

Love146 Program Impact Report

July 2016- June 2017

Philippines Survivor Care: The Round Home and White Home

The Love146 Round Home and White Home Programs are residential facilities where girls and boys victimized by sex exploitation and/or trafficking are given care that covers the biological, psychological, social, and spiritual aspects of their lives. The Love146 Round Home is uniquely built and designed to facilitate the restoration and holistic health of every child entering its doors. The Love146 White Home provides holistic care, as enumerated above, within a safe home setting. The same efforts that characterize our care for girls in the Round Home also apply to boys in the White Home. These programs also include ensuring an effective reintegration of the girls and boys with their families and society. We have learned from our research that the lack of interventions when victim survivors have been reintegrated can lead to either re-victimization or lack of personal development. Our programs seek to address the lack of helpful and appropriate interventions that could provide stabilization during reintegration.

Volume

- 18 female clients and 16 male clients (including one male child of a client) are currently receiving care through the RH and WH residential programs (July 2016 to June 2017).
- 7 Children have been reintegrated this year (July 2016- June 2017).
- A total of 127 children have been served since the beginning of the program: 75 females and 32 males in the Round Home and White Home, respectively, plus 9 males and 11 females from the community.

Depth

Evidence of significant transformation in a child's life:

When Jacob* was a toddler, his parents separated, and his mother took him to live with her new partner. Jacob did not get along well with his stepfather and frequently ran away from home. Eventually, his mother referred him to an institution. When he was 13, the Department of Social Welfare and Development put him back in the custody of his biological father, who did not have a job. Jacob's oldest sister was supporting the family, but she was not earning enough. Jacob only reached Grade 4 because of extreme poverty.

Jacob took to the streets, in order to escape the hell that was his home. But he was introduced to drugs. He engaged in prostitution in order to eat. In February 2014, Jacob was offered the opportunity to go to Love146. He had a number of physical and emotional issues to deal with. He hated his family and said that inside him, he was seething with hatred towards them. However, a few weeks into the Love146 program, Jacob began processing his own transformation. His expressions revealed an emerging new person. His words reflected the effects of restoration and the philosophy of Love146 survivor care, which centers on a holistic, rounded combination of adequate provision, caring, love, and "no sharp edges in the behaviour of carers". He said:

"My life has changed.... People here are kind and they really guide children."

Later his words also reflected a slowly forming spiritual dimension in his thinking, and started to focus on what he could do and be, and on his future:

“I did not expect that Love146 would send me back to school, provide for all my needs, give me nutritious food.... I really thank Love146 for guiding and supporting me continuously, so I could become a better person.... I am happy because I go to school and I am taken care of. I will study hard to make my dreams come true. I would like also to improve my life.”

We knew true healing was taking place when he could really look at himself and express awareness of his journey from pain to restoration:

“This is my heart. In the past, my heart was black and it was dark, but if you will take a closer look at it, it had many wounds. This heart did not mind about taking illegal drugs, but now it is already bright even though it still has wounds. But the wounds are beginning to heal now.”

We knew that restoration was happening when he trusted us enough to process his feelings and own a newly found ability to forgive. Based on his words, such ability was birthed by the love he has received at Love146:

“Before, saying the word ‘Mommy’ was very difficult for me to do. It caused me so much pain and anger.... My Mama was telling me to call her ‘Mommy,’ but I could not.... I hated Mama because she left us and ... she really did not take good care of me.... I hated her because when she left me, I had to stop going to school until I got addicted to drugs and decided to be with my friends who also came from broken families. But since I came to Love146, I have started to say ‘Mommy’ without so much pain because the staff here are good to me and love me.”

Then, Jacob* asked if he could call his family. He talked to his father, and also called his mother. There was no hatred anymore in his voice. He was at peace as he reconnected with his family. Since then, Jacob* passed the Alternative Learning System equivalency test, which qualified him for university. Love146 enrolled him and he is currently a sophomore taking up a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology.

**Name changed to protect identity*

Evidence that this project benefits the community beyond direct involvement:

Our continued work with homeless street families in the past several years has enabled us to establish a relationship with them and provide some livelihood assistance, send some of the street children to school, raise the community’s awareness of children’s issues, and importantly led to some victimized children from the street being admitted into our Survivor Care Program.

“I learned a lot from this seminar. I am now aware that some of the things I have been doing to my children were wrong and I feel guilty. I now know the things I have to correct.”

“I now know how to protect my children from illnesses, such as the ones discussed in the seminar.”

