



Monday, Sept 18th

PLAZA 3

2:00pm-3:00pm

## About the Workshop

This presentation will highlight the Community Response Model (CRM) and provide a deeper understanding around the importance of community collaboration while working with youth at risk of or engaged in commercial sexual exploitation. Over the last 5 years, agencies and systems have been working together to develop a collaborative response to sexual exploitation in the city of Calgary. The CRM is designed to integrate the identification, intervention and case management processes of government systems (child intervention, police, and health) and community agencies into a single wraparound response model that provides a continuum of care for at-risk and sexually exploited youth. Through the CRM partners have discovered practical methods of engaging youth within a variety of programs. This is done primarily by creating a conducive environment that allows youth to access and utilize the appropriate community supports while reducing their overall risk of sexual exploitation. Participants will have the opportunity to think outside the box of typical community collaboration and will hear about the importance and impact of serving and supporting youth at risk of sexual exploitation through collaboration, compassion and consistency. Participants will also spend time learning more about the CRM and how the implementation of this streamlined approach has increased our ability to respond to sexual exploitation through the inclusion of practices such as the Community Collaboration Team (CCT), increased collaboration within systems and the identification of resources working specifically within this population.

## About the Presenter

### Kara Boyd, BHsc, Addiction Counselling

Kara Boyd works for Alberta Health Services, Youth Substance Use and Mental Health Services as an Addiction and Mental Health counsellor on the Community Outpatient team. Kara's current role is based full-time out of Hull Services supporting the Secure Services Program, Reflections Program (Protection of Sexual Exploited Youth Protective Safe House), and the Stepping Stones and Track-Young People's Lodge programs, both Therapeutic Campus Based Care programs. Kara works in collaboration with the clinical team and front-line staff, to provide ongoing assessment and treatment planning and discharge/safety planning prior to youth returning to the community. Kara has been working with high risk youth for the past 18 years through a harm reduction lens, collaborating with community support in hopes to provide safety and connections for the youth she serves.

### Bree McClellan, BSCT, CYCC

Bree McClellan works for McMan Youth, Family and Community Services as the Coordinator for the COPE (Collaborative Outreach Preventing Exploitation) Program. She has been working within the field of supporting at risk youth for the past 15 years and has done extensive work around creating collaborative communities, engaging systems in harm reduction practices, and mobilizing natural supports to support youth involved in sexual exploitation. Through ongoing collaboration, consistency amongst systems and community engagement, Bree has been part of the implementation of the Community Collaboration Team which seeks to increase supports, safety and connection for youth that are experiencing risks of sexual exploitation.

### Santana Moradel, CCYCC - Level III Counsellor Reflections - Hull Services

Santana Moradel is a Level III Child & Youth Care Counselor who has spent over 10 years working in a confined setting with youth who have been sexually exploited. She has also worked collaboratively with other local agencies through her participation with the Community Collaboration Team.