



Our Story

In 1998 when U.S. Congresswoman Linda Smith traveled into the heart of the brothel district in Mumbai, India she witnessed the brutal exploitation and sexual slavery of women and children. That experience compelled her to create a new organization, Shared Hope International, dedicated to restoring life and hope to victims of sex trafficking and preventing abuse for many others.

Our Mission

Shared Hope International strives to prevent the conditions that foster sex slavery, restore victims of sex trafficking, and bring justice to vulnerable women and children. We lead prevention strategies, restoration programs and justice initiatives to combat trafficking in the U.S. and abroad.

Our Founder

Linda Smith is a leader in the global movement to end sex trafficking of women and children around the world. Linda is the primary author of *From Congress to the Brothel* and *Renting Lucy* and co-author of *The National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: America's Prostituted Children* and the *DEMAND*. Report. Linda served as a Washington State legislator (1983-93), before she was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1994. Her compassionate and uncompromising belief that every individual has dignity has carried her from advocating for permanent safe homes for children in the State Senate, to the halls of Congress, and ultimately to searching out victims in red light districts around the world.

Shared Hope combats sex trafficking through a three-prong approach:

X Prevent

Training – Shared Hope offers training programs and resources to equip professionals and community members to advance the network of protection offered to trafficking survivors and potential victims.

Research – Our research promotes the creation of promising practices and the development of effective intervention and response.

Awareness – We advance the prioritization of this issue by initiating campaigns that raise alarm in communities and provide education to teens and parents on the warning signs of trafficking.

- **The Defenders USA** is a coalition of men who are opposed to all forms of commercialized sex; who take a pledge, and take action. Defenders educate, equip, and empower men to fight against the demand side of domestic minor sex trafficking.

Collaboration – We share our expertise and resources with task forces, law enforcement agencies, community groups and others to accelerate solutions to combat trafficking.

+ Restore

Partners – We provide funding and technical assistance to programs operated by local partners in Fiji, India, Jamaica, Nepal and the U.S. to offer safe homes, medical care, education, vocational training, therapy, and outreach and intervention services for survivors.

- **Women's Investment Network** is a program at Shared Hope headquarters that helps women gain practical job experience; a variation of the WIN program is a component of all Shared Hope partner programs.
- **Terry's House** is an independent living home operated by Shared Hope for women aged 18-22 years old. The home offers WIN participants an affordable housing option while they pursue education or vocational training.

National Restoration Initiative – Shared Hope launched this initiative to help achieve a consistent standard of care and build upon the lessons and good practices of current shelter and service providers. Through this initiative we conduct research, host national forums and partner with local shelter and service organizations.

- **Restorative Shelter Working Group (RSWG)** is a national network of experts on service and shelter provision to victims of sex trafficking. The group acknowledges the critical importance of survivor leaders working in conjunction with other subject matter experts to deliver the highest quality care.

✓ Bring Justice

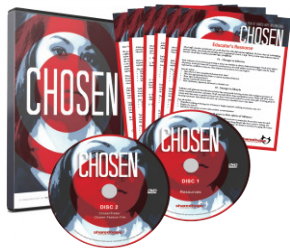
We help strengthen trafficking laws and build better policies to protect victims by providing comprehensive legal research, expert testimony, coalition support, and advocacy initiatives.

- **The Protected Innocence Challenge** is a comprehensive law analysis which results in an annual Report Card on the sufficiency of child sex trafficking laws in each state and recommendations for improvement.
- **The Demanding Justice Project** is a research and advocacy initiative to promote demand deterrence through increased attention and advocacy on demand enforcement.
- **JuST Response** brings together Shared Hope's research on services for domestic minor sex trafficking victims with its analysis of state statutory protective responses to inform legislative efforts and the implementation of existing responses.

Resources

Prevention Resources

This film series teaches teens the warning signs of trafficking through the true stories of teenage girls who were tricked by traffickers. Learn how pimps and gangs are luring youth into the commercial sex industry and how teens can protect themselves and others. The resource packages include additional educational tools to further discussion, learning and action!



Chosen

Chosen tells the true stories of two 'All-American' teenage girls who were tricked by traffickers. Brianna, 18, was a star student, cheerleader and waitress. Lacy, 13, enjoyed church and volunteering in her community. Both were skillfully targeted by traffickers and manipulated into the dangerous commercial sex market. (Run Time: 21:34)



Chosen – Gang Edition

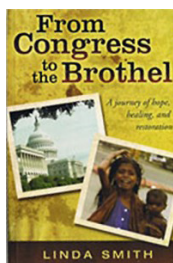
Lured by promises of love and protection Maria was recruited by a gang at 12 years old. For five years, she was forced to sacrifice her body to Mexican drug runs, prostitution, and violence. Trapped in a world she never expected, she was forced to make the ultimate decision: surrender her life to the gang or risk escape? (Run Time: 12:48)



Chosen PLUS Gang Edition

Chosen PLUS Gang Edition is the most comprehensive youth sex trafficking prevention film and resource package available! Package includes both Chosen and Chosen – Gang Edition films and accompanying resources.

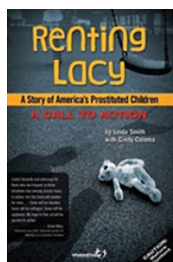
Books



From Congress to the Brothel: A Journey of Hope, Healing, and Restoration (2007)

– By Linda Smith

Walk with Linda as she relives her life-altering journey that began in one of the worst brothel districts in India. Hear her extraordinary encounter of child sex slavery around the globe.



Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children (2009)

– By Linda Smith

Based on actual encounters, Linda exposes the underworld of child sex trafficking in America by telling the stories of those who live there, the traffickers, the buyers and the victims who struggle to survive each night.

Trafficking Research

We believe effective response is informed response. Shared Hope heavily invests in providing policy leaders, community advocates, and first responders with data-driven, comprehensive studies to create better solutions to fight trafficking.

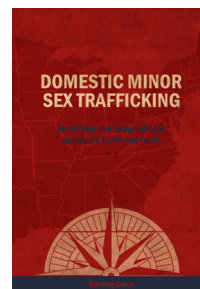


Training



Gang TRAP Training Guide and Video Series

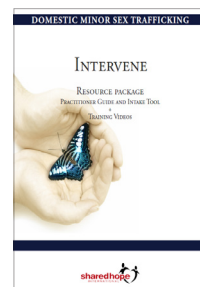
This unique training tool addresses the growing trend of sex trafficking by criminal street gangs. The guide targets law enforcement, service providers and prosecutors, offering instruction on gang trafficking dynamics, recruitment and control tactics, common professional challenges with these cases, therapeutic response and collaboration. The accompanying 60-minute video addresses the same topics through interviews with experts and survivors.



Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

Identifying and Responding to America's Trafficked Youth Training Guide and Video Series

This interactive training tool offers a comprehensive guide to domestic minor sex trafficking including the law, victim vulnerabilities, trafficker tactics, and effective responses for agencies and organizations. The 40-minute video allows viewers to hear from experts and survivors, watch pimps engage with buyers and discover the reality of child sex trafficking.



Intervene: Identifying and Responding to America's Prostituted Youth

Intervene is designed for service providers and clinicians to improve identification and response to victims of sex trafficking. The Practitioner Guide addresses vulnerability factors of potential victims, common trafficker tactics and the impact of trauma on survivors. The Intake Tool is a tiered set of questions to identify exploited youth while reducing the risk of retraumatization. This package includes two training videos, Intervene and Gang TRAP.

Please visit SharedHope.org/Resources to find information on prices, fact sheets, and many other useful materials.