At one gathering, the community members gave us a card and read it in front of everybody:

“Thank you very much for your continued care and support to all of us. You have been our parent because although we have been delinquent, you continued to care for and support us. You did not give up on us. You continue to help us and most of all, you always counsel us.”

Evidence that this project benefits the target constituents

As a result of our biopsychosocial interventions in the Round Home and White Home:

- the children have increased self-worth and modified behavior

“I have become a better child here. I have come to know God. Before, I just kept quiet, but now I am able to interact with the other children.”

“I am now convinced that I will be able to achieve my dreams, because the mommies encourage me and always tell me I can become somebody someday. That is why I study hard.”

“I like it when we are able to perform in concerts and I see the audience enjoy the music and admire our skills. I never thought I could perform in concerts. I am not shy anymore.”

- the children feel empowered

“I am happy that I am able to raise chickens, feed them, make them grow and happy, and then multiply.”

“As the mommies look after me, so am I able to look after the plants and animals.”

- the children are able to plan for their future

“When I leave the Round Home, I now know what I can do to earn a living – raise chickens or goats, raise fish or honey bees, or plant vegetables, because I have been trained to do these activities here.”

- the children discover and implement their potentials

“Before I came to the White Home, I did not play a single musical instrument. Now I can play all five instruments in the Love146 rondalla.”

“I got many awards in school – Most Honest, Most Helpful, Most Obedient.”

“Before, I failed in most exams. Now I am getting almost perfect scores. I did not realize I could be this good. Thank you for believing in me.”

- the children develop altruism

“When I grow up, I want to help the poor, just like Love146 helped me.”

“I like it when during caroling, we are the ones to give, instead of expecting that we are going to receive something. It is a new experience for me to be giving instead of receiving.”

Evidence of collaboration and partnership:

- We utilize a multidisciplinary approach in caring for the children in our Survivor Care program. Children are evaluated and monitored by partner medical doctors, dentists and psychiatrists. Communication with school teachers to discuss progress and any problems is ongoing.
- We partnered with the Father's Refuge in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan to share our best practices towards better provision of social and livelihood services to their clients. In return, we saw some of their mushroom production activities.
- We continue to maintain close collaboration with the concerned officers of the Department of Social Welfare and Development on issues that pertain to the boys' and girls' families and placement.
- Our cooperation with an international NGO, the Department of Justice and the National Bureau of Investigation is ongoing, as it pertains to some of the children's legal cases.
- We are in active relationship with the local village officials in the vicinity of our residential homes.

U.S. Survivor Care: Connecticut

In 2013, Love146 conducted a comprehensive environmental scan of the service needs and resources available to youth who were confirmed and suspected survivors of human trafficking in Connecticut. Recognizing a significant gap in services for this population, Love146 responded by piloting a Survivor Care Program. In 2016, the pilot ended as the program expanded with the support of federal, state, foundation, and individual donor funding.

The program, now comprised of 16 staff, is designed to provide and connect confirmed and suspected survivors to trauma-informed, individualized, and comprehensive services that contribute to their overall recovery and restoration. Love146's Connecticut Survivor Care Program is unique in that it develops a care plan for each youth designed to best meet youth's personal needs and support them in their home communities. Working closely with state agencies and other community providers, Love146 helps ensure that youth are enrolled in school, advocates if special education and medical services are needed, and works to identify and build the capacity of caregivers (biological/foster/adoptive parents and kin caregivers) and service providers so that they can better support survivors as they reintegrate into their home communities. Love146 provides direct services to youth on a weekly basis to help them achieve their care plan goals. Direct services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Counseling
- Skill development
- Safety planning
- Application assistance
- Education/employment assistance
- Crisis intervention
- Appointment accompaniment
- Court/trial preparation/assistance

Youth who have been trafficked are at high-risk for further exploitation; thus, one of the first things we tell a youth is, "We go where you go. That means if you move placements, or foster homes, or run away and come back, we will always be there." Never closing a case, Love146 is committed to always being a safe space and support for the youth we serve. Love146 staff are also available via phone and text 24-hours/day, 7-days a week to respond to client emergencies as they arise.

