Love146 is an international human rights organization based in New Haven, Connecticut, working to end child trafficking and exploitation through survivor care and prevention education.

Love146 provides targeted services to youth who are at high risk for or confirmed survivors of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation. Love146 also offers services to caregivers and providers so that they are better able to support and meet the needs of these youth.

To date, the response to Love146’s Connecticut Survivor Care program has been tremendously positive. As the charts on the following pages indicate, referrals to our Survivor Care program have been rising dramatically since the program’s inception in January, 2014.

Youth receiving Long-Term Therapeutic Case Management are actively engaging in the Survivor Care program, which supports youth to regularly attend school, participate in support services, and remain free from revictimization. After Rapid Responses, youth are reporting learning new information and considering changes in their behaviors to support their safety. Recognizing the need for Love146’s Survivor Care services, The Connecticut Department of Children and Families, other services providers, and the youth themselves have begun asking Love146 to increase our capacity to provide services, especially Long-Term Therapeutic Case Management, to more youth.
Love146’s Long-Term Therapeutic Case Management services are grounded in individual care plans, developed with youth in conjunction with their caregivers and other providers. Through these care plans, Love146 works with youth and their support networks to:

- Identify goals and measurable objectives around safety, emotional well-being, and skill development
- Develop strategies and interventions to anticipate, avoid, and mitigate potential problems
- Access and engage in needed support services

Love146 provides a minimum of 3 hours per week of direct services to youth to help them achieve their care plan goals. Direct services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Skill development
- Education/employment assistance
- Crisis intervention
- Safety planning
- Application assistance
- Appointment accompaniment
- Court/trial preparation/assistance
- Medical support (including information on healthy relationships)

In addition, Love146 participates in case meetings to help inform the services youth receive, and provides support services to caregivers and providers so that they are better able to support and meet the needs of these youth.

“The Survivor Care] program is great for girls and guys like me because IT GIVES US SOMEONE TO TRUST, ESPECIALLY IF WE HAVE BEEN IN THE ‘LIFE,’ AND DON’T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE EMOTIONS THAT BRINGS FORTH. There is no judgment involved, and for that I am extremely grateful.”

Our Survivor Care Services
RAPID RESPONSE SERVICES

Love146’s Rapid Response services take place in a one-on-one setting, providing youth with critical information and safety planning related to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (DMST/CSEC). Topics typically covered during a Rapid Response include the following:

- The realities of DMST/CSEC
- Different recruitment and grooming processes
- Behaviors that increase vulnerabilities
- Healthy relationships
- Internet safety
- Individualized safety planning

Each youth is given a Rapid Response backpack (see below), filled with a range of items youth and service providers have identified as being critical for this population.

Following the Rapid Response, Love146 completes a Rapid Response Summary Form that provides a written overview of what was discussed during the Rapid Response and offers recommendations for follow-up service provision.

CASE CONSULTATION

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

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Love146’s Survivor Care staff provide trainings for professionals likely to encounter youth who are at high-risk for or confirmed survivors of DMST/CSEC. Topics typically covered during professional trainings include the following:

- Definitions and terminology
- Risk factors impacting youth’s vulnerabilities
- Diversity of potential traffickers
- Different recruitment and grooming processes
- Potential indicators/red flags
- Assessment of victimization and needs
- Response to and services available for identified youth
“[Love146] taught me the meaning of self-respect and [Love146] helped me understand that I am very much capable of anything I put my mind to. Not once did [my caseworker] judge me; as a matter of fact, she didn’t even allow me to judge myself...

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT MY WHOLE LIFE WOULD CHANGE JUST BY BEING TOLD THAT I AM MORE THAN JUST A BODY? [My Love146 caseworker] did and I would like to give her special thanks for having faith in me. I would have never found myself if you weren’t part of my life.”
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SURVIVOR CARE PROGRAM DATA

REFERRALS BY QUARTER (N=157)

REFERRALS BY SOURCE (N=156)

DCF REFERRALS BY REGION/OFFICE (N=120)

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*Note, three referrals from DCF originated from central office.
DEMOGRAPHICS OF REFERRALS

**REFERRALS BY AGE (N=148)**

- Age 12 (3%)
- Age 11 (1%)
- Age 13 (8%)
- Age 14 (13%)
- Age 15 (22%)
- Age 16 (22%)
- Age 17 (22%)
- Age 18+ (8%)

*Note: due to rounding percentages do not sum to 100.*

**REFERRALS BY RACE (N=116)**

- Hispanic/Latina 34%
- Caucasian/White Non-Hispanic 26%
- Multiracial 21%
- African American/Black 18%
- Other 2%

*Note: due to rounding percentages do not sum to 100.*

**HISTORY OF REFERRED YOUTH (N=81)**

- Child welfare involvement (prior to current incident)
- Running away/AWOL
- Personal substance use
- Separated or divorced parents
- Mental illness
- Sexual abuse
- Physical neglect
- Juvenile justice involvement (prior to current incident)
- Self-injurious behavior
- Suicidal ideation
- Familial substance abuse
- Emotional neglect
- Special education (IEP/504)
- Domestic violence in the home
- Physical abuse
- Mentally ill/suicidal household/family members
- Incarcerated household member
- Dating violence
- Psychological abuse
- Gang involvement
- Deceased family member (immediate)
- Pregnancy or parenting

*This number represents appropriate referrals for long term and rapid response that were accompanied by completed intake forms.*
LONG-TERM SERVICES PROVIDED

As of 12/31/2015, Love146 has provided long-term services to 12 youth.

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*Indirect service, delivered in conjunction with other providers.

RAPID RESPONSES CONDUCTED BY QUARTER (N=74)

CASE CONSULTATIONS

As of 12/31/15, Love146 has provided case consultation to service providers working with 39 youth, who did not receive either long-term or rapid response services.
“I consider [Love146] one of my biggest supports. Without [my Love146 caseworker] I would have kept [running away] from my group homes and been more at risk.

[MY LOVE146 CASEWORKER] IS SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO WHEN I HAVE THOSE FEELINGS OF WANTING TO DO SOMETHING I KNOW I SHOULDN’T, and she has supported me throughout the last year...I am proud to say that since I’ve met [my Love146 caseworker], I have not [run away] once, because she convinces me not to and always reminds me of the dangers of doing so. Suffice to say I am grateful that [Love146] is in my life.”