

# Seattle City Council Public Safety and Education Committee

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BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR PROSTITUTED YOUTH

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# A little background

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- In 2007 HSD commissioned a report to determine the number of commercially sexually exploited children in our community, and recommendations for improving the response to them.
- The report indicated that 238 distinct sexually exploited youth came through the system in one year
- The report recommendations were vetted by the community.
- The recommendations included developing a residential recovery program for prostituted youth, stakeholder trainings and a community response plan.

# City Prostituted Youth contracts with YouthCare

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- Residential Recovery Program for Prostituted Youth: One year contract from March 15, 2010 through March 14, 2011: \$553K
- Prostituted Youth Advocate (ARRA funds): Funds 1.0 FTE advocate from March 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011: \$105K.

# Funding for the housing & training program

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- Total cost for two years of the enhanced shelter, residential recovery program and training component: \$1,400,000 (approximately)
- Funds committed to date: \$1,155,000
- Need to raise by February 2011: \$245,000

# Funding Sources (22% government)

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● <u>Seattle General Fund</u>	<u>\$150 K</u>
● <u>King County MIDD</u>	<u>\$100 K</u>
● <u>United Way</u>	<u>\$200 K</u>
● <u>Private individual donors</u>	<u>\$440 K</u>
● <u>Public donations</u>	<u>\$ 52 K</u>
● <u>Gates Foundation</u>	<u>\$150 K</u>
● <u>Norcliffe Foundation</u>	<u>\$ 25 K</u>
● <u>NW Children's Fund (pending articles chg)</u>	<u>\$22.5K</u>
● <u>Soroptimists (Seattle)</u>	<u>\$ 5 K</u>
● <u>Women's Funding Alliance</u>	<u>\$ 10 K</u>

# Evaluation of the Housing Component

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- The Washington State Institute for Public Policy will determine if youth who enter the program have a lower rate of criminal justice recidivism than youth with similar backgrounds who do not enter the program.
- A professional evaluator will determine if:
  - Youth who enter the program have decreased mental health and chemical dependency symptoms compared to youth with similar backgrounds who do not enter the program.
  - Youth in the program are able to set and achieve personal goals

# Housing Program Expenses

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## YouthCare's one year contract:

# Non-contracted expenses

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- **Evaluation:**
  - WA State Instituted for Public Policy: \$25K (3 year total)
  - Applied Inference evaluator: \$40K (2-3 year total)
- **Stakeholder Training**
  - Stakeholder training \$40K (2 year total)

