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“NCOSE is the only organization of its kind. Weekly multiple successes brings healing and love to places where before there was only abuse. This organization pursues a non-shaming approach to changing the lives of people affected by pornography and all sexual exploitation.”

— MICHAEL CROGHAN, NCOSE SUPPORTER



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Dear Friend of NCOSE,

Do you feel it? The same urgency I have to stop the wave of sexual exploitation sweeping our nation?

If there is a bottom to our culture's ocean of sexual toxicity we've not found it yet. We can't just stand by while our world sinks deeper and deeper into this septic abyss. We must engage with the culture in ways that inspire, bring hope, and produce meaningful change.

This is where the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) works. Every day, we work to create a world free from sexual abuse and exploitation. We devise strategies and campaigns to hold policymakers and corporate executives accountable, spur them to action, and yield powerful results.

This year NCOSE is especially proud of its achievements with Instagram, Snapchat, Netflix, and Comcast. Our dialogue with these corporate giants continues. Much progress has already been achieved and they are still listening and improving! We've made your voices heard and they're making changes.

Not resting on these achievements, NCOSE hosted the *Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit* in July. Coupled with our second annual *Day on the Hill*, which unleashed an army of advocates on Capitol Hill, the momentum we have is palpable. We've heard from attendees who returned to their communities energized and inspired to continue confronting sexual abuse and exploitation issues.

NCOSE's *Day on the Hill* set the stage for the roll out of the #FixAppRatings campaign. In partnership with key allies, NCOSE worked with members of Congress to instigate a Senate hearing. Before a packed hearing room, social media giants were taken to task for their failure to protect children from exposure to explicit and harmful content on Internet platforms. As we move into 2020, NCOSE will keep the pressure on Congress and Big Tech.

What's more, the NCOSE Law Center is ramping up major new initiatives. In January we hired Benjamin Bull, a man with an inspiring career and prestigious legacy in the fight against obscenity. Ben and our expanding legal team are hard at work on new model laws and laying the ground work to defend FOSTA-SESTA—critical legislation curbing online sex trafficking that NCOSE helped pass—in federal court.

Yes, the tasks before us are daunting and the challenges formidable. But, as the saying goes, "Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." As disheartening as the challenges appear, this work is meaningful and successes swell our collective hearts with endurance.

Thank you for making the journey with us—we couldn't do this work without you. Together we will press on and rise up on the palisades of promise and hope.

On behalf of a world free from sexual abuse and exploitation...

Sincerely,



Patrick A. Trueman
President & CEO
National Center on Sexual Exploitation

2019 Victories & Highlights



2019 Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit

The 2019 CESE Summit brought together **600 leaders in-person from 15 countries**, with more than 37,000 joining online, for the annual meeting of the movement to end sexual exploitation. During the Day on the Hill, we reached every single member of Congress with a message about key policy improvements to defend human dignity. Join us next year: EndExploitationSummit.com

Critical Legislation to Stop Child Sex Trafficking

Currently, **men who buy a child for sex in 20 states** can get away with it by simply saying they didn't know the child was underage. NCOSE's Law Center has drafted model state legislation to hold sex buyers accountable when they purchase trafficked children for sex so that loopholes can be closed and perpetrators of sexual exploitation can be held accountable for their crimes.



Instagram Takes Step Forward Against Pornography, Sex Trafficking, & Grooming for Abuse

72% of America's teens are on this social media platform and many of them experience sexual harassment, pornography exposure abuse, and solicitations for sex from strangers with little help from Instagram—until now. We met with and have had ongoing dialogue with Instagram regarding concerns about grooming for sexual abuse, sex trafficking, child sexual abuse images (i.e. child pornography), and more on their platform. They have promised continued collaboration on solutions for digital safety and wellbeing of their young users. NCOSE has also leveraged Instagram as a means for educating the public on the dangers of sexual exploitation to the tune of over 85,000 Impressions with Instagram users directly on the platform itself.



