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**Pimpology:** *“Traumatized people Traumatize people!”* – Charisma Smith

# OBJECTIVES

1. Framing how sex exploitation infects the African American community
2. The impact early childhood trauma has on the decision to exploit
3. Practice your personal power!

# OBJECTIVE 1

Framing how sex exploitation infects  
the African American community

# **TERMINOLOGY**

\***Prostitution** – the practice or occupation of appearing to engage in sexual activity with someone for personal or financial gain.

\***Trafficking** – deal or trade in something illegal. I.e. Humans

\***Pimp** – one who controls women/men and arranges clients for them, taking part or all of their earnings in return.

\***Market Facilitator** – is a person who promotes the prostitution of an individual; Part of a network. \*Taxi Driver



# “Blaxploitation”

How MEDIA impacts our community..

## WOMEN

\*Stereotypes continue as videos, movies, and music portray black women as promiscuous, sexually insatiable, exotic, wild, seductive and morally corrupt.

-Media forces younger audiences to believe that our strong black women are the “video vixens,” the “ride or die chicks,” and the “bad b\*tches.”

le. Nicki Minaj, Bad Girl’s Club, Basketball Wives

## MEN

\*Stereotypes also continue; black men are also consistently portrayed in a sexualized, primitive manner.

Most times the *strongest* or most idolized black character in a movie is the aggressive one;

-Pimps, Drug Dealers, Ballers, ect.

le. Money Mike and Dae Dae

\***Language** has transformed the way we see things. – The word “Pimp” is used to make things sound cool. “Pimp cup, Pimp Hat, Pimp Juice”  
Shows like PIMP My Ride

These are the images of black men and women that our kids and teens idolize today; music and TV are the most convenient ways to be entertained and to “learn” about our community. There’s a normalization of selling sex in movies, music, and magazines.

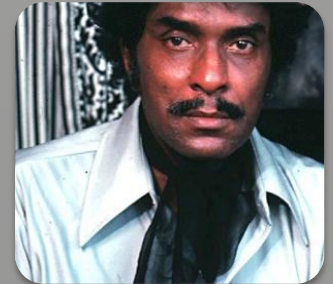




# OBJECTIVE 2

The decision to exploit:  
The impact of **early** childhood trauma

# Topics for discussion



ACES

Early  
childhood  
Trauma  
  
Adolescents  
Acting out  
what they see

Hopeless  
Helpless  
Hurt  

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Traumatized

Safe Harbor  
NWD

Traumatized  
Men  
  
Marketing  
Facilitator(s)





## ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences Study)

- ⑧ Collected between 1995 and 1997
- ⑧ Two survey “waves” were conducted during 1995 to 1997. The largest study ever that determined both the prevalence of traumatic life experiences in the first 18 years of life and the impacts on later well-being, social function, health risks, disease burden, health care costs, and life expectancy.
- ⑧ **Adverse childhood experiences** is a term used to describe all types of abuse, neglect, and other types of trauma that occur in individuals under the age of 18
- ⑧ **What It Did** – Looked at the impact of adverse childhood events.
- ⑧ **What was learned** –
  - ⑧ ACEs are very common
  - ⑧ Protective factors may buffer the effect of ACEs
  - ⑧ Importance of prevention .
- ⑧ **How Is It Helpful** – Focuses on social functioning, health risks, disease burden, health care costs, later well-being and life expectancy.

*ACES information obtained from CDC, MDH, and Samuel Simmons AA Historical Trauma*

**Translation:** *“I aint New to this; I grew to this; I’m true to this”* – Heard across the hood nation wide

# ...lead to aces

- **Health-Risk Behaviors...**

- Smoking
- Overeating
- Physical inactivity
- Heavy alcohol use
- Drug use
- Promiscuity

- **...Which Cause Disease, Disability and Social Problems in Adulthood**

- Nicotine addiction
- Alcoholism
- Drug addiction
- Obesity
- Depression and Suicide
- Injuries
- Unintentional pregnancy
- Heart disease
- Cancer
- Chronic lung and liver disease
- Stroke
- Diabetes
- Sexually transmitted diseases



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# Throwing Bricks at the Penitentiary

## Survival Choices

- ⑧ Youth are often exposed to criminal lifestyles during childhood
- ⑧ Youth who are thrown away or have run a way are at an increased risk to exploit and be exploited.
  
- ⑧ Early exposure to the juvenile justice system can lead to adult incarcerations
- ⑧ Children often internalize what is seen, experienced, and learned as normal
- ⑧ Internalization of a learned behavior leads to practiced behavior
- ⑧ Early engagement in drug dealing, gangbanging, etc.
  - ⑧ The need for supportive environments, protection, to have his basic needs met
  - ⑧ Many victim services don't consider young men victims because "society says:" black boys are black men, black men are perpetrators, and perpetrators don't deserve any chances, let alone a second chance.
- ⑧ Early engagement to promoting trading sex for money
  - ⑧ Young women, ages 16-24, report that she have traded sex at her boyfriend's request because he and she were homeless and hadn't eaten, bathe, or had a decent place to sleep in days. Early engagement to promoting trading sex for money



Traumatized People  
Traumatize People !!!

