

## How common are sexual exploitation and sex trafficking?

It is estimated that hundreds of children, youth and adults are victimized in the visible sex trade on the streets of Winnipeg and other cities each year. It is also estimated that thousands are victimized in the invisible sex trade that takes place in hidden venues such as private homes and drug houses located throughout the province. Most adult sex trade workers report that their victimization began at a very young age; sometimes as young as age 9, and at an average age of 14.

Without intervention, these children, youth and adults are at far greater risk of:

- Violence (including abusive relationships)
- Sexual assault and homicide
- Sexually transmitted
- Diseases
- Gang involvement
- Early pregnancy
- Mental health difficulties
- Academic difficulties
- Involvement with the child and family services involvement with the criminal justice systems
- Long term dependence on social services
- Long term dependence on government assistance
- Raising children who are much more likely to repeat the same cycle

For more information regarding the issue of Sexual Exploitation please visit:  
<http://www.stopsexwithkids.ca>

## Sexual Exploitation Unit

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Exhibit: *National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*

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Initials

*63*

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Entered

*33*

## Tracia's Trust:

Manitoba's Sexual  
Exploitation Strategy





## Current Initiatives

### Legislation and Law Enforcement

*The Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Act*  
Mandatory Reporting – Cybertip.ca  
Prostitution Diversion Program  
Prostitution Offender Program  
StreetReach Winnipeg  
StreetReach North  
Winnipeg Outreach Workers

### Continuum of Services

AFM Youth Outreach Services  
At Our Relatives' Place Foster Care  
Child and Youth Care (CYC) Experiential Worker Training  
Chu Manitou Oyati Tipi  
Dream Catchers  
HOME (Hands of Our Mother Earth) Rural Healing Lodge  
Honouring the Spirit of our Little Sisters  
MYS Youth Shelter  
Ndinawe Safe Home  
Regional Team Development  
Restoring the Sacred  
Rose Hall  
Sage House  
Sexually Exploited Youth (SEY) Training  
Street Connections  
Transition, Education & Resources for Females (TERF) Mentor, Youth & Adults  
Transition, Education & Resources for Females (TERF) Youth/Adult Transition Home

### Breaking the Silence

Commit to Kids  
Kids in the Know  
Lodge Teachings  
Manitoba Hotel Association Campaign  
Stop Sex With Kids Public Awareness Campaign  
Teatree Tells

For more information about each of these initiatives, visit the link below:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/traciastrust/initiatives.html>

## Manitoba's Sexual Exploitation Strategy

The sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of children, youth and adults is a serious concern in Manitoba, Canada, and around the globe. Children and youth who have been sexually exploited are victims of child sexual abuse.

*The Manitoba Strategy Responding to Children and Youth at Risk of, or Survivors of, Sexual Exploitation* was launched in December 2002 as directed by the Manitoba Government's Healthy Child Committee of Cabinet. The Department of Family Services and Labour is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Manitoba Strategy, with other partner departments and agencies leading specific responses within the Strategy. Over the past several years, the Strategy has included several initiatives in the areas of prevention, intervention, legislation, coordination, research and evaluation.

*Tracia's Trust*, phase two of the Manitoba Strategy was launched December 10, 2008. Emphasis is placed on the need to build upon phase one by:

- implementing more prevention initiatives,
- developing a fuller continuum of services for victims,
- increasing public awareness, and
- making offenders more accountable.

While the first phase of the strategy focused on children exploited through prostitution, phase two of the Strategy encompasses the coordination of services for all ages (children, youth and adults), and considers all forms of sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography, sex trafficking, sex tourism and internet luring.

For a timeline on how *Tracia's Trust* came to be, visit the link below:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/traciastrust/index.html>

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q – What is sexual exploitation?

A – For the purposes of the Manitoba Strategy, child sexual exploitation is: the act of coercing, luring or engaging a child, under the age of 18, into a sexual act, and involvement in the sex trade or pornography, with or without the child's consent, in exchange for money or drugs, or in exchange for food, protection, or other necessities.

### Q – What do I do if it is happening to someone I know?

A – If you know of a child who is being sexually exploited and is in need of protection call a child and family services agency. **1-866-345-9241**

**If someone is in immediate danger, call your local emergency police number.**

### Q – What is the *Tracia's Trust*? What is the Manitoba Sexual Exploitation Strategy?

A – *Tracia's Trust*: Manitoba's Sexual Exploitation Strategy is comprised of several initiatives in the areas of prevention, intervention, legislation, coordination, research and evaluation. The Strategy encompasses the coordination of services for all ages, including children, youth and adults, as well as all forms of sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography, sex trafficking, sex tourism and internet luring.

### Q – Who is most at risk for sexual exploitation?

A – The majority of children, youth and adults victimized by sexual exploitation are female; however, there is a growing awareness of the sexual exploitation of boys and transgender youth. Many are of Aboriginal descent.

Most have experienced family conflicts, addictions or childhood abuses such as neglect and physical and/or sexual abuse and many are involved in the child and family services (CFS) system.

The majority have also experienced homelessness for short or extended periods of time. Homelessness is often the result of youth on the run from home, CFS placements or the justice system. During this time of homelessness, youth are most at risk of becoming sexually exploited – at times, exchanging sexual favours for the basic necessities of life, such as food and shelter.