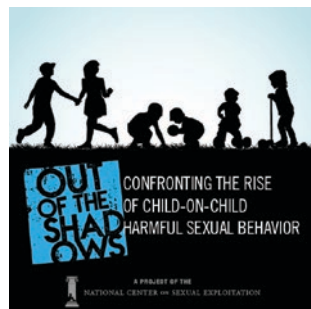
Preparing Multiple Lawsuits Against the Kingpins of Sexual Exploitation

NCOSE launched a project to match victims of sexual abuse with plaintiffs lawyers for the purpose of filing litigation against the sexual exploitation industry, specifically focused on bringing justice for those deeply hurt by pornography, sex trafficking, and child sexual abuse. **Our goal is to cripple the pro-exploitation industry** and bring it to its knees, much like what happened with Big Tobacco. As a part of our continuing efforts to educate the public, the video underscoring the pressing need for our increased Law Center efforts gained traction on social media where it was seen nearly 30,000 times.

Netflix Finally Improves Content Controls for Parents, Still Needs to Improve Content



After 10,397 emails were sent to Netflix by grassroots supporters through NCOSE's campaign to demand that Netflix institute better parental controls and content warnings on their platform with nearly **150 million subscribers**, they took a step forward! Parental controls have improved so that 4-digit pin codes used to block certain shows or ratings remain consistent across Profiles, thereby closing a loophole where children could accidentally access sexually graphic content. Further, there are now warnings at the beginning of every show about exactly what kind of content will be present. On the heels of this important victory, our campaign against this media giant continues as 9 out of 10 Netflix Originals contain full nudity or graphic sex scenes.



Shedding Light on Child-on-child Harmful Sexual Behavior

One-third of child sexual abuse reports list another child as the abuser, but we know the number of cases of child-on-child sexual abuse is much bigger than that. In March, NCOSE hosted a packed national symposium at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.. NCOSE is the only organization bringing together hundreds of key stakeholders—from social workers, educators, government officials, law enforcement, psychologists, to other child safety experts—in order to better unify efforts addressing this complex issue. These efforts are increasingly crucial as pornography continues to influence children's behavior at even younger ages as the average age of pornography exposure creeps lower and lower.



15 States Have Now Passed Resolutions on the Public Health Harms of Pornography

The NCOSE-authored resolution declaring pornography to be a public health crisis has passed in **Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia**. As more efforts are underway to do the same in other states, NCOSE’s Law Center has drafted more model legislation to help build on this momentum to combat pornography!

Furthering Research on Sex Buyers

NCOSE participated in a **ground-breaking research study** on sex buyers in Germany. This study will help shed light on the root cause of sex trafficking and prostitution—the individuals who purchase sex—and will provide key data on the connections between sex trafficking and pornography.

Legislation Recognizing the Link Between Drugs and Sex Trafficking

In light of the nation’s opioid epidemic, as well as the link between human trafficking and drug addiction, NCOSE is pushing Congress and others to pass legislation that would criminalize the **use of drugs to facilitate human trafficking**. We are actively working with Senator Sherrod Brown’s (D-OH) office who introduced the legislation with the “Protecting Rights of Those Exploited by Coercive Trafficking (PROTECT) Act” in July.

Holding the Line Against the Full Decriminalization of Prostitution & the Skyrocketing of Sex Trafficking Around America

Currently there is a nationwide, state-by-state pro-prostitution effort to fully decriminalize prostitution by removing all laws or regulation around buying sex, selling sex, pimping, brothel keeping, etc. While this is a well-funded effort by the porn and sex industries, NCOSE has assisted in holding the line so that the **seven states** that have faced proposed legislation have refrained from passing what undoubtedly would have given rise to explosive growth in sex trafficking and the entire commercial sexual exploitation industry.



Sent 150+ advocates to Capitol Hill in July and Attended High Level Meetings at White House, DOJ, FBI, HHS, Department of State, and More

NCOSE is aggressively pushing its **21-point federal policy agenda** titled “The Freedom from Sexploitation Agenda,” and it is already finding a lot of support among key leaders in the federal government. No other entity is working a strategy like this! We are making your voices heard.



Senate Hearing, Resolutions on Digital Safety for Children

Studies are showing that **90% of children** know how to use smart devices by the age of two, yet there are very few regulations in place protecting children in the digital space. As a part of our campaign to #FixAppRatings and hold Big Tech accountable for digital safety, NCOSE helped instigate the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold a hearing in July. With twelve senators and a packed room, the topic of “Protecting Innocence in a Digital World” was discussed in order to talk about the predatory targeting, grooming, sex trafficking, hardcore pornography, and more that makes up the experience of so many young users of social media and apps. This has led to strengthened bipartisan allies in Congress, and includes ongoing meetings with staff members to circulate resolutions and letters that put pressure on Big Tech to change in favor of young users.



