Survivor-Centered Interagency Response Models to Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

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International Justice Mission is a global organization that protects people in poverty from violence throughout the developing world.
International Justice Mission partners with local authorities to:

- Rescue Victims
- Restrain Criminals
- Restore Survivors
- Repair Systems
Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

OSEC is the production of new Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM)

Sex offenders pay local traffickers to sexual abuse and exploit children to view in real-time via live-streaming
613 OSEC victims have been rescued.

(IJM-supported cases from 2011 to April 27, 2020)
45% of OSEC victims are 12 years old or younger.

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A COORDINATED SURVIVOR-CENTERED APPROACH
Aftercare Outcome

Public and private aftercare providers deliver services to OSEC survivors that improve personal well-being, reduce the risk of re-victimization and enhance engagement with the public justice system (i.e. secure justice without re-traumatization).
Survivor Centered

IJM’s Aftercare Model Response

1. The Domains of Restoration
2. Trauma-Informed Care
3. Multidisciplinary Case Management
The Domains of Restoration
Aftercare Domains of Restoration

Domain: An area of functioning critical to a Participants Restoration
Aftercare: restoring and sustaining freedom

Moment of rescue  Assessment  Rehabilitation  Reintegration  Freedom
System of Care for OSEC Survivors

**TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE**

**INTERVENTION/RESCUE**
- Relief, Safety, and Crisis Intervention
- Child-Friendly Processing Center

**ASSESSMENT**
- Comprehensive Assessment, Stabilization, Preparation for Transition

**RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION**
- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Kinship Care
- Therapeutic Residential Care
- Reintegration/Permanency Planning

**FAMILY/KIN REUNIFICATION**

**INDEPENDENT LIVING**

**LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION**

**INTERAGENCY COORDINATION**

**COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT**

**ADDITIONAL CROSS-CUTTING ELEMENTS IN SYSTEM OF CARE:**
- Infrastructure and Quality Standards in place for Case Management
- Sufficient and competent social service workforce
- Documentation, data collection, and analysis (survivor outcomes measured through ASO tool)
Trauma-Informed Care
TRAUMA INFORMED LENS

Being trauma informed is like putting on a pair of glasses – we look at everything through a "trauma lens" that helps us interact with people sensitively regardless of what we know or don’t know about their personal history.
Trauma-Informed Care

1. Essential for service providers working with survivors of trauma
2. Refers to how organizations and service providers think about and respond to survivors of trauma
3. An approach, or framework, for providing recovery services.
Trauma-Informed Care Training

Objectives

• Describe trauma and its impact on survivors and service providers
• Recognize signs and symptoms of trauma
• Learn techniques for addressing challenging behaviors
• Identify and implement self-care strategies to prevent burnout.
CROSS-DISCIPLINE COLLABORATION

Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) training for law enforcement and public prosecutors.

“IT’s not enough that the child is safe. What matters is if the child feels safe.”

At Prosecution Online Sexual Exploitation prosecutors training and a 10-Day Internet Crimes Against Children police training
Multidisciplinary Case Management
Multi-Disciplinary Rescue Teams

Social workers support police-led rescue operations to provide crisis intervention care
Multi-Disciplinary Case Conference

Social workers, police and prosecutors create a post-rescue survivor-centered case management plan
TRAUMA-INFORMED PROSECUTION INNOVATIONS: 
Built Collaboratively with Aftercare Providers

• **Videotaped In-Depth Interviews (VIDI)**
  - A video recorded interview of a survivor conducted by trained members of a multidisciplinary team or representatives of law enforcement, child protective services.

• **Why do we use VIDI?**
  - Reduces child retelling his or her story.
  - Preserves child’s testimony for review of social workers, police, prosecution or court
  - Used in lieu of child’s live testimony in court if child witness is unable to testify
Actual Videotaped In-depth Interview at a Medical Center, Cebu
TRAUMA-INFORMED PROSECUTION INNOVATIONS: PLEA AGREEMENTS

Plea Agreements protect survivors from re-traumatization, lengthy trial.
I am now starting to dream again. I am an anti-human trafficking advocate, sharing my experiences with others. I believe in empowering women and fighting for the rights of the child. This is one of the things I am thankful for after being a victim. I see myself now as victorious.

- Cassie, OSEC survivor
“I have now found my **voice**; I won’t let anyone abuse me. I won’t let what happened to me before happen again. I am now willing to **fight**.”

*Joy* - *A survivor of OSEC*

*Re-enactment. Child in photo is not an actual victim.*
Thank you!
Questions?

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