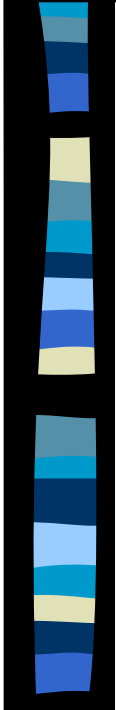


The Issue of  
Sexually Exploited Youth -  
Mobilizing a Community  
to Respond

Welcome




Elaine Halsall, Pacific Centre Family Services  
Ellie James, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Victoria  
Mike Waters, City of Victoria



## Introduction

- ✍ The Issue - What does it mean to you and your Community?
- ✍ Who's problem is it?
- ✍ What "language" are we using?
- ✍ How do we mobilize a community to respond?



## Sexually Exploited Youth

What does it mean to you?

## Sexually Exploited Youth



Who's problem is it?

## Sexually Exploited Youth



What language are we using?

## Sexually Exploited Youth



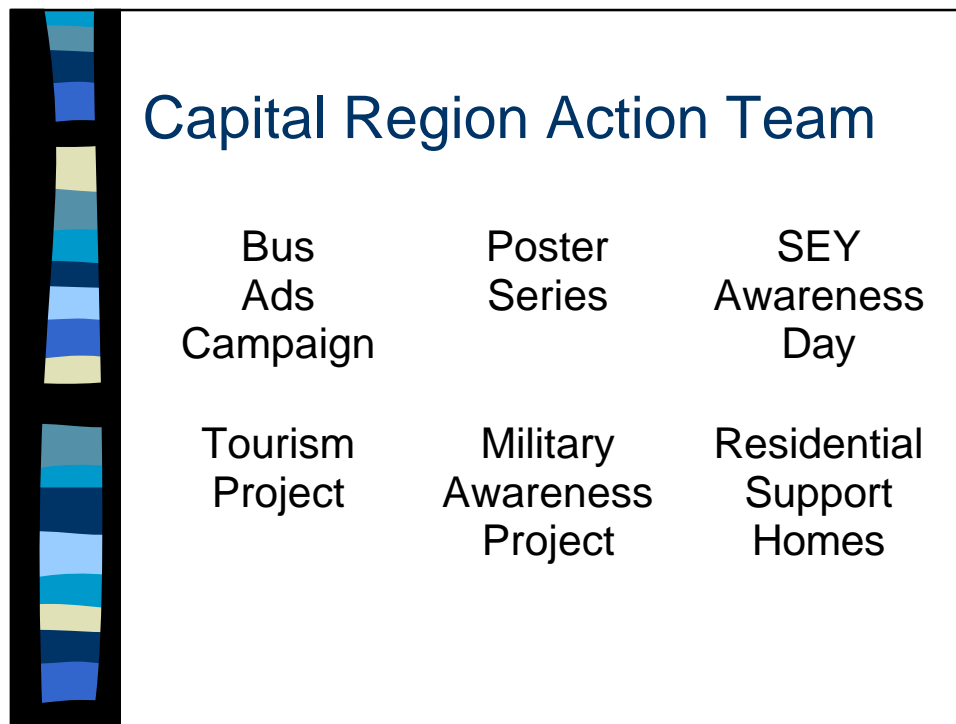
How do we mobilize a community to respond?

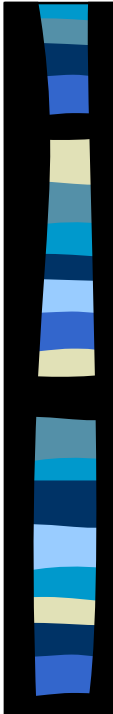
## Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

✍ What we look like...

- Background on SEY in Victoria
- Past intervention efforts
- Community Partnerships
- Setting goals
- Evaluation

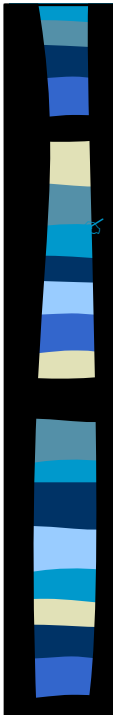






## Victoria's Project

- ✍ The Capital Region Action Team Sexually Exploited Youth Project
  - Federal Government funding - NCPC
  - Regional Support
  - Municipal Government Supports
  - Community Service Agency Support
  - Contracted Independent Evaluation Team



## Our Continuum - Prevention to Exiting the Trade

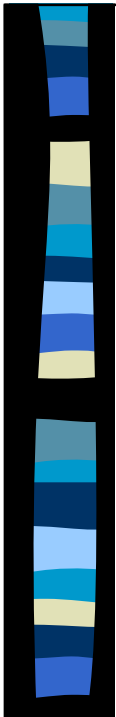
✍ Using our continuum; where do you apply your resources?

- Prevention: Heightening awareness to prevent youth from becoming involved
- Early Intervention: Implementing resources to intervene when youth are perceived to be at risk
- Intervention: Providing resources & supports for youth who are motivated to leave the trade
- Exiting: Providing necessary supports for youth to successfully leave the trade
- Other?



## Strengths & Challenges

- ✦ Demonstrating Community Response
  - Identifying Stakeholders
  - Coordinating Resources
  - Demonstrating Change
  - Partnership Cooperation & Participation
  - Working Towards Project Sustainability



## Summary

- ✦ One person can make a difference!
  - Engage your community stakeholders
  - Lobby appropriate Government groups to resource your work
  - Demonstrate and share success stories
  - Plan for long-term sustainability