Snapchat Progress on Pornography and Sexual Harassment

Snapchat—one of the most popular apps for tweens and teens as 90% of its **310 million monthly active** users are 13-24 years old—is a photo sharing app that is often used to share pornography or to advertise sex trafficked and prostituted victims because of the fact that photos will “disappear” after a few moments. We brought these concerns, and many more, to Snapchat headquarters in Washington D.C.. While we cannot share many details right now, Snapchat told us “We are currently working with our internal teams to make progress in many of the areas you identify.”

Law Center

The Voice for Human Dignity in Our Courts and Legislatures

It's time for a national legal strategy to defend human dignity.

Until now, there has been no voice in the courts and legislatures advocating for human dignity against all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation. In the vacuum of a national legal strategy on these issues, pro-sexual exploitation lobbyists have stepped in to promote radical and damaging legislation and legal precedents in favor of pornography, prostitution, sexual grooming of children for abuse, sex trafficking, and more.

What the Law Center Does

The NCOSE Law Center is an advocate to intervene in key, precedent-setting cases and speaks up in state and federal legislatures to impact policy for those who don't have a voice.

The NCOSE Law Center empowers citizens to improve their states and communities through model legislation on issues like pornography, illicit massage parlors, combating the demand for sex trafficking and prostitution, and more.

The NCOSE Law Center also mentors and equips future lawyers and trains prosecutors to ensure a future generation of legal advocates who know how to best help victims and shape legislation that respects human safety and flourishing.

Learn more at
EndSexualExploitation.org/Law

A Proven Track Record

■ **Victory Against Grooming Tactics of Child Abusers** – The NCOSE Law Center authored a key amicus brief for the Georgia Supreme Court in a case involving a child predator who claimed a constitutional right to find children online and talk to them about sex in an arousing and exploitive manner. Our legal brief helped convince the Georgia Supreme Court to rule against the child predator. The court upheld that obscene Internet contact with a minor is not “free speech”—it is child abuse.

■ **Stopping Pro-Sexual Exploitation Lobbyists** – The NCOSE Law Center filed an amicus brief at the Ninth Circuit to combat a lawsuit that claimed prostitution is protected under the right to privacy and so should be fully decriminalized—meaning there should be no laws or regulation of it at all. We knew that the undergirding legal arguments had the potential to decimate the ability for law enforcement to investigate sex trafficking cases across nearly 20% of our nation. We won and the case was struck down.

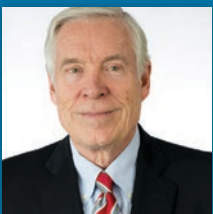
■ **Federal Anti-Trafficking Legislation** – The NCOSE Law Center played an instrumental role in helping to pass groundbreaking anti-sex trafficking legislation known as FOSTA-SESTA. This legislation amended the Communications Decency Act to enable victims of sex trafficking to bring civil suits against the operators of online platforms (websites) that facilitate their exploitation. This landmark legislation is now under legal threat in federal court, and NCOSE's Law Center is already working to develop the legal strategy to ensure that the vital gains of the hard-fought passage FOSTA-SESTA are preserved.

■ **Legal and Subject Matter Expertise** – NCOSE's legal and subject matter expertise is sought out by legislators and advocates from across the country and around the world. With decades of experience and expertise at its on our side, NCOSE is able to offer guidance, strategies, and opinion that influence policy and law on a diverse range of topics.

■ **Policy and Advocacy** – The NCOSE Law Center developed the Freedom from Sexploitation Agenda which is a multi-point policy document providing powerful recommendations to the U.S. Congress and executive branch for combating sexual exploitation and protecting human rights. With the Freedom from Sexploitation Agenda as our policy blueprint, the Law Center engages in advocacy with federal lawmakers and bureaucrats to reform existing laws, pass new legislation when necessary, and foster policy change within the federal bureaucracy.



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Changing Policies that Foster Sexual Exploitation

Policies matter.

When the laws fail to adequately hold pornographers, pimps, sex buyers, and child abusers accountable, it leaves our communities vulnerable. And when mainstream corporations normalize pornography, prostitution, sex dolls and more, it exposes more individuals to harm and coarsens the culture's sense of right, wrong, and justice regarding sexual exploitation.

For these reasons, NCOSE realized a multi-pronged policy advocacy approach—improving both public and private policies—is vital to shift the culture to recognize and respect human dignity. With every policy NCOSE changes, hundreds, thousands, or millions of people are impacted and the societal understanding of what sexual exploitation is, and whether or not it could be tolerated, improves.



