
CASEY is comprised of a group of concerned professionals and experiential voices in the community that work together to address issues pertaining to the sexual exploitation of youth.

- *What is Sexual Exploitation?* Sexual exploitation can be defined as an older youth or adult taking advantage of a younger child or youth for sexual purposes, including participation in prostitution, pornographic performances, and in the production of pornography. Youth involved in the sex trade (prostitution, phone sex, stripping, pornography) are sexually exploited.
- Sexual exploitation and sex trade work are not new issues for St. John’s but up until the formation of CASEY there was no group or organization working to address this issue. Many of CASEY’s members support young men and women who work in the sex trade; we believe it is critical to do prevention work and it is this gap in service that CASEY aims to fill.

Since its formation CASEY has spent its efforts developing the coalition; consulting the broad community to identify priorities; and developing a two-year work plan. Through the consultation and planning process CASEY identified the following *three areas of focus*:

- To create *awareness and understanding* of sexual exploitation of youth within the general public, youth and organizations that work with youth;
- To *increase opportunities* to network, collaborate, and share information;
- To *advocate* for appropriate supports and resources to reduce or prevent the sexual exploitation of youth.

CASEY Resources Available

- *Video on the Sexual Exploitation of Youth*: CASEY has recently produced a 16 minute video that can be used for education, training and awareness.
 - The video includes the voices of four NL Youth who have been sexually exploited. It provides the viewer with information on what sexual exploitation is; who is at risk; the grooming and luring process; and warning signs.
 - If you have a group of students (12 and over), staff, or committee members that would benefit from seeing this video/having this in your resource library, it can be purchased for \$20.00 (postage included) and is available by calling Thrive’s main office.
- *Awareness Posters and Brochures* are available free of charge.
- *Presentations and Training on Sexual Exploitation* conducted by CASEY members are available. Presentations can vary from 1 hour to a full day training session.