Helping youth transition from traumatic victimization to healthy and productive lives



Sex Trafficking Survivor Program

for youth ages 13 to 17

602.304.0014

When you suspect a minor is a victim of sex trafficking, help is close by.

Victims can be young women or men, girls or boys. Homeless youth, youth in foster care (especially those in group homes), minorities (including sexual minorities), substance abusers, and victims of past sexual abuse are at a higher risk of being trafficked or exploited.

Southwest Network's **Sex Trafficking Survivor Program** helps stop victimization and heal trauma by providing trauma-informed interventions and services lead by a therapeutic advocate and mentor, Shanna Parker. As a survivor of child sex trafficking herself, she will help victimized youth develop the strength and motivation to extricate themselves from the lifestyle of trafficking and exploitation, help them navigate complicated, multiple systems such as law enforcement and child welfare, and guide them through physical and mental health treatment.

Shanna Parker

Many exploited youth are very distrustful of any and all service providers who might be trying to help them. Shanna's intimate, lived experiences and personal story help her develop relationships with victims and earn their trust and understanding in a way most cannot.

Southwest Network was the first behavioral health agency in Arizona to employ an

Anti-human Trafficking Coordinator and

the only to employ a nationally recognized

trainer and expert in the field.

In addition to the mentoring and therapeutic advocacy provided by Shanna, everyone in our organization is committed to helping each youth make the transition from a life of trauma to a life that's healthy and productive. The program includes the professional services listed below. **Call 602.304.0014 to refer a youth in need**.

Mentoring

Our mentor will help engage victims into services and guide them through a difficult and often scary time in their lives. She also guides and educates others involved in their care.

Case Management

Trained case managers knowledgeable in sex trafficking will help coordinate mental and physical health services, communicate with other providers, and ensure the youth's needs are met.

Therapy

Licensed therapists provide trauma-informed services to help address the underlying and complex issues they face, which were further complicated by the exploitation.

Psychiatric Services

Child psychiatrists provide evaluation and medication monitoring services to help relieve severe symptoms that, left unmanaged, can make it difficult for them to recover.

Transition Services

Many will struggle as they prepare for the adult world. Facilitators from our *Transition to Independence Process* program will help young adults develop the skills they need to live on their own.



Referrals and intakes:

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