In addition to providing long-term, trauma-informed, intensive wraparound services, the Love146 Connecticut Survivor Care Program offers one time "Rapid Responses" information and

safety-planning meetings to confirmed and suspected survivors. Topics typically covered during a Rapid Response include the following:

- The realities of human trafficking
- Healthy relationships
- Internet safety
- Different recruitment/grooming processes
- Behaviors that increase vulnerabilities
- Individualized safety planning

Love146 also provides youth with printed resource materials that have national hotline numbers youth can call in cases of emergency. Each youth is given a Rapid Response Backpack, filled with generously donated items including a blanket, an emergency phone, a journal, a rain poncho, a teddy bear, toiletries, a stress ball, and other supplies both youth and service providers identified as being critical for this population. Following all Rapid Responses, Love146 offers caregivers and providers individualized recommendations for future services that can support youth as they continue their recovery and restoration.

Lastly, Love146 offers case consultation to caregivers and providers to help them better understand child sex trafficking and identify appropriate services for youth who may not meet the criteria for Rapid Response or Long-Term Services (e.g., they are 18 years of age or older, they are at risk but not high-risk).

Volume

Youth directly impacted:

- 65 youth received ongoing *long-term* support services
- 50 caregivers of youth who received *long-term* support services also received services
- 112 youth received “rapid responses” one-time meetings
- 20 caregivers of youth who received “rapid responses” also received “rapid responses”
- 119 youth received backpacks (including 112 who received “rapid response” meetings)
- 14 case consultations

Depth

Evidence of significant transformation in a youth’s life:

Long-Term Services:

- One of the primary goals of Love146 Long-Term Services is to help prepare youth for successful futures and independent living free from victimization. This is accomplished through the provision of direct services such as counseling, skill building, crisis intervention, and safety planning. In addition, Love146 recognizes the benefits of helping youth to connect and access services outside of Love146. As such, this year, Love146:
 - Successfully submitted victim compensation applications for 32 youth, providing them access to \$15,000 that they can use for crime expenses - including medical and mental health treatment - that are not covered by insurance or another financial resource. This funding is available to them throughout their life.
 - Made 51 referrals to partnering agencies for additional services to support youth.
 - Helped 13 youth obtain government identification documents (e.g., birth certificates, social security cards, non-driver photo identification card).
 - Assisted 7 youth in accessing government benefits, such as healthcare, WIC, and social security.

- Love146 also provides judicial advocacy and accompaniment to youth who's victimization is being actively investigated and/or prosecuted. This year, specific services included:
 - Accompanying 9 youth to interviews with law enforcement and/or prosecutors.
 - Assisting 4 youth with preparing victim impact statements to be read during sentencing.
 - Supporting 3 youth in obtaining orders of protection against their offenders.
- This year, 10 youth successfully transitioned to sustained care, where youth can reach out for supports but Love146 is no longer providing regularly scheduled services.
 - For these youth, school attendance increased from 30% at the time of referral to 100% at the time of transition, with 80% of youth attending school regularly.
 - At the time of transition, 100% of these youth reported that Love146 helped them and 100% reported that they would recommend Love146 to a friend in need.

Rapid Responses:

- 94% of youth who participated in a Rapid Response reported learning new information.
- 88% of youth who participated in a Rapid Response reported intent to change their behaviors as a result of their participation in the Rapid Response.

Evidence that this project benefits the community beyond direct involvement:

In addition to providing direct services to youth, Love146's Connecticut Survivor Care Program is committed to building the capacity of law enforcement, forensic interviewers, child welfare staff, and community service providers to have helped raise the consciousness of human trafficking among first responders and have facilitated a collaborative approach to addressing cases of human trafficking.

This year, Love146:

- Conducted 11 trainings for professionals working in partnering agencies across the state of Connecticut.
- Presented at 3 conferences targeting professionals likely to encounter youth who are confirmed and suspected victims of child sex trafficking.

This year, the U.S. Survivor Program was also featured in a number of media outlets, raising community awareness of human trafficking beyond those who are likely to address victims in their day-to-day work. In anticipation of Love146's Survivor Care Program expansion, at the end of fiscal year 2015-2016, this project was featured in the following media:

Nalpathanchil, L. (Host) and Ives, T. (Producer). (2016, June 23). *Where we live: Human trafficking around the world and in Connecticut* [Radio broadcast]. Hartford, CT: WNPR. <http://wnpr.org/post/human-trafficking-around-world-and-connecticut>

Bisaro, A. (2016, June 28). New Haven group working against human trafficking to expand survivor care program. *New Haven Register*. <http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20160628/new-haven-group-working-against-human-trafficking-to-expand-survivor-care-program>

During fiscal year 2016-2017, the U.S. Survivor Care Program was featured in the following media:

(2017, May 5). *New England agency targets growing number of sex trafficking cases*. Boston, MA: 25 News. <http://www.fox25boston.com/news/new-england-agency-targets-growing-number-of-sex-traffic>

[king-cases/519828630](#)

Blanks, L. (2017, March 30). *Examining the child trafficking problem in Connecticut*. New Haven, CT: News 8.