#FIXAPPRATINGS
CREATING SAFER DIGITAL
PLACES FOR KIDS

Dirty Dozen List

In 2019, the Dirty Dozen List—which names 12 mainstream contributors to sexual exploitation—helped lead to policy improvements at Comcast and Netflix; and grassroots activists participated by sending over 60,000 emails to these and other entities.

Protecting Children Online

NCOSE is launching private policy activism, meeting with executives at Google, Instagram, Snapchat and more, alongside public policy advocacy, creating model filtering legislation through the NCOSE Law Center in order to protect kids online.

Sexual Harassment on Transportation

NCOSE has assisted in editing and drafting portions of legislation relating to sexual harassment in transportation, including public pornography-use, and has also promoted the Fly Free campaign to improve policies across airlines.

COALITION
TO END
SEXUAL
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Above. Educating activists on key topics for policy advocacy.

Below. Speaking with Senator Mike Lee.



Above. NCOSE executives and Allied Survivor leader meeting with Instagram.



Above. Senate hearing on protecting children online.



Left. NCOSE Law Center testifying in Washington DC against the full decriminalization of prostitution.

Leading the Movement for Human Dignity

In a culture that is polarized on nearly every major issue, it is vital to promote unity in order to achieve effectiveness.

This is why, for nearly a decade, NCOSE has led efforts to galvanize the movement for freedom from sexual exploitation. NCOSE works to break down silos by bringing organizations and experts from different fields, political ideologies, and religious beliefs together. The Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation is a loose-knit partnership of more than 300 organizations. Led by NCOSE, this Coalition not only connects people of diverse viewpoints and expertise (from direct service providers, to policy analysts, and everything in between), but it also leverages these connections to foster better education and united action.



Above. Eleanor Gaetan, Ph.D. – NCOSE's new Senior Advisor for Public Policy



Overwhelming but in a good way, this is one of the most well-organized, informative, and empowering events I have ever been to.

— MARIECHIEN DU PLESSIS,
CENTRE AGAINST SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION
SOUTH AFRICA



Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation (CESE) Global Summit

The 2019 CESE Summit brought together 600 leaders in-person from 15 countries, with more than 37,000 joining online, for the annual meeting of the movement to end sexual exploitation.

Collaborative Task Forces

To amplify limited resources, NCOSE spearheads task forces comprised of survivors, academics, medical professionals, and experts on topics like the public health harms of pornography and child-on-child sexual abuse.

Strategic Partnerships

NCOSE regularly leads or partners in campaigns buoyed by collaboration from coalition members. This includes efforts from #FixAppRatings on Capitol Hill, to Super Bowl awareness campaigns, and collaborations to change laws in Nevada to no longer allow legal brothels.



Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You provided an opportunity for me that was not only informative, but healing.

— VICKI JACKSON,
LIGHTHOUSE FOR LIFE



COALITION TO
END SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION
**GLOBAL
SUMMIT**
2019

The summit helps you see beyond far beyond your own efforts to end sexual exploitation. It allows you to understand your part of the puzzle and how to support others in their efforts. The summit increases the power of individual organizations and makes things happen on a grand scale that otherwise would seem impossible.

— MARILYN EVANS,
PARENTS AWARE INFO



I am grateful beyond words that I had the honor and privilege to join this amazing Summit! Working with trafficking survivors daily can be a heavy task, and we often feel isolated in the work we do so I felt so understood and it was so good to hear others share similar challenges and highlights! I am recharged and have so many ideas on what to implement at the safe house and I know that we will be so much better for it! Thank you from the bottom of my grateful heart!!

— JUANITA VAN HEERDEN,
DIRECTOR, S-CAPE - SAFE HOUSE FOR
VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



My eyes were opened to more of the tangential causes and indirect effects of exploitation, broader than just exploitation through trafficking.

— ANONYMOUS



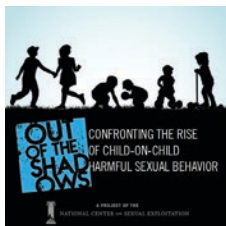
The ability to network and learn effective strategies and techniques from other organizations will make my work even more impactful in the Richland County and the state as a whole. The practical skills I learned are guaranteed to improve my performance. [The Summit] allows me to continue making great contributions in the lives of the guardians, families and child victims I serve daily.

