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Missing & Exploited: Child Sex Trafficking Reporting and Recovery Planning

Join [The National Center for Victims of Crime](#) and the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) on August 19 for a **free webinar** on establishing a coordinated reporting system that increases the visibility of child sex trafficking victims and improves the possibility of identification.

When: August 19, 2014

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Where: Your computer

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Webinar Summary:

This webinar is hosted in conjunction with the the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, which operates as the national clearing house for missing children in the United States. Child sex trafficking victims are currently missing and actively being exploited.

The first step toward victim recovery is establishing a coordinated reporting system that increases the visibility of child sex trafficking victims and the possibility of identification. Additionally, successful response systems require collaborative, multi-disciplinary coordination that includes child welfare, law enforcement, children's advocacy centers and specialized services and shelter placements.

This presentation will provide the audience with the following:

- Child sex trafficking risk factors and exploitation dynamics
- Overview of NCMEC resources available to missing kids identified as victims of child sex trafficking
- Importance and guidance on reporting children missing from child welfare to NCMEC
- Guidance on establishing a successful recovery plan including trauma-informed approaches
- Support available through NCMEC on proactive and reactive victim advocacy and services

Presenter:

This webinar is hosted by Melissa Snow, Child Sex Trafficking Specialist for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

In her current role she provides assistance with victim advocacy and services planning to law enforcement and social services both before and after recovery. Melissa is the former Director of the Anti-Trafficking Program for TurnAround, Inc (2011-2013).

The Anti-Trafficking Program works with state agencies, law enforcement and community organizations to provide emergency response and specialized, comprehensive care for survivors of sex trafficking.

During her time as the Director of the Anti-Trafficking Program for TurnAround, Inc., Melissa developed and successfully launched a community-based drop-in center and long-term residential program for survivors of sex trafficking. Additionally, she established a partnership with the MD Department of Juvenile services, which implemented a child sex trafficking a screening tool for flagging high-risk youth.

Melissa is the former Director of Programs for Shared Hope International (2004-2011). In 2006, she began directing a three-year research project in ten U.S. locations into the child sex trafficking of United States funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. The project led to published assessments of the identification and delivery of services to victims of child sex trafficking in each of the 10 locations.

Furthermore, this research was compiled into the National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: America's Prostituted Children, released in July 2009.

During her time at Shared Hope International, Melissa was also responsible for the management, development, and evaluation of nine sex trafficking prevention and restoration projects internationally and in the United States. She has collaborated with law enforcement and service providers in Fiji, Nepal, India, Jamaica, South Africa and Japan to provide training and technical assistance in victim identification and response.

Melissa earned her Master's in Global Development and Social Justice from St. John's University. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Political Science from the University of Colorado in 2003.

Webinar Information:

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This presentation will be transmitted over the Internet. You can participate through your high-speed (Broadband) computer hook-up and speakers (or headset). Upon registration, you will be sent a link from which you will hear and view the webinar.

Questions? Please contact Sam Webster at swebster@ncvc.org.