<http://wtnh.com/2017/03/30/examining-the-child-trafficking-problem-in-conn/>

Pierce, K. (2017, January 12). *Lodging workers learn how to spot human trafficking*. New Haven, CT: News 8.

<http://wtnh.com/2017/01/12/lodging-workers-learn-how-to-spot-human-trafficking/>

Other media coverage not specifically mentioning the program but featuring Program Director, Erin Williamson included:

Dunavin, D. (2017, January 17). *Thousands pay for child prostitutes in CT every year but nobody has been charged since 2013*. Fairfield, CT: WSHU Public Radio

<http://wshu.org/post/thousands-pay-child-prostitutes-ct-every-year-nobody-has-been-charged-2013#stream/o>

Bisaro, A. (2017, January 12). *New Haven forum helps hotel/motel owners learn to spot sex trafficking*. *New Haven Register*.

<http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20170112/new-haven-forum-helps-hotelmotel-owners-learn-to-spot-sex-trafficking>

Gellman, L. (2017, January 12). *Hoteliers take sex-trafficking prevention 101*. *New Haven Independent*.

http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/hotels_sex_trafficking/

Mayes, L. (2017, January 12). *Hotel industry gets training on spotting victims of human trafficking*. New Haven, CT: NBC Connecticut.

<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Hotel-Industry-Gets-Training-on-Spotting-Victims-of-Human-Trafficking-410531885.html>

Evidence that this project benefits the target constituents:

Below are quotes from youth discussing the impact Love146 had on their lives over the past year:

- "Love146 helped by teaching me more information about trafficking and online behaviors."
- "[My Love146 worker] listens and doesn't judge my past. She gives me ideas for every situation and just is there for me. I appreciate her a lot."
- "It got me on the right track. You know, all the advice you gave me."
- "[Love146 helped me in] being emotionally stable and improving the relationship with my mom."
- "Sometimes we never know if we can get help [until we] try. And I never thought it would work but it does."

Below are quotes from youth who received rapid response services within the last year:

- "I love that you listen to boys too. Like we matter. Someday I'm going to write about that. And about what you said. It could help people."

- *"Thanks for giving me the words to explain how I was taken advantage of. I felt at fault but now I can explain to people how he tricked me. And I can tell my friends to be careful."*
- *"I knew what a pimp was and I knew to be afraid of a pimp. I just didn't realize that the person I thought was helping me and keeping me protected, who I thought was my friend-was really my pimp."*

Evidence of collaboration and partnership:

Long-Term Services have included participation in:

- 1,286 conversations with other professionals providing services to youth in our program.
- 194 case meetings to discuss the wellbeing of the youth, develop a collaborative case plan, identify needed supports, assess progress, and deal with any critical incidents.
- 55 school Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meetings to initiate and discuss evaluations; determine eligibility for special education services; develop a child's Individualized Education Program (IEP); and/or to review and/or revise the child's program.

Love146 also participates in the following coalitions:

- The Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team
- The Connecticut Coalition Against Trafficking
- The Connecticut Trafficking in Persons Council
- The Girls' Provider Network
- Multiple Multidisciplinary Teams throughout Connecticut

U.K. Survivor Support

In 2016/17 the UK Survivor Support Programme has provided Long-Term Services to young people at high-risk for, and confirmed survivors of, Modern Slavery / human trafficking and exploitation. The goal of the UK Survivor Support Programme is to work with young people, foster carers, and agencies involved in the supportive care for each young person, in order to decrease the young person's risk for exploitation, increase stability, and help the young person's progress towards their independence and the attainment of their goals. Trafficked or suspected trafficked young people require specialised services to meet their individual needs and help them integrate into their communities. Love146 is able to provide information, safety planning, and referral services and trauma-informed therapeutic support services to help ensure young people receive coordinated holistic support.

During 2016-17, there was an increase in our service provision supporting children and young people trafficked into the UK, and a deepening of relationships with clients Love146 UK has supported over the years. Our Survivor Support Programme expanded into new areas of service provision and our new frontline presence in London added to our impact.

