

EduNet Recorded Resource Series Agenda

EduNet Recorded Resource: Introduction to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

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Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda by Midwest Regional CAC
EduNet Webinar Presentation

Course Description:

This presentation aims to equip you with the foundational knowledge and general understanding of the dynamics of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking as it is experienced by youth, the realities of which youth are being exploited, and some approaches towards an improved response. We will provide a general overview of federal laws and legislation, common terminology, dynamics and characteristics, common myths and misconceptions, statistics of who is truly being affected, risk factors and warning signs, screening tools for identification, and resources to provide better services and care for these youth. Overall, the goal is to provide you with the knowledge, tools, and resources to better respond to youth and children who have experienced sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

Learning Objectives:

1. Outline the dynamics and characteristics of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)
2. Dispel myths and highlight which youth are most at-risk of exploitation
3. Equip providers with tools to properly identify exploited youth
4. Provide resources for harm-reduction and proper response to identified youth
5. Empower providers to feel comfortable and competent in their response to CSEC

Instructor Bio: Trevor Berberick

Trevor Berberick, grew up in rural Kansas and currently lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they work as a Program Manager for the Midwest Regional Children’s Advocacy Center to develop, deliver, and evaluate training and technical assistance regionally and nationally. In this position, Trevor works to empower and improve the lives of youth and families affected by child abuse, centering survivors of all backgrounds through a public health lens rooted in equity and justice.

Prior to this position, they worked with the Midwest Children’s Resource Center as a Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, coordinating child- and family-serving agencies on behalf of marginalized communities to affect equitable broader systems change for exploited and trafficked youth in a seven-county Metro area and statewide.

Trevor also worked as a consultant for the Minnesota Children’s Alliance, providing support, consultation, and training to emergent and established county-based and tribal multidisciplinary child abuse teams across



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Minnesota. This work involved guiding teams towards the integration of holistic, culturally-responsive services for survivors, and strengthening marginalized communities' active inclusion on teams.

Trevor has a background in advocacy working with marginalized runaway and homeless youth in emergency shelter and transitional living programs. They hold a Bachelor of Arts in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from Macalester College, where their research focused on the intersections of homelessness, the exploitation/trafficking of LGBTQ youth and boys, and how interlocking systems of power affect the health and wellbeing of underrepresented populations.

In their spare time, they enjoy gardening, co-parenting an excessive number of plants, cleaning (yes, really), fiber arts, and recovering from numerous bike injuries.

Continuing Education: Approved by Minnesota Board of Social Work for 1 hours of CEU through April 2024.

Course Coordinator:

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sara Lee, Program Manager at sara.lee1@childrensmn.org.



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