



RESPONDING TO
COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF RHY
IN A SMALL CITY OR
RURAL AREA



OVERVIEW

- Understanding the Problem
- Working Toward Change
- The Rural to Urban Divide
- Indigenous Cultures and Resilience



AGREEMENTS

- We agree to respect and learn from experiences different from our own
- We agree to reflect on how we can apply the information we learn in this training to our everyday life
- We agree to listen
- We agree to contribute and participate
- We agree to be present...please turn off or silence your phone



Understanding the Problem



Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Alaska

Colonization

Historical Trauma

Rural Areas

Transient Industry



Group Discussion:
What risk factors does
your community have?



Working Toward Change



Working Toward Change

Recognized this is a problem - 2010

Trained to see the problem - 2011

Trained a statewide group - 2012

Created collaborative working groups - 2012 to present

Relationship Building with providers, law enforcement, law makers - 2012

Brought Training to the State - 2013 to present

Study w/ Loyola and CHI - 2016

Data Collection Emphasis - 2018

Specific Service Path - 2019

Statewide Response - 2020



Group Discussion:

How have you made progress?

What barriers are standing in your way?

How can you overcome them?



Rural RHY and Urban Services



Rural RHY Receiving Services in an Urban Context

Anchorage Statewide Service Hub

RHY away from any support networks.

Rural Youth in Urban area are more vulnerable

Potential to be trapped in the City

Recruitment by Traffickers from Rural to Urban



Group Discussion:

Do you have a similar rural to urban issues?
If your context is similar how? If not how?
What challenges have arisen in your context?
What solutions have you worked toward?



Culturally Appropriate Services and Resilience



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Heavily Indigenous Service Population

Indigenous Partners

Healing and Resilience through connection with Culture

Indigenizing Services Without Cultural Appropriation

Racial Equity Inclusion



Small Group Discussion:

Which populations you serve?

How have you shaped your services to
meet there needs?

What type of work have you begun
regarding racial equity



Questions



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