Key activities and outcomes from our last period are outlined below.

Survivor Support Services: During this last period, our direct services impacted the lives of 17 children and young people, all of whom were trafficked from abroad. We also supported an additional 5 children of those young people.

This period saw 7 new referrals to our Survivor Support programme:

- 5 referrals to our Outreach Support Service (London)
- 1 referral to our Specialist Supported Accommodation (Hampshire)

- 1 referral to our Specialist Independent Supported Accommodation (Hampshire)

Our ongoing Survivor Support continues to incorporate:

- a trafficking assessment
- a risk assessment regarding the level of presenting and on-going risk (external)
- environment and internal environment
- intervention plans tailored to the needs of each young person
- regular reviews with the young person and any other agency

The Development and Implementation of Specialist Supported Independent Accommodation:

During this period, in response to a need identified by another Local Authority, one young person transitioned from Love146's "wrap around support/specialist support to Foster Care", and continued to be supported through our Specialist Supported Independent Accommodation (SSIA). This new Love146 service allows the young person to live independently - transitioning to adulthood with wrap around support by a Love146 worker/interpreter. Funding for this service was secured from the Local Authority with the placement reviewed on a regular basis.

Outreach Support - New London Based Services: Significant time was invested into a new partnership with the London Borough of Merton, which led to five referrals (including two Trafficking Assessments) for wrap around outreach support. During this period we recruited two part-time London based practitioners to support ongoing provision of wrap around outreach support. Both practitioners provide cover for all referrals received in London. To ensure the sustainability of the service, all face-to-face work was agreed upon and paid for by the London Borough of Merton.

Foster Carers Training & Services: A new foster care agency relationship began during this period, providing wrap around support for the placement of a 16-year old Vietnamese young person, who eventually transitioned to our SSIA. This included wrap around support through the Love146 Immediate Safety Plan and the Safety Plan Reduction Programme. Local Authorities continue to be under pressure to find suitable accommodation for trafficked children and thus Love146 UK continued to offer the opportunity to refer placements to the 18 Love146 trained specialist foster carers.

General Training and Awareness: During this period Love146 UK continued to deliver bespoke and high quality training to Local Authority Social Workers and those most likely to encounter trafficked children and young people. Our training equipped workers with the tools to both identify and appropriately safeguard children. New materials were created for the Modern Slavery Partnership (Hampshire) master classes, and we also delivered awareness raising seminars throughout the period (from college students, to family nurse community teams).

Love146 UK staff also attended multiple local and national conferences, highlighting our work, and sharing expertise and best practice in the area of safeguarding/accommodating children trafficked from abroad. This included presentations for:

- Baobab - National & International Conference
- IOW Adults Safeguarding conference
- University of Southampton - Equality & Diversity week
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Combating Human Trafficking Multi Agency Response conference
- Adolescents at Risk - Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Board conference

Multi-Agency Strategic Meetings: As part of our commitment to journey with trafficked young people for as long as it takes, we regularly partook in multi-agency strategy meetings to plan ongoing actions for the young people previously in Love146 UK's pilot safe accommodation. In addition, Love146's UK Care Director, Lynne Chitty, offered Children's Service managers and practitioners, and the police, on-site consultancy and expertise in guiding best practice for safeguarding and supporting children trafficked into the UK. This included the promotion of trafficking risk assessments, placement assessments, community risk assessments, missing person passports, and safety plans.

Specialist Assessments / Reports: Multiple requests were made to Love146 UK for specialist Asylum Appeal Court reports during this period. We saw the demand for this service grow due to the increase in the numbers of children trafficked as the refugee crisis unfolded.

The trafficking assessments conducted in this period led to referrals for Love146 UK's outreach services which delivered support to the carers to implement the Love146 Immediate Safety Plan and supported the young people and carers through the process. This ensured the safeguarding needs were kept paramount for each trafficked young person.

Volume

Children directly impacted

- 18 children and young people

Professionals directly impacted

- 8 professionals received Love146 Child Trafficking training
- 6 caregivers (foster carers) provided Child Trafficking training
- 72 professionals provided Child Trafficking awareness presentation (under 90 minutes)

Depth

Evidence of significant transformation in a young person's life:

In response to a request to place a 17-year old Vietnamese boy trafficked into the UK, Love146 Specialist Supported Accommodation (SSA) was developed. This is safe accommodation for a young person with full wrap around support delivered by an inhouse Love146 carer. The trained carer ensured all aspects of the Love146 Immediate Safety Plan, and the Safety Plan Reduction Programme, were implemented. Funding for this placement was secured from the referring Local Authority with full support from the Child Protection Independent Reviewing Officer, who commented that "*Love146 are the experts, we will go with their recommendation*".

