

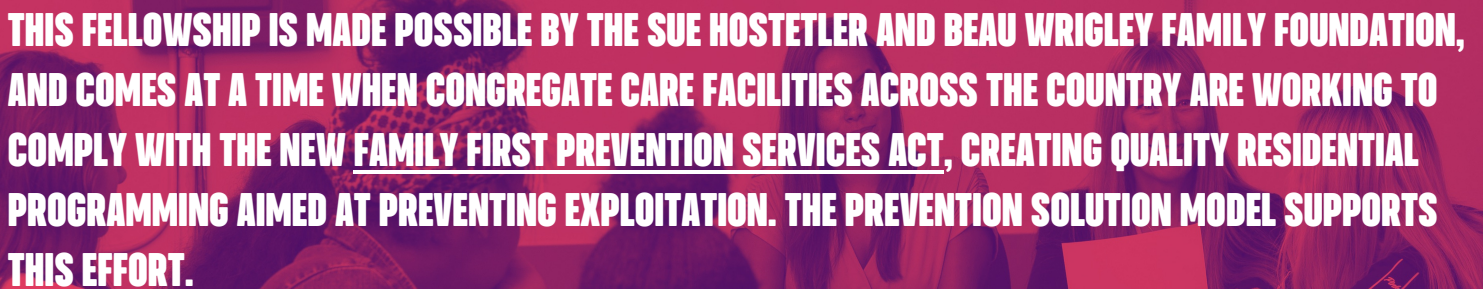
PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

PREVENTION SOLUTION FELLOWSHIP

**MY LIFE
MY CHOICE**
ENDING EXPLOITATION

The My Life My Choice Prevention Solution Fellowship will be awarded to five congregate care programs in the US serving female-identified youth age 12-18. This unique opportunity aims to build capacity and increase impact in the area of human trafficking prevention on a national scale by supporting organizations serving high-risk youth in implementing our research-based, gender-responsive, and survivor-informed Prevention Solution Model.

Prevention Solution Fellowship partners will gain invaluable skills and tools for effective program-wide commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) prevention through engaging multilevel training and consultation.



THIS FELLOWSHIP IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SUE HOSTETLER AND BEAU WRIGLEY FAMILY FOUNDATION, AND COMES AT A TIME WHEN CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE WORKING TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT, CREATING QUALITY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMMING AIMED AT PREVENTING EXPLOITATION. THE PREVENTION SOLUTION MODEL SUPPORTS THIS EFFORT.

ABOUT THE PREVENTION SOLUTION MODEL

The Prevention Solution Model (PSM) is a blueprint for service providers to reduce the risk of CSEC of youth living in congregate care. This model enables programs to expertly wrap specialized care around ALL girls, ensuring that no exploited or high-risk youth slips through the cracks. The three tenets of the PSM are:

- Shift knowledge, attitudes, and behavior among those at greatest risk.
- Shift practice and policy within the congregate care facility to be able to most effectively reduce the risk of primary victimization or re-victimization.
- Sustained program-wide change: Long-term implementation and best practices of the PSM leading to a reduction in CSEC

APPLY HERE

BENEFITS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Programs selected for this 12-month Fellowship will receive consultation from My Life My Choice's expert trainers, survivors, and practitioners, as well as these trainings:

- The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Understanding and Responding to Victims
- My Life My Choice Exploitation Prevention Curriculum Certified Facilitator Training
- Advanced Clinical Training: Developing Skills and Strategies to Provide Effective Trauma-Informed Services to Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth
- The Advanced Residential Institute on Serving Trafficked and High-Risk Girls
- The Survivor-Ally Relationship: Taking an Honest Look

BACKED BY RESEARCH

Central to the Prevention Solution Model is the evidence-based My Life My Choice Curriculum. The first comprehensive, survivor-led exploitation prevention curriculum in the country, a National Institute of Justice-funded three-year evaluation of the My Life My Choice Curriculum found the following:

- Knowledge about CSEC and risks for exploitation improved for all participants, particularly for those who were 11-15 years old and those in a residential facility.
- Experiences of commercial sexual exploitation decreased by 50%.
- Participants were 2 times less likely to report dating abuse victimization.
- 100% of youth provided CSEC-related help to a friend or other people in the past three months after participating in the prevention group.
- Self-reported sexually explicit behaviors were reduced by half over time.

APPLYING ORGANIZATIONS MUST:

- Be a residential/congregate care program serving female-identified youth age 12-18;
- Be located in the US, outside of Massachusetts;
- Commit to all five multilevel trainings, consultation, and three All-Partner meetings;
- Demonstrate an existing investment in combating the issue of CSEC in their programs, and;
- Demonstrate a plan for sustaining the practices, policies, and CSEC prevention programming of the Prevention Solution Model beyond the Fellowship period.

Applications open Friday, April 7, 2023 and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until 12pm on Friday, June 30, 2023. Successful applicants will be invited to interview. Interviews will last approximately 1 hour and will be held over Zoom.

The fellowship will run for 1 year.

If you have questions, please contact Nikki Valila, Senior Director of Training and Partnerships, at nvalila@jri.org.