— ALEXIS SCURRY, RICHLAND COUNTY
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Educating & Equipping the Public

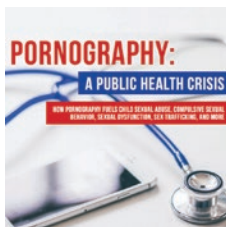
Too many people feel powerless and voiceless.

To change this, NCOSE equips individuals and families with the resources they need to protect themselves and heal after sexual exploitation and pornography impacts them. NCOSE also equips the public with research that empowers them to become advocates themselves, also providing opportunities to take action every week to make an impact either in their own communities or on the nation.



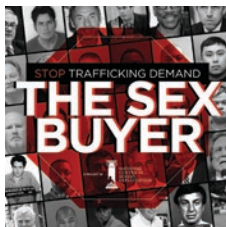
Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse

Tragically, the crime of child-on-child harmful sexual behavior is growing, in large part due to pornography, so NCOSE hosted a Symposium in March to educate over 250 people in-person, as well as hundreds more via a live stream, ranging from social workers, educators, government officials, law enforcement, psychologists, and other child safety experts.



Public Health Harms of Pornography

NCOSE is leading the charge in calling for a public health approach to combating the harms of pornography, equipping the public with resources to protect and heal their families from pornography, including easy-to-digest research through a revamped multi-media platform to be launched in 2020.



Combating the Demand for Sex Trafficking

NCOSE has raised awareness about the need to stop sex buyers from purchasing people, both during the Super Bowl and year-round, and now gives individuals a chance to get involved through NCOSE's model legislation on child sex trafficking age defense laws.

Right. NCOSE staff and allies raising awareness about combatting the demand for sex trafficking and prostitution on Capitol Hill.

Far Right. NCOSE staff and allies meeting with Ambassador John Richmond.







EXPOSING THE CONNECTIONS

*Sex
Trafficking*

*Male Sexual
Exploitation*

Pornography

Prostitution

*Violence
Against
Women*

*Child
Sexual
Abuse*

*Sexual
Addictions &
Compulsivity*

*Sexualization
of Children*

Objectification

*Child Sexual
Abuse Images
(Child Pornography)*

Sexting



The Intersection of Child-on-Child Harmful Sexual Behavior and Pornography

NCOSE is deeply committed to combating the incidence of child-on-child harmful sexual behavior (COCHSB). Our concern stems, in part, from a 2017 investigation by the Associated Press which revealed roughly 17,000 official reports of sexual assaults by students in K-12 schools from fall 2011 to spring 2015.¹ The AP report also found that sexual assaults occurring on school property were *seven times more likely to be child-on-child than adult-on-child*.² Schools are actually the No. 2 setting where COCHSB is likely to happen. The No. 1 site where children sexually harm other children—at home.³

These figures by no means reflect the scale of the problem. Children often do not tell adults about these incidents out of confusion, fear, or threats. Likewise, families confronted with COCHSB occurring in the home are unlikely to report out of concerns that a child may be labeled a sex offender, and even incarcerated. Further, many states don't require schools to keep track of COCHSB occurring on school property. Shockingly, there are no national requirements requiring elementary and secondary schools track or report cases of COCHSB.

Importantly, there are distinctions between the developmentally appropriate types of sexual play which may occur between children, and those which are not. Developmentally appropriate sexual play among children is characterized by curiosity about sexual body parts and behavior; is unplanned and intermittent; involves children of similar ages, size, and development levels; and is agreed to by both children. It is not marked by fear, anger, strong anxiety, coercion, force, or aggression of any kind.

So what do cases of harmful and/or abusive child-on-child sexual behavior look like?

- Two seventh-grade boys forced to perform sex acts on other boys in the locker room of their school after weeks of harassment.
- A six-year-old girl groped in the classroom reading corner and threatened with death if she told.
- A 13-year-old boy using his smart phone to show his 9- and 7-year-old brothers pornography.
- Dozens of students at a high school trading naked pictures of themselves. Students used a

¹ Robin McDowell, Reese Dunklin, Emily Schmall, and Justin Pritchard, "AP Uncovers 17,000 Reports of Sexual Assaults at Schools Across US," Boston Globe (May 1, 2017); <https://www.boston.com/news/national-news/2017/05/01/ap-uncovers-17000-reports-of-sexual-assaults-at-schools-across-us> (accessed August 29, 2019).

