



PARTNERS FAMILY SERVICES

Meet The Team!

Dylan Stansfield

Position: Clinical Counsellor

Employed at PARTNERS Since: April 2019

Loves Working at PARTNERS Because: Dylan is a strong believer in the importance of accessible mental health care, and is proud to work for an organization that is a provincial leader in quality no-fee services.

Hobbies & Interests:

Hiking, camping, reading, playing/listening to music, and spending quality time with friends and family.



Favorite Netflix

Categories: Sci-Fi and Comedy

Big News!

Starting in **September** our rapid access counselling clinic will be opening in Cudworth on Mondays from 9am-3pm

Appointments are available in person or virtually

To make an appointment please call 306-682-4135 or book online through

www.counsellingconnectsask.ca

Located at 607 4th Ave, Cudworth

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Reminders:

August: Rapid access counselling available Monday and Wednesday every week in Humboldt from 9am – 3pm

September: Rapid access counselling available Mondays in Cudworth and Wednesdays in Humboldt from 9am – 3pm.

Rapid access counselling in Wynyard is available Tuesdays and Thursdays for the month of August and September from 9am – 3pm.
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Human Trafficking: Shedding Light on Darkness

Human trafficking is a complex crime, because of its complexity, there are several types of human trafficking. These include sexual exploitation, forced labour, forced illegal activities, forced marriage, and organ trafficking.

The term "victim" is used throughout this newsletter to refer to a trafficked person(s). "Victim" is defined in the Canadian Victim Bill of Rights and the Criminal Code as an individual who has undergone physical or emotional maltreatment, property damage, or economic loss as a result of a crime. However, some individuals may not identify as a "victim" or "survivor".

Sexual Exploitation

Sexual exploitation is the action where a person (including minors under the age of 18) is forced into prostitution or forced into performing sexual acts which include exotic dancing and/or pornography. Victims are often lured by the act of grooming. Grooming is the act of someone building a relationship, gaining trust, and forming an emotional connection with someone they plan on manipulating, abusing, or exploiting. Grooming for sexual exploitation often happens from people posing as boyfriends or girlfriends of the victim.

Recruitment

The "Romeo": A trafficker may pose as a lover and begin to shower the individual with gifts, attention, drugs, and/or alcohol. Once the victim becomes dependent on the trafficker, the trafficker will state that the victim owes them back for all the gifts, drugs, and alcohol. The payment method being sexual relations with clients provided by the trafficker. However, it is important to note that the amount "owing" never lessens but often increases.

The "Wing Man": A trafficker researches his next victim to determine the best way to approach her. The approach is often used at bars, malls, and other public places. The trafficker takes a "wingman" with him to a location and once he finds his targeted victim, he will send the "wingman" to approach the victim and make her feel uncomfortable or unsafe. The trafficker will then approach and confront the "wingman", defending the victim. In the eyes of the victim, she is being "saved" and the trafficker now becomes someone she feels safe with. The trafficker will then continue engaging with the victim by exchanging phone numbers, taking the victim out on a date, or offering to drive her home. The trafficker's purpose for this is to learn more about the victim in hopes of finding the most vulnerable parts of her life while gaining her trust, to exploit her soon.

Signs of sexual exploitation include not having any identification with them, not being familiar with the location they are in, using street terms related to the sex industry. The trafficked persons may not have proper clothing items for the weather, may show signs of abuse, not have a cellphone or have a cellphone and not know the phone number. Victims may also indicate they have to meet a quota of earnings before they can go home.

If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, please contact 911, or provide a tip to the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-833-900-1010. If you are looking for support and assistance in doing so, please contact PARTNERS Family Services at 306-682-4135.