



Be The Hero

Here is your invitation to join the movement to eradicate sex trafficking—*welcome!*

Like you, we desire to live in a world where all persons are protected from sexual exploitation, and sex trafficking is a problem of the past. With over twenty years of experience, Shared Hope, and our Institute for Justice & Advocacy, is leading the movement with a comprehensive plan to end sex trafficking.

IT STARTS WITH YOU. Join us by becoming an activist, volunteer or donor. Each path of involvement empowers us to implement our three pronged approach to the issue: prevent trafficking, restore and empower survivors, and bring justice to vulnerable adults and children. Together we can create a world passionately opposed to sex trafficking where every survivor is surrounded by trained professionals, an alert community, just laws and policies, knowledgeable service providers and appropriate shelter options.

Our Story

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

Linda Smith is a leader in the global movement to end sex trafficking around the world. 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:

PREVENT

TRAINING Shared Hope offers annual training conferences, e-learning courses, webinars and training guides to equip professionals and community members to identify signs of trafficking and respond to help sex trafficking victims.

AWARENESS Through Chosen, our youth sex trafficking prevention film, and hundreds of trained Ambassadors of Hope, we spread awareness about sex trafficking and teach communities to defend their children.

- **AMBASSADORS OF HOPE** and **DEFENDERS USA** are people like you – men and women who educate, equip and connect with information and resources to wake up their communities to help prevent sex trafficking in America. They are an army of trained volunteers for Shared Hope, expanding our impact around the nation.

FAITH INITIATIVES Shared Hope empowers and equips faith communities to bring awareness within their four walls to protect children. The Faith in Action kit provides resources for outreach prevention education in schools, civic groups and the community at large.

RESEARCH Shared Hope International has conducted two decades of research on the issue of sex trafficking. Visit sharedhope.org/resources for a complete list.

RESTORE

PARTNERS We provide funding and technical assistance to partners in India, Nepal, Jamaica and the United States, to offer safe homes, medical care, education, vocational training, therapy, and outreach and intervention services for survivors.

JUST RESPONSE COUNCIL We lead a group of over 30 subject matter experts that collaborate on the best responses for juvenile sex trafficking victims based on the group's combined research and experience in services, law and policy.

WOMEN'S INVESTMENT NETWORK Job training and leadership development programs help women compete in the global market and achieve financial independence. International programs include cosmetology, jewelry and leather making, and print services. The U.S. program focuses on computer and administrative skills.

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** Every state receives an annual Report Card that grades the strength of state laws in combating child sex trafficking and offers practical recommendations for improvement.
- **THE STOP THE INJUSTICE CAMPAIGN** seeks to end the criminalization of child sex trafficking victims and develop protective responses to connect youth to trauma informed services.

RESOURCES

Prevention Resources

CHOSEN – THE TRUE STORY OF AMERICA'S TRAFFICKED TEENS



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!

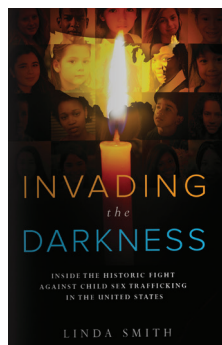
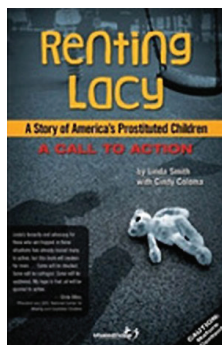
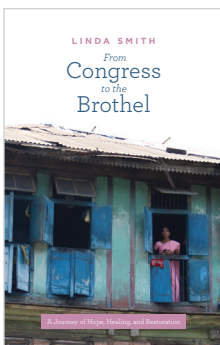
Trafficking Research



Shared Hope invests heavily in providing policy leaders, community advocates, and first responders with data-driven, comprehensive studies to create informed responses to fight trafficking.

- **PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE** Annual State Report Cards, Issue Briefs and National State Law Surveys
- **STOP THE INJUSTICE CAMPAIGN** Seeking Justice: Legal approaches to eliminate criminal liability for child sex trafficking victims
- **JUST RESPONSE FIELD GUIDANCE** Protective Response Model, Justice for Juveniles, Eliminating the Third Party Control Barrier, Non-Criminalization of Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims, and Victim-Offender Intersectionality

Books by Linda Smith

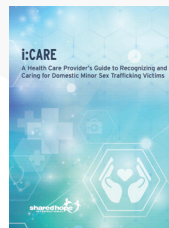


- 2007 *From Congress to the Brothel: A Journey of Hope, Healing, and Restoration*
- 2009 *Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children*
- 2019 *Invading the Darkness: Inside the Historic Fight Against Child Sex Trafficking in the United States*



The Shared Hope Institute for Justice & Advocacy in Washington, D.C. concentrates the power of Shared Hope's collective resources under one roof which is the home for education, research and training of advocates and stakeholders – including law enforcement, social workers, lawyers, first responders, doctors, legislators and judges – working to eliminate the bias against victims in the ways laws are both written and applied.

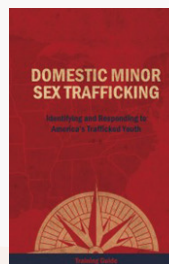
Training



I:CARE This resource offers a comprehensive understanding of domestic minor sex trafficking and informed guidance on how any health professional can recognize and respond in the urgent care setting. Accreditation available for RN/MDs.



GANG TRAP This unique training tool addresses the growing trend of sex trafficking by criminal street gangs. The course targets law enforcement, service providers and prosecutors, offering instruction on gang trafficking dynamics, recruitment and control tactics.



DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING 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.



INTERVENE This resource 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 traumatization. Accreditation available.

Each of these resources contain a video series and are available as e-learning courses on CHARLI and as training guides.

Please visit sharedhope.org/store to purchase.