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

Sexting

competitive point system assigning different point values to the images of different students. Students who collected naked photographs gained points by adding “high value” images to their collection. The boy with the largest collection of images was referred to by one student as, “the pimp of pictures.”

- A teenage girl repeatedly touching the genitals of her younger sister.
- An adolescent girl being secretly filmed while showering and changing clothes by her older brother. He shared the videos with his friends.
- A 17-year-old girl arranging the sale of other teen girls to older men for sex.
- A 17-year-old boy sending coercive sexts to a 15-year-old autistic girl pressing her to “Send nudes” and “Hook up.”
- The scenarios go on and on. So, too, do COCHSBs intersections with sexual harassment, sexting, grooming, dating violence, incest, pornography, and even prostitution. And, while we know that most children who engage in harmful sexual behaviors do not go on to become adult sexual offenders, the harm done to other children and families (on both sides of the behavior) is often deep and enduring.

Researchers investigating COCHSB have recognized several factors that may play a causal role. These

include, but are not limited to, jealous anger, anxiety, poor social relations, as well as abuse and neglect, domestic violence exposure, sexual victimization, *early exposure to pornography*, *higher rates of exposure to pornography*, and *atypical sexual interests*.⁴

At NCOSE we take special notice of the role of pornography plays in fueling COCHSB. With minors accessing and consuming pornography like never before, pornography is shaping children’s sexual templates and, as research has shown, may serve as a script for sexual behavior. Moreover, the Internet easily introduces children to a world of fetishized pornography that includes themes like sex with children and animals, incest, sexual assault, and painful and degrading sexual acts, thereby laying the ground work for development of “atypical sexual interests.”

The phenomenon of COCHSB is just one more reason why NCOSE takes on the challenge of fighting the public health crisis of pornography. **It’s also why we launched an Out of the Shadows campaign to shed light on this under-acknowledged issue of sexual exploitation and abuse.** We continue to work to equip those who work with children with the necessary information to recognize and respond appropriately to COCHSB, and highlighting the connection between COCHSB and pornography in the pernicious web of sexual abuse and exploitation.



4 See the National Center on Sexual Exploitation’s “Confronting the Rise of Child-on-Child Harmful Sexual Behavior Research Summary.” https://endsexualexploitation.org/wp-content/uploads/COCSA_Research-Summary_FINAL_3-12-19-1.pdf Atypical sexual interests includes sex with animals, incest, pedophilia, sexual violence, and paraphilias.

Inextricably Linked: The Connection Between Sex Trafficking and Prostitution

As advocates for abolition of sexual exploitation, NCOSE believes that people are not products and sex is not work. We therefore oppose the commodification of sex.

Recognizing the physical harm and psychological trauma inflicted by prostitution on those sold and trafficked within it, NCOSE advocates for legal approaches to prostitution which criminalize both those who purchase people for sex, as well as those who profit from facilitating prostitution. Simultaneously, we support prostitution legal frameworks which do not criminalize victims, but rather provide robust social services to promote their exit from systems of sexual exploitation.

What follows is a breakdown of how prostitution and sex trafficking intersect.

Prostitution and Sex Trafficking: Inextricably Linked

- The prostitution marketplace is the context in which sex trafficking occurs. The prostitution marketplace consists of all venues where people are sold for sex including the pornography industry, illicit massage parlors, strip clubs, brothels, as well as street- and cyber-based prostitution (e.g., prostitution advertising websites, live-steaming/webcamming, social media apps), etc.
- When the prostitution marketplace is legitimized by either the legalization or full decriminalization of prostitution (in which sex selling and buying, pimping/trafficking, and brothel-keeping are decriminalized), it normalizes the sex trade.
- This normalization results in more men buying more people for sex. Their choice to buy sex creates the demand for a supply of available persons to buy for sexual use. Since there will never be a sufficient supply of people available for sexual purchase, sex trafficking represents the system created to fill the “product” supply gap.
- Pimps and sex traffickers are functional equivalents. Laws criminalizing these sexual offenders must be maintained.
- Sex buyers use sex trafficked and other persons in prostitution interchangeably, making no distinction

between who is trafficked and who is not.

- Whether sex trafficked or not, people consumed in the prostitution marketplace suffer the same types of wide-ranging physical and psychological harms.

