

APPENDIX

Pathways to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children – A Life Course Perspective General In-depth Qualitative Interview Questions

We are talking to young people to learn about their experiences in their own words. This is a time when you can talk about your life--- the good and bad and what you want for the future. Your life story and your thoughts and suggestions will be confidential but your experiences and ideas will help others learn from you so kids growing up today can have a better life—especially when they are trying to survive life (on the streets). I have some questions I plan to ask but mostly want to hear your story the way you want to tell it.

1. Please tell me the top three most important things about your life as it is now.
2. Tell me about the most recent good day you had...
3. Tell me about the most recent bad day you had...
4. Tell me about the first time you ran away or left home.
5. Tell me about the last time you ran away or left home.
6. What are the most important parts of your life story that shaped you into who you are today?
7. Now taking us up to the present day, do you have a (romantic) relationship with someone you feel emotionally and/or physically close to? Tell me about it (or the most recent relationship)
8. We are interested in teens' day to day lives. What happens on a "normal" or "typical" day for you these days?
9. How often have you been in a situation where you didn't know where you were going to stay or where you were going to get your next meal? What did you do?
10. How do you get stuff—get the things you want?
11. People have different ways of making it in the world and of getting things they want. Have you ever traded sex to get something you wanted? What happened?
12. Has anyone ever forced you to give sex for money or other goods? What happened?
(alternate question if has not happened to interviewee): Do you know anyone who has done this? What happened?
 - a. When you trade sex or sexual activity which of types of sexual activities have you been involved in?
 - b. Was there a time when you started trading sex or sexual activity for money or other things more and more? How old were you? What led to this? What happened?
 - c. Have you thought about leaving or moving on? Getting out? Why?
 - d. If you did leave or move on, what do you see happening?
 - e. Do you know someone who has left or moved on? How did it go for them?
13. Are there times when you feel unsafe or frightened?
 - a. What do you do? When was the last time you felt safe?
14. Are there things that you feel strong or healthy about?
 - a. What makes you feel strong or healthy?
15. Where do you want to be next year at this time? Five years from now?
16. In the past year have you gone to a doctor or a health clinic? (NO—skip to next Q). Tell me about going there, how did you hear about it/ select this place to go to and what was that experience like?

17. Was there a time in the past year you needed to see a health care provider and you didn't go? Why not? What kind of help did you need? What would make it more likely you would go?
18. What has your interaction been with police?
 - a. How should the police treat people your age?
19. Young people sometimes go to youth drop in centers, community centers, shelters, counselors or calling hotlines-- Have you been to or used youth drop in centers, community centers, shelters, counselor or called a hotline? When was the last time you went to or used one of these?
20. If you see yourself needing help where do you go?
21. Here is a list of types of people and types of programs. Please tell me if any of the following have been helpful, made no difference, or made things worse?
 - a. Someone in your neighborhood?
 - b. A teacher?
 - c. Someone at a school you attended?
 - d. Someone in a recreation program or community center?
 - e. A counselor or therapist?
 - f. A social worker?
 - g. A health care worker or doctor?
 - h. A police officer?
 - i. A probation officer?
 - j. A lawyer?
 - k. A minister or clergy?
 - l. A friend?
 - m. A family member?
 - n. Some other person who was helpful in your life?
 - o. Was there anything else in your life that was helpful?
22. Have you talked to any of these people about (*prostitution—other issues raised*)? What did they say? What did they do? How did this help or make things worse?
23. What (if anything) do you think you need right now to make life better for you?
24. What would you recommend to someone your age or younger who is following in your footsteps?
25. Is there anything else you feel it is important for us to know about that we did not talk about? What?