# Program Update

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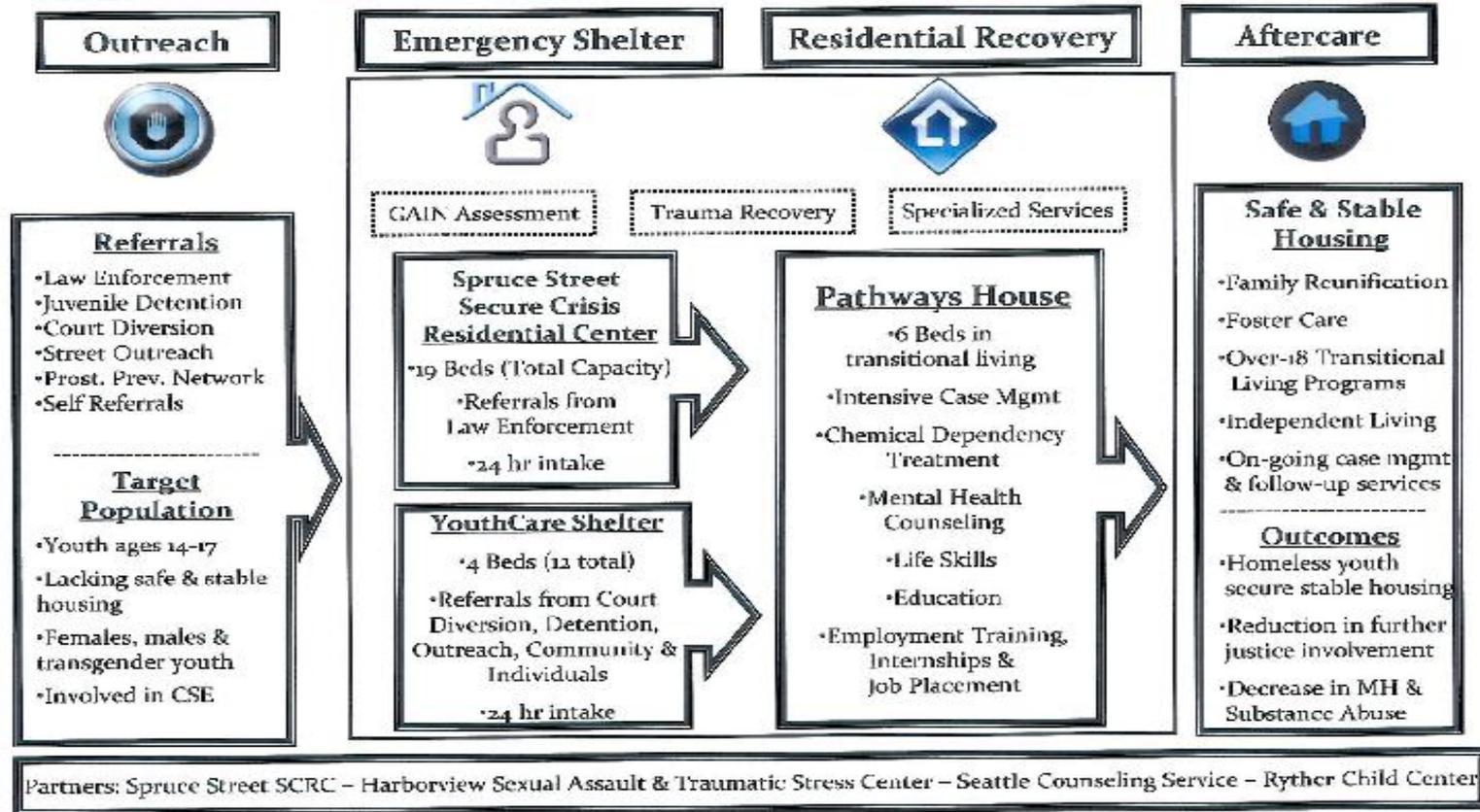
- Status of the Enhanced Shelter and Residential Recovery Program
  - Staff hiring
    - ✦ Associate Director (Program Director)
    - ✦ Case manager
    - ✦ Youth Counselors
    - ✦ Community (prostituted youth) advocate
    - ✦ Mental Health Counselor
    - ✦ Substance Abuse Counselor
    - ✦ Training Coordinator
    - ✦ Data Manager

# Facility Security Upgrades

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- Meetings with Seattle Police Department
- New security panel
- Upgraded cameras
- Window and door upgrades
- Panic buttons – panic room
- Staff safety planning
- Other

## YouthCare Intervention Model for Young Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation



# Trauma Informed Milieu

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- What does this mean?
- Why this model?
- How staff have been trained
- How it looks and feels to the youth

# How it's working

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- Client referrals
- How clients are screened and assessed for entry
- Purpose and use of the enhanced shelter program
- Number of youth entered into the program to-date
- Problems encountered

# Advisory Committee

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- Committee formed to assist YouthCare with the development and assessment of the program
- Members are from the Seattle Police Department, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Harborview, City Council, Powerful Voices, DSHS, Northwest Network, the Defender Association, King County Department of Youth Services, etc.
- Meet monthly with YouthCare leadership to provide advice, guidance and support

# Comprehensive Stakeholder Training

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The concept is to offer a standardized training to all stakeholders (criminal justice, provider agencies, DSHS, school employees, youth detention workers, etc.) over a two year period.

- Training schedule is under development
- A number of trainings have already been conducted

# Community Response Planning

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Concept: in 3 to 5 years Seattle/King County and possibly other counties will have a coordinated response to:

- provide safety and support to victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and
- To hold offenders (pimps and johns) accountable

Stakeholder event planned for late August or early September

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