Following this placement the young person transitioned into Love146 Specialist Supported Independent Accommodation, and was therefore able to continue on the intervention plan. Love146 has remained the constant and the wrap around service continues to be implemented by known Love146 practitioners who are culturally matched. He has flourished as a young, independent person, gaining confidence in the community, and in college where he is now studying Maths and English. He has become a responsible tenant and has gained understanding of his duties and the duties of others towards him. He remains safe, and engaged.

Evidence that this project benefits the community beyond direct involvement:

As well as delivering direct support to children and young people, we continue to be committed to delivering training and awareness raising, specifically for those in front line roles such as police and

children's social care. The young people we support remain safe and are working towards full integration into the community. There are no missing episodes which would impact on community policing, health services and carers, allowing these resources to remain focussed on delivering services elsewhere.

Evidence that this project benefits the target constituents:

Quote from a Young Person in our care

"Before I didn't feel safe. Now I am in the care of Love146 I feel really safe. Completely different from before."

The 'Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery' Proactive Scrutiny Report (Hampshire Police & Crime Panel) specifically identified Love146 accommodation as leading to "*significantly improved positive outcomes for those young people supported*".

Quote from Detective Gillooly, Specialist Interview Team.

"I support the application to keep MVL with Love146. I would also recommend he remains with Love146 long term so the contact with his traffickers continue to be severed"

Evidence of collaboration and partnership:

During 2016/17, we continued to provide, and receive support, in a multi-agency arena, including:

- The Commissioner to the Modern Slavery Act, Kevin Hyland
- Missing Exploited and Trafficked (MET) Strategic group for Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight
- C-TAIL advisory group: A group of multi-agency professionals working in the trafficking sector in management roles. They provide advice, guidance and reference for the NSPCC run Child Trafficking Advice and Information Line.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
- Stop the Traffic
- NGO Advisory Group Helpline (led by Unseen)
- Human Trafficking Foundation (HTF)
- Children's Society - Trafficking Practitioners Forum, sharing best practice
- Thames Valley Police - sharing best practice
- Home Office Meetings, Portsmouth

Love146 UK continued to be represented at both local and national levels, within several partnerships/multi agency working groups, one of which Love146 UK Care Director, Lynne Chitty, chaired. These included:

- 4 LSCBs MET (Missing, Exploited, Trafficked) groups for Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.
- Modern Slavery Partnership Group.
- UK Border Agency Portsmouth.

Volunteer Groups & Faith Partnerships: During this period we further developed our partnership with the Portsmouth Diocese, delivering several presentations and raising awareness on modern slavery. We also continued to be supported by entities such as Home Church in Hatfield. Home Church's Volunteer Team completed the Abolitionist Curriculum and continue to raise awareness on behalf of Love146 UK.

U.S. Prevention Education

Youth at high-risk for human trafficking and exploitation have been recognized as an underidentified and underserved victim population across the United States. In July 2010, Love146 established the U.S. Prevention Education Program to help identify and disrupt vulnerabilities and behaviors that would increase a youth's risk of human trafficking and exploitation. In 2014, after identifying some critical gaps, Love146—along with a multidisciplinary team of experts in the field of child protection and evaluation—began the development of *Not a Number*, a research informed child trafficking and exploitation prevention curriculum.

Since its inception, the U.S. Prevention Education Program has reached over 18,000 youth. Acknowledging the importance of reaching more children than is possible through direct implementation alone, Love146 provides training and technical assistance to schools, agencies, and organizations with the infrastructure and professional staff to effectively reach their own communities. Since January 2015, Love146 has certified 342 facilitators, and it is anticipated that approximately 1,500 additional facilitators will be certified in the next five years. Love146 engages a full spectrum response to prevention, including offering resources for caregivers and professionals to help them better respond to the needs of these youth.

