Safe Harbor Laws for Victims of Sex Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Enactment of Housing Supportive Services as a Necessary Component

Friday, February 8, 2013
1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
The Renaissance Dallas
Lone Star 2, 4th Floor
Dallas, TX

Panelists will review model state statutes known as “Safe Harbor Laws” that protect children and adult victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) from further exploitation by diverting them from criminal prosecution and guiding them toward community supportive services. Panelists will discuss the intersection between homelessness and recruitment into commercial sexual exploitation. Immigration issues will also be addressed. Few state statutes have coupled the delivery of intensive supportive services (which address physical and psychological trauma and addiction issues) with stable housing referrals and maintenance services. Programs offering the combination of supportive housing and intensive supportive services as a means to stabilize and help heal victims will be showcased and juxtaposed against the Commission on Uniform Laws draft statute to include a local funding stream for services and housing assistance.

• Create awareness of Safe Harbor Statutes, offer national scan of such statutes, and intersection between homelessness and recruitment into prostitution and pornography;
• Offer model state statute language that would divert victims of CSE from criminal prosecution and toward community-based supportive services and housing assistance;
• Discuss advocacy efforts that could be replicated in other states to expand the reach of Safe Harbor Laws.

**Moderator:**
Richard Hooks Wayman, JD, Executive Director, Hearth Connection, Saint Paul, MN

**Panelists:**
Laura Burstein, Mosaic Family Services, Dallas, Texas
Marina Colby, Director, Public Policy and Government Relations, Ending Child Prostitution and Trafficking USA, Washington, DC
Kathryn Richtman, Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, St. Paul, Minnesota

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