

## Core 320/833: Understanding & Working with Children & Youth Who Have Been Sexually Exploited January 2019 to June 2019



As the number of sexually exploited/trafficked children, youth and adults in our society continually increases, it is important to ensure that our social, educational, health and justice systems have the knowledge and skills needed to respond to this target population. As the long-term goal of the Manitoba Provincial Strategy “Tracia’s Trust” is to abolish sexual exploitation, appropriate training for our service systems, as well as public awareness, is critical to this goal’s accomplishment. Increased knowledge and skill in people working with child, youth and adults affected by sexual exploitation/trafficking will increase our success in intervening with those at risk, or with supporting those who are exiting/transitioning away from the sex trade.

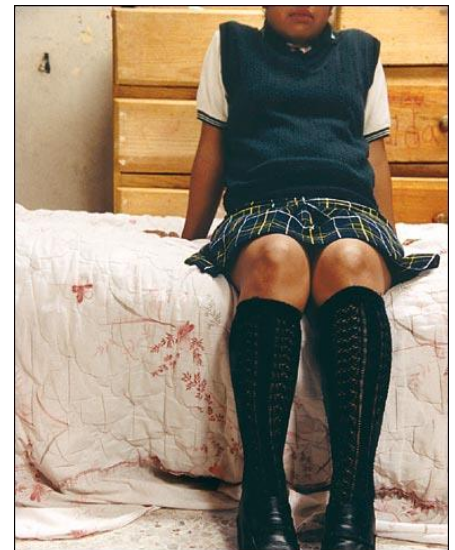
This **five-day workshop (for Winnipeg sessions)** has been divided into two consecutive and related parts. For rural sessions, the training is in **three consecutive days**. This training will help build awareness and understanding of own strengths, biases, values, etc., **AND** will build our skill set in working with this population. The goal of this training is to view this issue by hearing the voices of those involved as a way to clarify important issues, dispel myths and misconceptions and challenge conventional views. (Gorkoff & Runner, 2003, page 12). To enrich the training experience for everyone, we will ensure that experiential persons are also included in this training; both as trainers and participants.

The curriculum content of this module has been selected to correspond with identified competencies critical for people working with individuals affected by sexual exploitation. The competencies are summarized on pages 3 and 4.

*There is a \$200.00 fee for all Winnipeg participants to attend the full training (\$100.00 for each Part) and \$150.00 for the 3-day rural training. If the cost is an issue, please contact Jane Runner at 204-786-7051 ext. 5260 or*

[Jane.Runner@newdirections.mb.ca](mailto:Jane.Runner@newdirections.mb.ca)

**Funding to attend this training is available for experiential participants (someone who has experienced being exploited/trafficked through the sex trade.) There is a place on the registration form to indicate whether you want to be registered as an experiential person. Please contact Jane Runner at (204) 786-7051 ext. 5260, or [Jane.Runner@newdirections.mb.ca](mailto:Jane.Runner@newdirections.mb.ca) for further details.**



<b><u>ROUND</u></b>		<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>70</b> Full	Part 1, 2 days Part 2, 3 days	January 10 & 11, 2019 January 30, 31, February 1, 2019	Viscount Gort Hotel 1670 Portage Avenue <b>Winnipeg, MB – Royal C</b>
<b>71</b>	Part 1, 2 days Part 2, 3 days	February 21 & 22, 2019 March 27, 28, 29, 2019	Best Western Airport Elm Room 1715 Wellington Avenue <b>Winnipeg, MB</b>
<b>72</b>	Combined 3 Day training	March 6, 7, 8, 2019	Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre 4 Nelson Road <b>Thompson, MB</b>
<b>73</b>	Combined 3- day training	TBA – April – 2019	<b>Steinbach, MB</b>
<b>74</b>	Combined 3- day training	May 29-31, 2019	Clarion Hotel 3130 Victoria Avenue <b>Brandon, MB</b>
<b>75</b>	Part 1, 2 days Part 2, 3 days	May 9 & 10, 2019 June 12, 13 & 14, 2019	Best Western Airport Elm Room 1715 Wellington Avenue <b>Winnipeg, MB</b>

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day

**Registrations:** Cheryl Lynch, Administrative Assistant  
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- Registration form sent as a separate attachment. Reproduce as needed.
- An electronic registration is available, please contact Cheryl
- Fax/E-mail completed registration form to [TERF@newdirections.mb.ca](mailto:TERF@newdirections.mb.ca)
- **New Directions will invoice agency once training is completed (\$100.00 per session for Winnipeg sessions and \$150.00 for 3-day rural sessions)**

**Participants:** Priority given to those individuals currently working with children, youth and adults who are being sexually exploited/trafficked.

