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CRC HSTSI – Solace Programs

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Solace

- Definition – Comfort or consolation in a time of distress or sadness
- Goal – to be the bridge between trafficked persons and restoration
- HSTSI – Human and Sex Trafficking Support Initiative

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CRC HSTSI – Solace Programs

- Solace Monthly
- Solace Weekly
- Survivor Support Services
- Earned Survivor Support
- Solace Support Line
- Ending The Game
- HSTSI Facilitator (individual support)

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Solace Monthly

Monthly support group open to all survivors or women held against their will

A 12month CRC created curriculum contrasting 12 different concepts

i.e. Surviving vs Existing

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SOLACE Weekly

Weekly survivor led support group
Open forum
Main focus – touch base and support
Ongoing

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Survivor Support Services

Each survivor is assessed individually and support services are provided based on their need

- Transportation
- Phone bill
- Gift cards (Walmart, grocery store,)
- One time assessment by a therapist
- Partnerships to provide other services

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Earned Survivor Support

Survivor reports to CRC for 8 hrs a week and is given an agreed upon stipend twice a month

The survivor is required to participate in at least 2 services or classes including Solace monthly

Based on funding

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Solace Support Line

Warm line call center providing support for callers from 11pm – 7am
Friday, Saturday and Sunday

SSL Operators receive additional training
Level 2 SSL Operator is always present to assist if needed

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Ending The Game

1st of its kind Intervention Curriculum for Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking

10 week course – developed by Rachel Thomas (survivor)

No other organizations in the state of Wisconsin – CRC is the only one

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HSTSI Facilitator

Trained to do intakes, one on ones and mentor other survivors

Solace Speakers Bureau

Survivors share their stories and expertise

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The Demand

The commercial sex trade is a supply and demand business.

Our Solace Demand Team is led by Terence Hunter and Tim Young.

Men are recruited to speak with other men and boys regarding the demand side of the issue

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Awareness and Training

Education
 CRC is a trauma informed care agency
 Staff members specialize in a variety of areas

Awareness
 Presentations at Community Awareness events
 Facilitators of The Epidemic and The Game

Training
 Human Trafficking Session A
 Trauma Informed Care
 Trauma Informed Care for Service Providers
 Survivor Interaction Protocol
 Parenting Tips
 Medical Professionals Training

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Collaboration

Partnering with other agencies is imperative

Survivor sharing
 Denise Harris

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Services needed

- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Trained Service Providers (every area)
- ✓ Trained employers
- ✓ Lawyers (expungement and restitution)
- ✓ Advocates (supportive and specialized)
- ✓ Survivor specific employment opportunities
- ✓ Mentors
- ✓ Support for Male Human Trafficking Survivors

Q&A

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