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ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: EFFECTIVE AFTERCARE FOR SURVIVORS



OBJECTIVES

At the end of the session, the participants will be able to:

- Describe promising practices from traditional trafficking and abuse and how they apply to survivors of online sexual exploitation;
- 2. Describe the short- and long-term emotional and psychosocial impact of online sexual exploitation; and
- 3. Describe trauma informed interventions in the aftercare of survivors of online sexual exploitation.



Program	
1:30 – 1:45pm	INTRODUCTION
1:45 – 2:00pm	The Cebu Experience: Providing Aftercare to Survivors of OSEC Dr. Nemia C. Antipala
2:00 – 2:40pm	Applying Lessons Learned from Working with Survivors of Human Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation Ms. Ann Knapp, MSW
2:40 – 3:20pm	Emotional and Psychosocial Impact of Online Sexual Exploitation Ms. Anamabel Garcia, MA
3:20-3:30pm	BREAK
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Importance of Trauma Informed Approaches Dr. Jose Andres Sotto
4:15 – 4:25pm	REACTION
4:25 – 4:45pm	OPEN FORUM
4:45 – 5:00pm	Summary of Salient Points Evaluation
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Dr. Clara Nemia Antipala

The Cebu Experience: Providing Aftercare to Survivors of OSEC

- Director of Aftercare, International Justice Mission Cebu
- Former Assistant Regional Director for Operations, DSWD 7
- Holds the following academic degrees: Doctor in Public Administration, Cebu Normal University (2008); Master of Science in Social Work, University of Southern Philippines, Cebu (1995); Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of San Carlos, Cebu City, Philippines (1974)

Case Study: Providing Aftercare to Survivors of OSEC in Cebu

Dr. Nemia Antipala Director of Aftercare, IJM Cebu

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Case Study: Major Impact of OSEC on Survivors

- · Confused sense of right and wrong
- · Attachment issues
- Trauma

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Challenges in Providing Aftercare during Rescue

- Reducing trauma of rescue
- Providing developmentally appropriate information to survivors
- · Protecting survivors' privacy

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Challenges in Providing Aftercare Post-Rescue

- Lack of appropriate protective placements
 - Shelters
 - Foster Care
- · Lack of expert care to manage trauma symptoms
- · Permanency planning
- Engagement in legal case

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Primary Needs of the Survivors

- Safe, trauma informed placement options immediate post-rescue
- Structure and return to normalcy
 - · Return to a routine
 - · Continuation of schooling
- Strong trauma services
- · Long-term care options



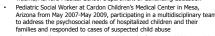


Ann Knapp, MSW

Applying Lessons Learned from Working with Survivors of Human Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation

- Director of Aftercare Development, Philippines for International Justice Mission, from July 2013 to present, supporting IJM Field Offices in the Philippines in providing aftercare services to survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse and collaborating with partners to develop trauma informed systems serving survivors in a variety of contexts
- contexts

 Holds the following academic degrees: Bachelor of Science in Human
 Development and Family Studies from the University of Illinois; Master of
 Social Work from Arizona State University; and Certificate in Global Mental
 Health: Trauma and Recovery through the Harvard Program in Refugee
 Trauma/Harvard Medical School Department of Continuing Education







Applying Lessons Learned from Working with Survivors of Traditional Trafficking and Abuse

Ann Knapp, MSW Director of Aftercare Development, IJM Philippines

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Key Points

- 1. Compare traditional trafficking and OSEC;
- Review of best practices working with survivors of traditional trafficking; and
- Discuss steps in preparing to apply lessons with survivors of online sexual exploitation of children.

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Comparison: Traditional Trafficking and OSEC

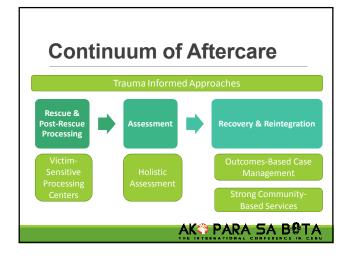
- Distinct Product
- Distinct Consumers
- Distinct Providers/Abusers
- Distinct Victims



Promising Aftercare Practices for Survivors of CSEC

- 1. Trauma informed approaches
- 2. Victim-friendly processing centers
- 3. Holistic assessment
- 4. Outcomes-based case management
- 5. Strong community-based services

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Trauma Informed Approaches

Concept:

A framework for how organizations and individual service providers think about and respond to survivors of trauma based on an understanding of the prevalence of trauma, its impact on survivors, and the complex path to recovery

Implications:

- Use of universal precautions
- Appropriate screening for trauma exposure
- Commitment to evidenced-based practices

Resources:

- SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma Informed Care
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network



Victim-Sensitive Processing Centers

Concept:

A safe place for survivors to go immediately upon removal from a situation of abuse and/or exploitation wherein they can stabilize and provide statements in a private, comfortable space

Key Considerations:

- Child-friendly space
- Transparency/provision of information
- Developmentally appropriate victim interviewing
- Confidentiality and sensitive handling of materials