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**THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND TRAINING  
NEED A CONFIRMATION LETTER FROM CHERYL.**

### ***Part I. Awareness Competencies:***

- The trainee will gain knowledge and understanding of the history of the sex trade and the impacts of colonization.
- The trainee will gain knowledge and understanding on current legislation regarding the sex trade/trafficking
- The trainee will gain awareness of their own perspective(s) and biases concerning their own knowledge and understanding of the concept of sexual exploitation;
- The trainee will be able to change their language to reflect our changing perspective on children/youth affected by sexual exploitation;
- The trainee will gain awareness, knowledge and understanding of the culture of the sex trade as a pre-requisite to understanding how to intervene with children/youth/adults.
- The trainee will gain awareness and knowledge of the characteristics and vulnerability factors of individuals who have been exploited;
- The trainee will gain awareness, knowledge and understanding of the interconnectedness of the sex trade with other social issues such as violence, addictions and health related issues;
- The trainee will gain awareness, knowledge and understanding of how children and youth are affected by sexual exploitation, including why they get involved in the sex trade, systemic factors associated with involvement and how the sex trade affects their ongoing development;
- The trainee will gain awareness, knowledge and understanding of the process of sexual exploitation as a pre-requisite to understanding how to intervene effectively with children/youth involved in the sex trade;
- The trainee will gain awareness and knowledge of the people who sexually exploit children, youth and adults including the role of johns, pimps/traffickers and gangs in the sexual exploitation process.
- The trainee will gain awareness and knowledge of the range of services and resources designed to intervene to protect and support children and youth who have been affected by sexual exploitation; and
- The trainee will develop the awareness, knowledge and understanding of the importance of using the expertise of experiential people to address the issues associated with sexual exploitation of children and youth

## ***Part II. Skill Application Competencies<sup>1</sup>:***

- The trainee will develop the knowledge of key theoretical approaches (Indigenous perspectives, systems theory, strengths focused, empowerment perspective, cultural approaches) in intervening with children/youth affected by sexual exploitation and will develop the skills to apply trans theoretical interventions (Stages of Change Model) where necessary;
- The trainee will understand how to adapt his/her interventions to match where the child/youth is at in the sexual exploitation process;
- The trainee will develop the knowledge and skills to intervene with children and youth affected by sexual exploitation at the micro (child), meso (families and groups), and macro (community, political, educational, social) level;
- The trainee will develop the knowledge and understanding of how to intervene to protect children at risk of being exploited by the sex trade;
- The trainee will develop the knowledge and understanding of how to intervene build a meaningful and effective relationship with a child/youth as an intervention strategy;
- The trainee will develop the knowledge and understanding of why and how to employ harm reduction strategies and to recognize the turning points for children/youth entrenched in the sex trade;
- The trainee will develop the knowledge and understanding of the barriers associated with exiting the sex trade and develop strategies to assist children and youth do so;
- The trainee will develop the knowledge and understanding of how to adapt current agency treatment interventions to adapt to the unique needs of children/youth affected by the sex trade;
- The trainee will gain awareness and knowledge of the range of services and resources designed to intervene to protect and support children and youth who have been affected by sexual exploitation; and
- The trainee will develop the awareness, knowledge and understanding of the importance of using the expertise of experiential people to address the issues associated with sexual exploitation of children and youth.
- The trainee is aware of his/her own emotional responses to sexual exploitation and those involved in the sex trade and understands the potential for these responses to interfere with their work with children/youth involved in the sex trade; and
- The trainee will be able to identify relevant self-care strategies to be able to continue to work with children and youth affected by sexual exploitation.

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