Legalized and Fully Decriminalized Prostitution Unleash Demand

- Legalization and full decriminalization of prostitution (i.e., removal of laws criminalizing all aspects of adult prostitution) unleash the demand for paid sex, thereby creating “on ramps” to sexual trauma and accelerating the exploitation of vulnerable persons by the normalization and expansion of the sex trade.
- An analysis of 116 countries found that legalized prostitution leads to an expansion of prostitution, increasing human trafficking inflows.⁵
- Legalized prostitution in Nevada has led to an increase in the state’s sex trade. Adjusted for population, Nevada’s sex trade is 63% higher than the next highest state of New York and double that of Florida.⁶
- The lack of laws controlling indoor prostitution in Rhode Island (1980-2009) impeded police investigations by preventing them from arresting pimps, traffickers, and sex buyers, and created a “zone of impunity” for sex traffickers.⁷

Intersectionality

- The majority of the persons caught up in the system of prostitution suffer from acute vulnerabilities and marginalization having experienced sexual abuse, foster care, homelessness, economic insecurity, or being children, immigrant or indigenous minority women, refugees, persons of color, learning disabled, or transgender persons.
- Legalization and full decriminalization of prostitution give society’s assent to the sexual exploitation and trafficking of individuals from minority groups who already suffer from lives of political, social, and economic marginalization.
- There is no such thing as “safe” prostitution.

It is vital to recognize these realities in order to stand firm for the abolition of all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse.

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The Seamless Connections Between All Forms of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

While the National Center on Sexual Exploitation carries on in the tradition of those who pioneered before us, today our mission is decidedly larger. Our more than 55-year history has given us a unique, panoramic perspective that has enabled us to see that sexual exploitation is not one issue—it is many issues, overlapping and feeding into one another with devastating results.

Social problems like sex trafficking, sexual assaults, child abuse, pornography addiction, and dissolutions

of marriages do not occur in a vacuum, and are not limited by partisan lines. In order to dismantle the tangled web of sexual exploitation, we must understand this intersectionality to create holistic solutions to end exploitation and change our cultural narrative around sexuality and relationships to respect the human dignity of every individual.

We work for a world free from sexual exploitation in all its forms.

Pornography: erotic material depicting nudity or sex acts intended to excite, which often corrodes relationships, hijacks the brain, and fosters sexual violence and exploitation, and fuels a public health crisis.

Sexualization of Children: a trend in society and pornography to eroticize minors, to label sexually exploited minors as “child/teen prostitutes,” and to normalize statutory rape.

Child Sexual Abuse: a broad term encompassing any sexual contact between an adult and a child, the exposure of children to pornography, and child-on-child sexual abuse.

Violence Against Women: an outgrowth of male sexual entitlement, sexual harassment and abuses occur in all sectors of society and are normalized by pop culture.

Sexting: the sending or receiving of sexual messages, images, or videos via technology, practiced by minors and adults alike, which inherently causes vulnerability to sexual extortion, “revenge” pornography, and has spurred the rise of self-produced child pornography.

Child Sexual Abuse Images (Child Pornography): a form of pornography that amounts to crime scene evidence of child sexual abuse, fuels the demand for child abuse, and normalizes predatory attitudes towards children.

Image-Based Sexual Abuse: a range of abusive practices that involve the non-consensual creation and/or distribution of sexual images such as “upskirting,” “sexualized photoshopping,” “spy-camming,” often involving sexual extortion or other forms of abuse.

Objectification: an act of perceiving/treating a person as a mere instrument which can be used, manipulated, or controlled for sexual pleasure, often occurring visually through pop culture, magazines, advertisements, movies, and pornography.

Sex Trafficking: severe forms involve commercial sexual exploitation by means of force, fraud or coercion, where anything of value (e.g. money, clothes, shelter, food, drugs, etc) is given to any person in exchange for sexual acts.

Prostitution: a form of commercial sexual exploitation, often spurred by childhood sexual abuse and saturated in sexual predation and violence.

Sexual Assault and Violence: a broad term used to encompass experiences of rape, sexual coercion, assault, harassment, abuse, and more, of both females and males.

Sexual Addictions and Compulsivity: a debilitating failure to control repetitive sexual impulses/behavior, often of pornography use, impacting men, women, boys, and girls and resulting in significant impairment of personal, family, social, and other areas of functioning.