Love146's U.S. Prevention Education Program has four key goals:

- Decrease youth's risk for exploitation: *Not a Number*, a multi-level prevention curriculum designed to teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation through information, critical thinking, and skill development, is the anchor of the program. *Not a Number* integrates a holistic view of the issue by focusing on respect, empathy, individual strengths, and the relationship between personal and societal pressures that create or increase vulnerabilities.
- Support a comprehensive, whole-school or entire-system, response to human trafficking and exploitation: *Not a Number* includes information to support a whole-school or entire-system response and has been designed to reinforce and integrate with other prevention efforts being facilitated to increase youth health and safety and improve school, agency, or organizational climate.
- Develop and maintain a strong, evidence-based approach to prevention: *Not a Number* has been developed by experts in the field of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation and is designed to address the evolving tactics used to recruit and exploit youth. The curriculum is grounded in empirical literature and incorporates best practices in the field of prevention education. In order to continually evaluate the extent to which the materials in this curriculum are meeting its intended goals, curriculum developers worked with experts from the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire to design measurable skill-based learning objectives. Based on these learning objectives, the Crimes Against Children Research Center assisted in developing research-based assessment tools to facilitate immediate and long-term outcome evaluation efforts.
- Support a coordinated response to human trafficking and exploitation in Greater Houston: Through participation in human trafficking and CSE related coalitions and stakeholder meetings, the U.S. programs team is actively engaged in collaborative efforts in the Greater Houston area. In an effort to increase community providers' knowledge and capacity to prevent and identify human trafficking and exploitation, Love146 also provides training and technical assistance to key community providers working with at-risk and exploited youth.

Children directly impacted:

- 1686 youth reached through prevention education (274 reached through Love146 facilitators; 1412 directly impacted through the training of adult service providers)
- 792 youth reached through awareness raising

Professionals directly impacted:

- 555 professionals reached through training
- 159 professionals reached through awareness raising; and,
- 193 professionals were certified to facilitate *Not a Number*.

Children directly impacted since the program began in 2010:

- 13,421 youth reached through prevention education
- 8,392 youth reached through awareness raising

Professionals directly impacted since the program began in 2010::

- 4,508 professionals reached through training
- 179 professionals reached through awareness raising; and,
- 342 professionals were certified to facilitate *Not a Number*.

Depth

Evidence of significant transformation in a youth's life:

- A student approached [the facilitator] after one session and talked about the benefit of the activity, "You Are More." She came up to the facilitator and said "this activity was so helpful. No one ever says they believe in me and I want to go to college and be a psychologist. Now I know I can believe in myself."
- After a *Not a Number* group, one youth spoke one-on-one with the facilitator about family dynamics, personal feelings and experiences, and an unhealthy relationship she had been in. The facilitator was able to listen and help youth focus on thinking about red flags, setting boundaries, and healthy support systems that could help her stay safe and engage in healthier relationships in the future. The youth sent an email to the facilitator thanking her and expressing how helpful the meeting had been and how much she appreciated being heard, understood, and for the opportunity to practice some skills.

Evidence that this project benefits the community beyond direct involvement:

- Facilitators have been certified in seven new states, for a total of 12 states, with increases in previous states as well. These facilitators are now equipped to reach youth in their respective communities.
- The prevention team has conducted trainings and presented at several state and national-level conferences this year — reaching a total of 714 professionals working with at risk youth.

Evidence that this project benefits the target constituents:

- Pre-post evaluation of *Not a Number* indicates significant improvement in all areas, including knowledge, attitude, and intent to change behavior. The following excerpt is from the *Not a Number* "Pre-Post Course Evaluation Findings" report developed by UNH.

Love146 is to be commended on including evaluation procedures as part of their curriculum delivery. This is not common for prevention education programs, or for prevention and service delivery fields in general. The process provides evidence of the

commitment that Love146 has to being a learning organization and continually evaluating and improving on the services that they offer youth and victims of trafficking.

The survey results overall indicate that students are successfully learning the information that is being provided to them through the Not a Number prevention curriculum. Some of the key learning successes are evidence that youth have a better understanding of who victims of sex trafficking are, how coercion and grooming occur, and that victimization doesn't mean that there was necessarily force, as a result of program exposure. Overall they also demonstrate a better understanding of warning signs that a relationship may be abusive and a greater likelihood to seek help if they are being hurt or in a risky situation. For example, students reported a greater likelihood of using hotlines if they were in a situation where they needed help.

**See UNH report for additional detail.*

- Additionally, since the program's inception, youth reached through *Not a Number* by Love146 staff have disclosed 286 instances of abuse and exploitation.
- Participants in *Not a Number* Facilitator Certification Trainings have shared:
 - It is very encouraging to see a curriculum like this is out there to bring awareness and prevent our youth from falling victim to such a horrific experience.
 - This was probably the best and most effective training I have attended in a long time. Thank you!
 - Amazing curriculum — excited to begin implementing it at my agency!
 - Great training! Highly enjoyed this training and now I am well prepared to teach the youth about human trafficking and exploitation.
 - I can't wait to run this - it's surely needed and I think it'll be well received. Thank you.
 - Totally awesome — I have already recommended to others! I loved each day of learning!

