are important differences between homeless youth, runaway youth and youth involved in the sex trade. A majority of street youth witnessed considerable interfamilial emotional and substance abuse problems before ending up on the streets. Bridge Over Troubled Waters is a multi-service agency for homeless and runaway youth in Boston, Massachusetts. The agency is recognized for its work with street youth, and the programs attempts to design and deliver services that suit the characteristics and needs of street involved youth.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article examines the needs and problems of early adolescent street youth (aged 12-15). Younger adolescents are at higher-risk for negative psychological and physical consequences of life on the streets.

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**Substance (ab)use**

**Resources**

Summary: This article reports findings from a study that explored the presence and the impact of crack cocaine on the sex industry. Eighty-four percent of the 37 women (aged 16-42) interviewed started working in the sex trade before using crack cocaine.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article reports the findings of interviews with 27 youth females who traded sex for crack. The data suggest respondents were involved in prostitution to earn money to buy crack.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This article reports the findings of interviews with 611 males and females designated as serious delinquents, and follow up interviews with 50 of the respondents. Findings indicate that a large percentage of respondents were involved in HIV-risk activities, such as prostitution, drug use, and sex-for-crack. That data also revealed that many of these youth have not received adequate assistance from community agencies.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library

Violence

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Summary: This document examines the neglect and abuses that young people involved in the sex trade face before entering the sex trade, and the continued victimization they experience when pimps, customers, and muggers abuse them on the streets.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library


Summary: A study initiated by a coalition of Vancouver service agencies to explore issues associated with violence against street-involved women. Interviews focused on demographics, services, housing, alcohol and drugs, HIV/AIDS, training, police and police services, restraining orders and bad dates.

Location: Vancouver Public Library

Summary: Lowman constructs a profile of murders of sex workers in British Columbia from 1964 to 1998 and argues that media accounts of the “get rid of prostitutes” activities that were initiated by politicians, police and residents’ groups during the 1980s contributed to a “sharp increase in the murders of prostitutes after 1980.” Lowman concludes that the “prohibition and stigmatization of prostitution are the main obstacles to creating safer working conditions for prostitutes,” and that politicians must decide where prostitutes and their clients can conduct their business. The need for preventing youth from entering the sex trade and the importance of addressing the socio-structural conditions that make prostitution a choice for some women are also discussed.

Location: UBC Library, McCreary Youth Foundation Library


Summary: This study is part of a series of evaluations sponsored by the Department of Justice Canada that examine the incidence of violence against prostitutes prior to and following the introduction of Bill C-49 (the communicating law). The authors identify an indirect link between enforcement of the communicating law and violence against women involved in the sex trade.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


Summary: This paper reviews a study of women involved in the sex trade who were identified as particularly at risk for their sexual health and physical safety. A majority of the respondents reported little or no social support from friends, family or other workers, and they reported frequent physical assaults and difficulty enforcing condom use with clients. Youthfulness, inexperience and the effects of drugs or alcohol played an important part in a woman’s inability to control their work situation.

Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library


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Location: SFU Library, UBC Library, Vancouver Public Library
Workshop / Instruction Guides

Resources


Summary: This training guide was compiled to inform “carers” about how to appropriately support the rehabilitation and care for children who have been exploited in the commercial sex trade and to bring about awareness of the issues involved. The twelve units are organized according to core areas and include both information and group or individual exercises. Units are instructions and notes for the trainer, and anticipated length of lesson.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library; also available online at http://www.ecpat.net


Summary: An extensive curriculum guide available for grades 6 and 8 (in English and French), covering many topics of children’s rights, including sexual exploitation.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library; also available online at http://www.safeonlineoutreach.org


Summary: A CD education resource produced for teens. This guide informs teens about their decision making processes for information on the web, and also highlights safety issues teens should be aware of while using the Internet. CD can act as a stand along education resource or as a teaching tool.

Location: Contact Merlyn Horton at Safe OnLine Outreach Society for copies soloinfo@shaw.ca


Summary: This resource binder includes videos, facilitator’s guidelines, and an information guide for parents, counselors, youth agencies, teachers, and police. The material is geared toward raising community awareness and understanding of the sexual exploitation of children and youth in order to prevent recruitment and to intervene early in the process.

Location: McCreary Youth Foundation Library, Community Programs, MPSSG


Summary: These manuals are designed to educate and raise awareness of child and youth sexual exploitation in the community, among professionals, parents and teachers, doctors and nurses, and youth
(four different versions or components available). The manuals can be used in conjunction with workshops delivered by experiential youth as part of PEERS; public education programming.

Location: PEERS Victoria, PEERS Vancouver


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Summary: This curriculum guide made for teachers, provides a global overview of the issues surrounding sexual exploitation of children. Lesson ideas are provide, as well as reproducible maps.

Location: Available online at http://www.yapi.org/cmssec.pdf