

i AM PRICELESS

...and my body
is not for sale.

THE *link*

**There is a way out of sexual exploitation.
For help, call or text 612-232-5428 / thelinkmn.org**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
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SIGNS YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW MAY NEED HELP:

- Someone is physically, sexually or emotionally hurting you.
- You don't have control of your ID, money or other things that are important to you.
- Someone put a tattoo on you with his or her name, a barcode or something else you may not have chose.
- You are doing things or being asked or forced to do things you don't want to do.
- Your boyfriend, girlfriend or fiancé is a lot older than you.
- You are posting ads on-line-or someone is posting ads for you on-line.
- You have friends or family members that are in "the life" or "lifestyle".
- You are feeling sad, mad, stressed out and/or nervous a lot.
- You don't feel safe.

**YOU NEED TO KNOW
THAT NO MATTER
WHAT HAS HAPPENED
OR WHAT YOU THINK
YOU HAVE DONE
OR NOT DONE
YOU ARE PRICELESS!**

If you or someone you know has had any of the following things happen it may mean that are a victim of sexual exploitation or trafficking-the good thing is that there is help if you want it! Just text or call 612-232-5428 anytime and someone from The Link will be there to help you!

The Link's Support for Youth who have been Exploited or Trafficked

(AKA IN THE LIFE OR LIFESTYLE)

The Link is a youth and adult led organization meaning that all of the following programs have been co-designed, created and continue to be overseen by a group of youth who have experienced sexual exploitation and trafficking.

STREET OUTREACH

The Link's Street Outreach Program provides outreach into the street areas and community locations where at risk and trafficked youth tend to congregate/hang out. The Street Outreach Workers provide a way to build trusting relationships with youth, help them with any immediate and basic needs as well as connections to longer term services. To learn more about our street outreach program contact Cora Burns at 612-232-1672.

WEST METRO REGIONAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

The West Metro Regional Navigator takes crisis calls and referrals of youth under the age of 24 who are victims of sex trafficking. This program at The Link provides a 24/7 response for sex-trafficked youth for Hennepin, Scott and Carver counties and provides each youth with an individualized safety and needs assessment plan, mobile case management and connections with the variety of services they need. This program also provides training and technical assistance across the west metro region on the issue of minor sex trafficking. To get connected with our Regional Navigator Program contact 612-232-5428.

PASSAGEWAYS EMERGENCY SHELTER & HOUSING PROGRAM

Passageways Shelter and Housing Program provides emergency shelter beds for youth ages 13 to 17 and housing for youth ages 16 to 24 who have been victims of sex trafficking (can also providing housing for parenting youth with children). Passageways is inclusive of all gender identities and can serve parenting youth with one child. The Passageways program also provides a variety of on-site services specific to sexual exploitation that include case management, mental health therapy, education programming, life skills training, a survivor mentor program, health care services and positive youth development activities. To find out if there is an opening at Passageways and to get into the program please call or text The Link's Regional Navigator at 612-232-5428 (anytime 24/7).

AFTERCARE PROGRAM

The Link offers mobile case management, crisis intervention and support to youth who have been in one of our programs for sexually exploited and trafficked youth through our After Care Program. To find out more about this program contact Kelly Engebretson at 612-227-3364.

CAREER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Link offers part time employment to exploited or trafficked youth who have been in our programs through our Survivor Advisory Committee and our new Career & Leadership Development Program.

These programs offer youth opportunities to learn skills to secure and maintain employment, build their career and leadership skills and increase their income.

To find out more about this program visit www.thelinkmn.org
or contact Beth Holger-Ambrose at 612-636-4260 or bholger-ambrose@thelinkmn.org.