Collaborating: *How You Can Help*

MAKE YOUR \$3 MILLION DOLLAR MARK

Looking ahead to 2020, we are on the verge of so many victories, and we have a tremendous opportunity to grow and scale these victories like never before.

A generous donor recently pledged to give a **\$3-million-dollar matching grant** to the National Center on Sexual Exploitation! This will increase our impact on changing culture through corporate and legal policies and advocacy, equipping the public to protect their own families and communities, and leading the movement of diverse NGOs and experts.

Will you stand alongside us to help us match this full amount?

We ask you to consider increasing your giving to NCOSE within the calendar year, so that every dollar can be doubled in its value to NCOSE, and so you can make a 3-million-dollar mark!



Northstars

\$50,000

NCOSE's highest leadership level, Northstars' Circle Members are our guiding lights as we seek to foster a culture of human flourishing and sexual wellbeing. Northstars' Circle Members receive personal briefings, reports, recognition at the CESE Global Summit (optional), have the opportunity to enter into collaborative dialogue with NCOSE executives about strategies for the movement, a leadership retreat with members of the NCOSE Executive Team, and more.



Daybreak Circle

\$10,000

NCOSE's Daybreak Circle Members' generous support helps us defend the most vulnerable in society and is treasured by our leadership. In gratitude for this support Daybreak Circle Members receive invitations to private NCOSE events around the country, impact reports to update them on how their gifts help promote a culture of dignity, recognition at the CESE Global Summit, key insights to NCOSE victories and plans, and more.



Beacon Circle

\$5,000

NCOSE's Beacon Circle Members increase our ability to shine light on forces of sexual exploitation in our culture. Each year their influence grows. Beacon Circle Members receive invitations to NCOSE events, private receptions, and conference calls for seismic updates on the momentum of NCOSE.



Lamp Lighters

\$1,000

NCOSE's Lamp Lighters Members are the grassroots army that forms the foundation of our efforts to strengthen the culture. Lamp Lighters Members are invited to NCOSE events and welcomed into the conversation as vital allies.

“Extremely thankful for the work NCOSE is doing. Their thought work on communicating the interconnectedness between pornography, strip clubs, prostitution, sex trafficking, and other forms of sexual exploitation is invaluable and their corresponding actions and advocacy have made significant strides to dismantling exploitation from major industries. I will continue to follow and support this organization!”

— CHRISTINA WILLIAMS

“I am so grateful for the work and dedication of the NCOSE. It is the most important work of our time, in order to restore the dignity of every human being, especially the most vulnerable.”

— KAREN LANDMEIER

“Great work! Your efforts give me comfort knowing that my grandchildren will benefit from your efforts on behalf of all families.”

— FRED LAUBENTHAL

“There are few causes as worthy as this one is to get behind. The work of the NCOSE elevates our entire society. Keep up the great work, guys!”

— IAN JAMES

“The National Center on Sexual Exploitation is one of the most influential and impactful organizations around. Their mission is more important today than ever before. I can’t think of a better, more noble cause to put my money toward.”

— CLAY OLSEN,
FIGHT THE NEW DRUG

“You are a beacon in a world of gray. Thanks for all you do!!! I am happy to support your organization because you are informed, persistent and successful in bringing [solutions to] sexual exploitation to the masses.”

— CAROLYN WILLIAMS

“Thank you for all your efforts to help create a culture that respects and protects human dignity at all stages and all places of life.”

— SANDRA KORZICK

“Thanks for everything you guys do. This is a subject that is almost impossible to talk about because it is all so disturbing and awkward for most people. So people avoid it. But you guys are shedding light in dark places that others are afraid to venture.”

— LUKE LOVELL

“I run a non-profit in South Texas that fights child sex trafficking through education, partnerships, and a long term refuge for children that have been sex trafficked. I love your work and the difference you all make. I believe the root of sex trafficking is pornography and tell people that almost every time I speak. Thank you for being a great resource for us and while we are not formal partners I consider you all a partner in the fight to end the demand of children for sex.”

— MINTA MOORE

Thank you

for partnering with the National Center on Sexual Exploitation in this fight to defend human dignity and oppose sexual exploitation and abuse. Every victory, and every inch of progress won, is because of your efforts and dedication to these issues.

However you give—whether through your time, talent, or treasure—we thank you.

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With gift planning, you can leave a long-lasting legacy that builds a world free from sexual exploitation while also enjoying financial benefits for yourself. Consider planned giving options available to you—Learn more at ncosegiving.org.

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