Evidence of collaboration and partnership:

- Love146's prevention program is built on a foundation of partnership — requiring strong engagement with licensed agencies and facilitators to increase impact. This year, we have initiated or enhanced collaborative relationships with several states, including Minnesota, Texas, and Georgia. These enhancements have led to an increase in facilitator trained (e.g., the Minnesota Department of Health funded the training and certification of 38 facilitators) and/or recognition (e.g., The "Georgia Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Guide," developed by the state of Georgia, listed *Not a Number* as one of seven programs meeting their defined criteria. *Not a Number* is the only child trafficking specific prevention curriculum listed. Twenty-five abuse and exploitation prevention curricula were reviewed.).
- The prevention team has collaborated with a variety of partners, including the City of Houston and Thorn, in order to promote prevention resources online. While final numbers for the #WatchforTraffick campaign will be reported at the end of the campaign next quarter, initial indicators demonstrate strong impact in both Texas and Connecticut.

Empowering Movement: Mobilization

Love146 Mobilization embraces the Love146 philosophy that the end of child trafficking and exploitation will happen when governments, non-government organizations, law enforcement, service providers,

communities of faith, businesses and corporations, and individuals all work together. To that end, Love146 Mobilization has invested significantly in 2016/17 to equip Volunteer Teams in grassroots mobilization and as a department, contribute thoughtful collaboration with government agencies, law enforcement, and like-minded NGOs on mobilization, professional development, and awareness efforts.

Volume

- Active Volunteer Teams: 44
- Professionals trained: 105
- Professionals provided awareness raising: 194

Depth

Evidence that this project benefits the community beyond direct involvement:

Love146 Mobilization has made significant strides to impact the hospitality community in the state of Connecticut and beyond. During this fiscal year, the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Love146, Connecticut Lodging Association, Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the United States Attorney's Office presented hospitality training to 60 properties and 86 hoteliers.

In addition, the Connecticut Lodging Association sent out 7 email blasts to their list-serve of 505 lodging properties with Love146 Mobilization resources (hospitality poster, red flags packet, and contact info for training).

Evidence that this project may benefit the target constituents:

"I attended your presentation with two other colleagues and found ... the presentation (to be) very beneficial. We brought the information back to our counseling office and our director thought it would be great to educate our community."

"On behalf of my staff and organization, I would like to offer a sincere thank you both for a great presentation yesterday. It was very informative and educational. I'm certain that we will apply what we learned from you into our practices with our clients and families."

"Exploring partnerships to combat human trafficking is a very important topic to our committee and to law enforcement in general. The information shared by Love146 was very helpful and demonstrated the important ways that law enforcement and service providers work together to identify and rescue victims as well as investigate and prosecute their exploiters both domestically and internationally."

Evidence of collaboration and partnership:

Love146 trained 105 professionals at the Panel Discussion and CLE on Human Trafficking at the Syracuse University Law School. This was a joint effort between Love146 Mobilization, Love146 Syracuse Volunteer Team member Supreme Court Justice Deborah Karalunas, and New York State Courts. Lawyers and judges from all over central New York gathered at the law school to hear from federal, state, and local officials who are collaborating to end trafficking and exploitation. In addition to raising awareness and providing training, the event led to meaningful opportunities for Mobilization and Prevention Ed to further collaborate with and train youth-serving professionals.

On March 14, 2017 Love146 was listed as an example of Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign partners “who have gone above and beyond to work with the Blue Campaign to combat human trafficking.”

Empowering Movement: Research

Love146 supports research around best practices in prevention and aftercare as a basis for training, equipping of practitioners, and ultimately affecting change in children’s lives.

- The Butterfly Longitudinal Research Project: a 10-year longitudinal research project following the reintegration of a select group of survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking in Cambodia. The research is happening under the direction of Chab Dai in Phnom Penh. Now in Year 8, the research team has gathered data from the participants, and based on that data, produced several thematic papers.

For progress made on this project, the Butterfly team has produced this vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/227716891>

Volume

Individuals/organizations directly impacted:

- Butterfly Longitudinal Research Project – 128 survivors and 15 organizations