Resources:

- Philippines: HerSPACE, Cebu & Survivor Center, Manila
- Cambodia: World Hope International Assessment Center

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Holistic Assessment

Concept

The act of gathering information or data at a given moment of time and evaluating it for the purpose of making an appropriate decision about a course of action

Key Considerations:

- Individual Assessment
- Family Assessment
- Home Assessment
- Community Assessment

Resources:

- The Child Recovery and Reintegration Network
- Specific Tools: UCLA PTSD Index, PTAQ



Outcomes-Based Case Management

Concept:

A collaborative, multidisciplinary process which plans, implements, coordinates, monitors and evaluates options and services to meet an individual's needs through communication and available resources to promote quality, effective outcomes

Key Considerations:

 Protection, Mental Wellbeing & Trauma Recovery, Support System, Economic Empowerment, Health, and Housing

Resources

- Handbook on Direct Assistance to Victims of Trafficking, IOM
- Caring for Child Survivors of Sexual Abuse, IRC
- Hands that Heal, Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking

Strong Community- Based Services

Concept:

Building supportive, protective mechanisms in the areas where survivors return

Key Considerations:

- Empowered decision making
- Family services
- Community education
- System for follow-up

Resources:

- The Child Recovery and Reintegration Network
- Reintegration Support Networks



Review of Promising Practices

- 1. Trauma informed approaches
- 2. Victim-friendly processing centers
- 3. Holistic assessment
- 4. Outcomes-based case management
- 5. Strong community-based services

ALL APPLICABLE TO SURVIVORS OF OSEC



Preparing to Work with Survivors of OSEC

- Developing core competencies
- Trauma Informed Care
- Assessment
- Forensic interviewing
- Child development
- Trauma-informed therapy
- Family therapy
- Case management
- · Managing challenging behaviors
- Resource mapping
- •Forum for shared learning to adapt approaches

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Anamabel Garcia, MA

Emotional and Psychosocial Impact of Online Sexual Exploitation

- Director of Aftercare, International Justice Mission (IJM), Pampanga Field Office (2013-present) Part-time Professor on Women and Psychology (graduate studies) and on Introduction to Women Studies (College level), St. Scholastica's College, Manila (2011-2014)
- Part-time Professor on Summer Classes on Handling Abused Women and Children in the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies, Quezon City (2006-2013)
- (2006-2013)
 Attended an Asia- Pacific Expert Consultative Meeting on Due Diligence in Penang, Malaysia (2012)
 Officer-In-Charge, Women's Crisis Center, Manila (2010)

- Counselor specializing in counseling abused women and children Women Who Care' Awardee by Triumph International given last October 17, 2002 in recognition to long years of giving psychological & emotional help to abused women and children
- Presented a Paper on Feminist Counseling in the Philippines during the Workshop on Counseling for Violence Against Women (VAW) Survivors in Seoul, South Korea, 1998
- Took up Women and Development Course for Master's Degree in the University of the Philippines, Quezon City Finished AB Psychology in Philippine Christian University, Manila



Emotional and Psychosocial Impact of Online Sexual **Exploitation of Children**

Anamabel U. Garcia, MA Director of Aftercare, IJM Pampanga



Key Ideas

- Forms of OSEC
- "Push" factors creating vulnerability to OSEC
- Unique challenges of providing care to survivors of OSEC
- · Emotional and psychosocial impact of OSEC



Forms of OSEC

- Instigator
 - Child-arranged
 - Family-run
 - Professionally run
- Type of Abuse
 - "Show-show"
 - Individual sexual behaviors
 - Sex acts with others



Push Factors

- · Poverty/financial problems
- · Child's sense of duty to family
- History of abuse/neglect
- Negative peer influence
- Lack of information about the negative impact of the crime



Unique Challenges of Providing Care to Survivors of OSEC

- · Insufficient empirical research
- Familial involvement
- · Community compliance
- Potential of survivor having also perpetrated against another child
- Continual risk of re-traumatization



Traumagenics in the Filipino Context

Stigmatization

 Child's feelings that are shaped by how they perceive others think about them

Betrayal

Broken trust relationship

Powerlessness

• Sense of helplessness in making the abuse stop or managing feelings or outcomes after the abuse

Traumatic sexualization

 Inappropriate nature of what the child learned about sex due to the abuse which can lead to misusing sex for love and attention or associating sex with punishment



Impact of OSEC: Emotional

- Post-Traumatic Stress
- Complex trauma
- · Feelings of guilt and shame
- · Feeling "dirty"
- · Hyper-arousal



Impact of OSEC: Psychosocial

- Confusion over "right" and "wrong"
- Rationalization of abuse and numbing of feelings
- Distorted view of sexuality
- Sexualized behaviors
- · Self-destructive behaviors



Impact of OSEC: Psychosocial, continued

- Isolation/withdrawal
- · Relationships/attachment
- · Lost sense of safety
- · Education delays

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Long-term Impact of OSEC

- Increased vulnerability to abuse later in life
- Psychological consequences
- Attachment

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Summary

- Significant negative impacts of OSEC
- Hope of resiliency

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DAGHANG SALAMAT SA INYONG TANAN!!!