*You heard it here 1<sup>st</sup>*

Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) records on juvenile sex trafficking cases:

Figure 4: Police-identified race of people involved

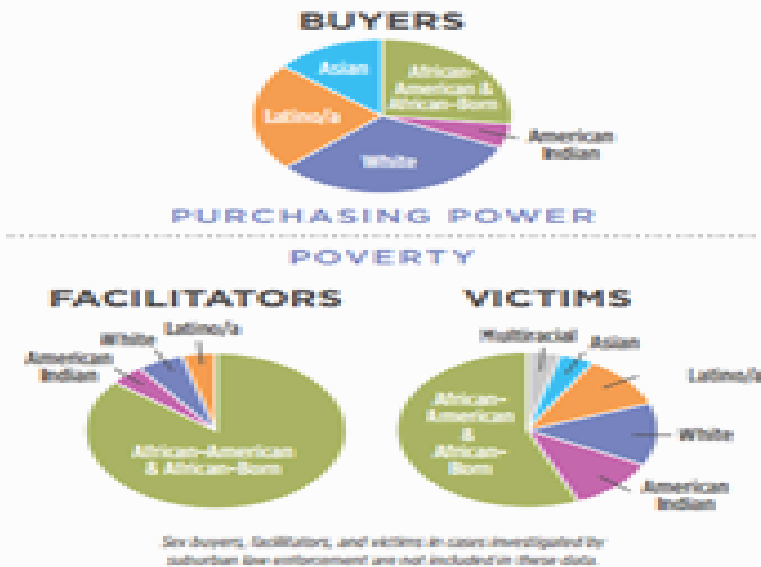


Figure 5: Average age of people involved by role and racial category

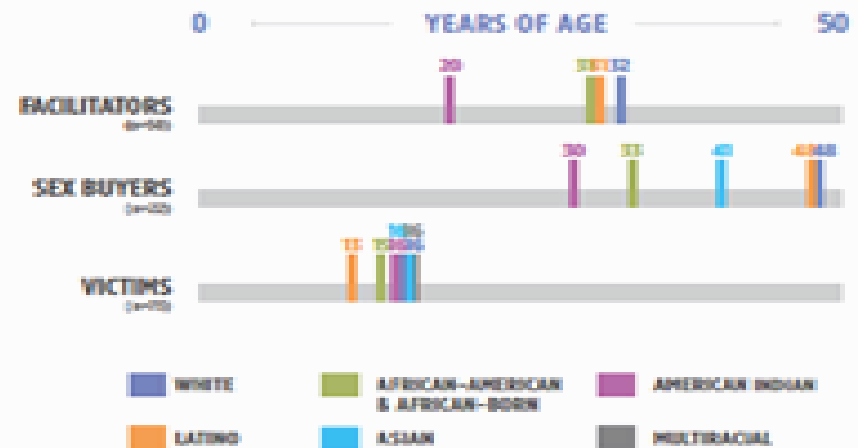
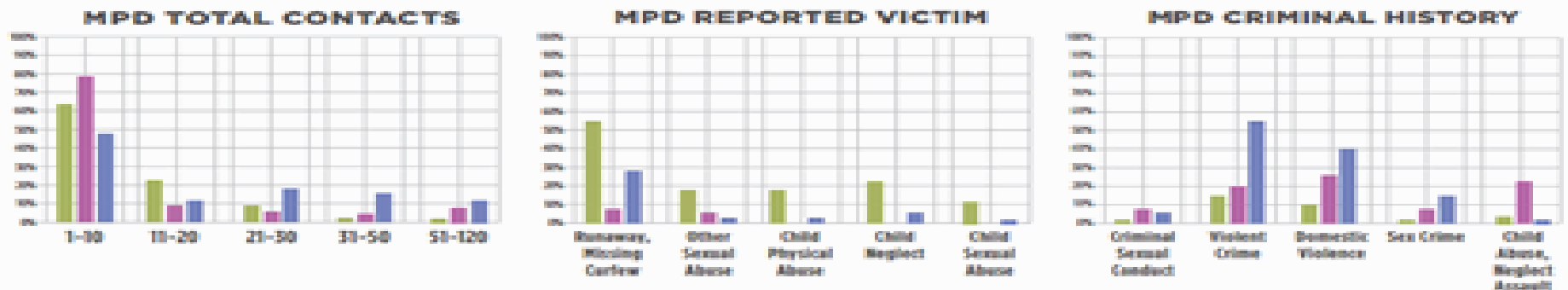


Figure 4 describes the role of poverty and purchasing power in structuring the market. Within that framework we see a predominance of victims of color who are exploited by facilitators, often from within their communities, and sex buyers that come from all communities. These data represent only information collected from MPD case files. All people of African descent are labeled in MPD case files as African-American. However, we know that some proportion of the cases involved facilitators and sex buyers who were African- and Caribbean-born men. Our other sources and the literature suggest that a much higher proportion of sex buyers and facilitators are white men living in suburban areas who exploit girls based in Minneapolis. They are, therefore, unlikely to be investigated by Minneapolis police.

Figure 5: MPD contacts with people involved



**Safe Harbor** names youth **up to 17 y\o** as victims of sex trafficking and that *any person benefiting from said transaction as perpetrator (Marketing Facilitator)*

**No Wrong Door** ensures that victims named in safe harbor have access to incarceration diversion services which includes but is not limited to **shelter, therapeutic services, and community support**







**BUT Wait!!!**


What if I told you that ...

1. pimps are bearing trauma too and may be in need of a diversion service, at least a one shot deal, in attempt to change maladaptive behaviors
2. Pimps can't sell people if people didn't buy people.
3. Pimps life exposure may be limited to crime, poverty, self defeating/maladaptive behaviors, severe abuse, and severe neglect.
4. Pimps may act of fear of being victimized
5. Men trade sex for money, too. Survival is real!!!

# OBJECTIVE 3

Practice your personal power!!!

# How Can We Work Together?



- Continue to “Strengthen Your Knowledge” about the issue and remember that men hold men accountable.



- Be aware that traumatized adults demonstrate trauma induced behaviors



- Support legislation that increases funding for services & engage leaders in supporting safety of victims



- Know and visit your community resources



- Be aware of your biases and prejudices: We all have them...



- Donate money/time to a local organization working on the issue

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