

Ritual Abuse, Torture and Trafficking: Realistic Tools for Supporting Youth

Friday, June 27, 2008, 9 AM-4 PM

Location: DePaul University

Schmitt Academic Center (SAC), Room 154
2320 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614

Cost: \$60 (Fees include lunch and workshop materials)

Course Description:

This full-day workshop will provide an overview of ritual abuse, torture and trafficking. We will define terms and trends as well as offer reality based options to providers, outreach workers and administrators. This training will examine Rescue-Based, Diversion, and Harm Reduction Approaches and make recommendations for intervention. We will also discuss the implications of the Trafficking victims Protection Act and its impact on youth trading sex for money and survival needs.

Trainers:

**Claudine O'Leary, Consultant,
Rethink Resources**

Claudine participated in and started activist and outreach groups to confront the harms of sexual violence in Chicago, Minneapolis and other communities starting in 1990. Claudine volunteered as a rape crisis counselor and in a library for women detained at the Cook County Jail before starting an activist organization in 1999 that would later become the Young Women's Empowerment Project. As a co-founder of YWEP, she led the organization and developed programs and workshops with youth in the sex trade and street economies until moving on in the fall of 2006. Claudine received her BA in Critical Pedagogy from Northeastern Illinois University in 2007. She is now consulting and speaking nationally on the sex trade and working in partnership with youth for change.

**Shira Hassan, Young Women's
Empowerment Project, Co Director**

Shira has focused on the experiences of girls, boys, and LGBT youth involved in trading sex for money, survivors of trafficking and ritual abuse since 1995. Using organizing and education as tools, Shira has lived and worked in Chicago and New York City. She is Co founder of the Chicago Harm Reduction Training Calendar and has trained and spoken nationally on the sex trade, self injury, group work and transformative justice and worked nationally with anti violence women of color communities. She received her Master's in Social Work from New York University in 2002. Shira has been involved in Young Women's Empowerment Project since 2003 and is currently the Co- Executive Director.

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Young Women's Empowerment Project
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We will also accept cash or check on the day of the training with confirmed receipt of your registration. Please email your registration details to lara@youarepriceless.org.

For more information about the training or registration process, please contact Lara at lara@youarepriceless.org or 773-322-7644.