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Dr. José Andrés Sotto

Importance of Trauma Informed Approaches

- Consultant for Aftercare Development, IJM
- Practicing Trauma Therapist and Pastoral Counselor
- Special Areas of Study: Male Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Burnout Among Human Service Workers
- Certified Suicidologist, USA and Canada
- Trainer, Trauma-Informed Care and Trauma-Informed Psychotherapy



The Importance of Trauma Informed Approaches

Dr. Jose Andres Sotto Aftercare Development Consultant, IJM Philippines



Key Points

- · Foundations of trauma informed care
- Challenges in serving survivors of OSEC
- · Domains of restoring attachment
- Examples of trauma informed approaches



Foundations of Trauma Informed Care

- 1. Know that healing begins in relationships.
- 2. Recognize that all behavior has meaning.
- 3. Understand symptoms are adaptations.
- 4. Seek to comfort not control.
- 5. Build on strengths not weaknesses.

Trauma informed care is not a clinical approach, it is a way of being.



The Child's Primary Attachment System

- Healing begins in a meaningful relationship.
- The child's primary attachment system provides the security and safety for the child's development of requisite competencies for healthy living.
- In cases of sexual exploitation, the child-victim's primary attachment system is severely compromised.



Complex Trauma

- In most cases, exposure to online sexual exploitation is repetitive and interpersonal, involving intentional acts of other human beings.
- · The exploitation usually occurs:
 - In many forms;
 - On an ongoing basis; and
 - Imposed on them by individuals with greater power, strength, knowledge, and resources.
- Many perpetrators are, paradoxically and tragically, responsible AK PARA SA BOTA

Cebu Case Study

Child-victims of sexual exploitation are left profoundly confused and betrayed.



Complex Trauma and Polyvictimization

"Developmentally adverse interpersonal traumas" places the survivor at risk for:

- Recurrent distress;
- · Psychophysiological arousal; and
- Interruptions and breakdowns in healthy developmental tasks



Capacity Building for Aftercare Service Providers

- National Trauma Training Program
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Trauma Informed Philippines Psychotherapy
- Partnership:
 - DSWD
 - Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation
 - Child Protection Network, Inc.
 - International Justice Mission



Trauma informed Care and Trauma Informed Psychotherapy

- TIC
 - NOT a clinical approach, but a way of being.
 - Sets the tone for trauma-informed clinical interventions.
- TIPP
 - A model of psychotherapy for trauma survivors, based on evidenced based research and practices, consisting of five inter-linked components carried out over a 12-week period.
 - Specifically designed for trauma survivors who are in a safe place (away from their perpetrators)

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DOMAIN 1: ATTACHMENT Critical Building Blocks

- Caregiver management of affect
 - In many cases, assisting the caregiver in managing her own affect proves to be the initial trauma intervention.
- Attunement
- · Consistent, victim-centered approaches
- · Structure: Routines and rituals



DOMAIN 2: SELF-REGULATION

- Self-regulation targets a child's ability to identify, modulate, and express his or her internal experience
- Impaired self-regulation is a key feature among children exposed to complex trauma

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SELF-REGULATION: Critical Building Blocks

- Affect Identification
 - Children build a vocabulary for their emotional experience and understanding the connection between emotions and precipitating events.
- Modulation
 - Targets children's ability to tune into, tolerate, and sustain a connection to internal states.
- Affect Expression
 - Works to increase a child's ability to identify safe resources and communicate emotional experience



DOMAIN 3: COMPETENCY

- Child's ability to acquire the foundational skills for ongoing development.
- Children who experience complex trauma find themselves investing their energy into their physiological and emotional survival rather than in the development of age-appropriate competencies.
- Two key principles:
 - Use of child-centered play and
 - Embedding the work within an attachment relationship.



COMPETENCY: Critical Building Blocks

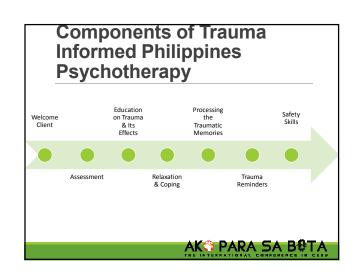
- Executive Functions to increase the child's ability to effectively engage in problem solving, planning, and anticipation.
- Self-development and identity targets the development of a sense of self that is unique and positive and incorporates experiences from the past and present.



Trauma Experience Integration

- This component of the treatment process aims to integrate the range of skills encompassed within the attachment, regulation, and competency domains.
- It is meant to support children in building a coherent and integrated understanding of self and engage more fully in present life.

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Summary

- Importance of sound theories and best practices in trauma recovery
- Importance of monitoring and evaluation of treatment interventions

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REACTION

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SUMMARY OF SALIENT POINTS

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