

IT'S ALL ABOUT STRENGTH

SUCCEED THROUGH RESILIENCE *

EMPOWER NEW GROWTH THROUGH HOPE

NOT A SPECIALTY COURT

Therapeutic approach in cases involving confirmed sex trafficking victims.

IDENTIFYING CONFIRMED SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Some are identified when the case is filed:

- Police,
- Mental Health Providers, and
- Probation Officers.

Even if the victim self identifies, we rely on the professionals for confirmation.

WHAT HAPPENS UPON CONFIRMATION

- Confirmed upon filing as a new case: The case is assigned to Judge Gass or Judge Svoboda depending on location.
- Confirmed after the case has been pending: If a child is confirmed he or she is scheduled on the STRENGTH calendar and the case is reassigned to Judge Gass or Judge Svoboda. If the assigned judge has an established rapport with the juvenile, he or she may keep the case rather than transferring it.

EXISTING SPECIALIZED RESOURCES

In Maricopa County, we have existing specialized resources:

- Police Departments have special details focused on juvenile sex trafficking.
- Mental health providers have specially trained trauma therapists to work with trafficking victims.
- Residential providers have programs at various levels of care depending on the juvenile's medical needs.
- We have support from various sources, including the Governor's Office, the McCain Institute, Mercy Care, the Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (STIR) at A.S.U, and others. These resources provide needed support, such as training, research, and metrics.

TRAFFICKING=TRAUMA

Victims of sex trafficking experience extreme and unique trauma.

The cases are more complex because of the level of services the juveniles need to succeed.

WHAT ARE WE DOING

In many ways, we handle the cases just like any other case.

- We recognize the juvenile's unique needs.
- We work with the professionals to ensure we put the proper services in place.
- We work hard to build a rapport with the juvenile.
- We listen to the juvenile so we know what the juvenile needs to succeed.
- We look to CASAs and mentors to help guide the juvenile and provide continuity.

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In many ways, we handle the cases differently.

- We recognize the juvenile's unique needs.
 - BUT THE TRAUMA IS EXTREME AND REQUIRES ADDITIONAL ATTENTION. AT DURANGO THE CASES ARE STAFFED PRIOR TO CALLING IT ON THE RECORD TO DETERMINE THE JUVENILE'S NEEDS.
- We work with the professionals to ensure we put the proper services in place.
 - BUT THE SERVICES MUST BE CLOSELY TAILORED TO THE VICTIM'S NEEDS.
- We work hard to build a rapport with the juvenile.
 - BUT BUILDING A TRAFFICKING VICTIM'S TRUST TAKES MORE TIME AND EFFORT BECAUSE OF THE TRAUMA. OFTEN THE TRAFFICKING IS NOT SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED DEPENDING ON THE JUVENILE'S WILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT IT.
- We listen to the juvenile so we know what the juvenile needs to succeed.
 - BUT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM REQUIRES ADDITIONAL EFFORT TO SECURE BUY IN AND PARTICIPATION.
- We look to CASAs and mentors to help guide the juvenile and provide continuity.
 - BUT PROVIDING A CASA/MENTOR HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM'S SUCCESS.

HOW DO WE MEASURE SUCCESS

- We have begun discussions with Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, MSW, Ph.D., the Director, Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (STIR) at A.S.U.
- We face unique challenges because the juveniles are not charged with a crime.
- We need to look beyond anecdotal evidence.
- We need to identify appropriate metrics.

OUR CHALLENGE

- These juveniles will face a lifetime overcoming the trauma they have experienced.
- We need to provide them the tools they need to succeed.

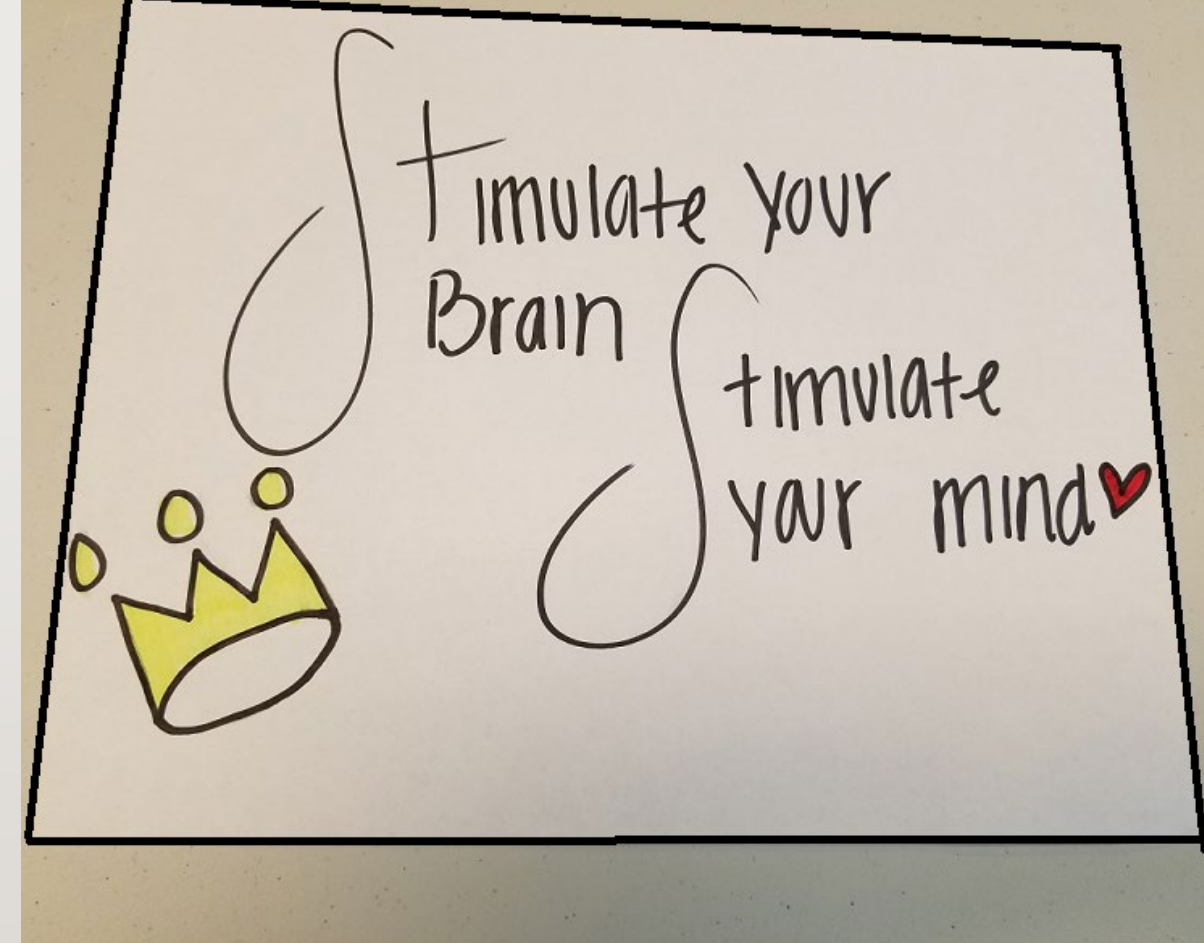
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