

# A SILENT EPIDEMIC: HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN & BOYS

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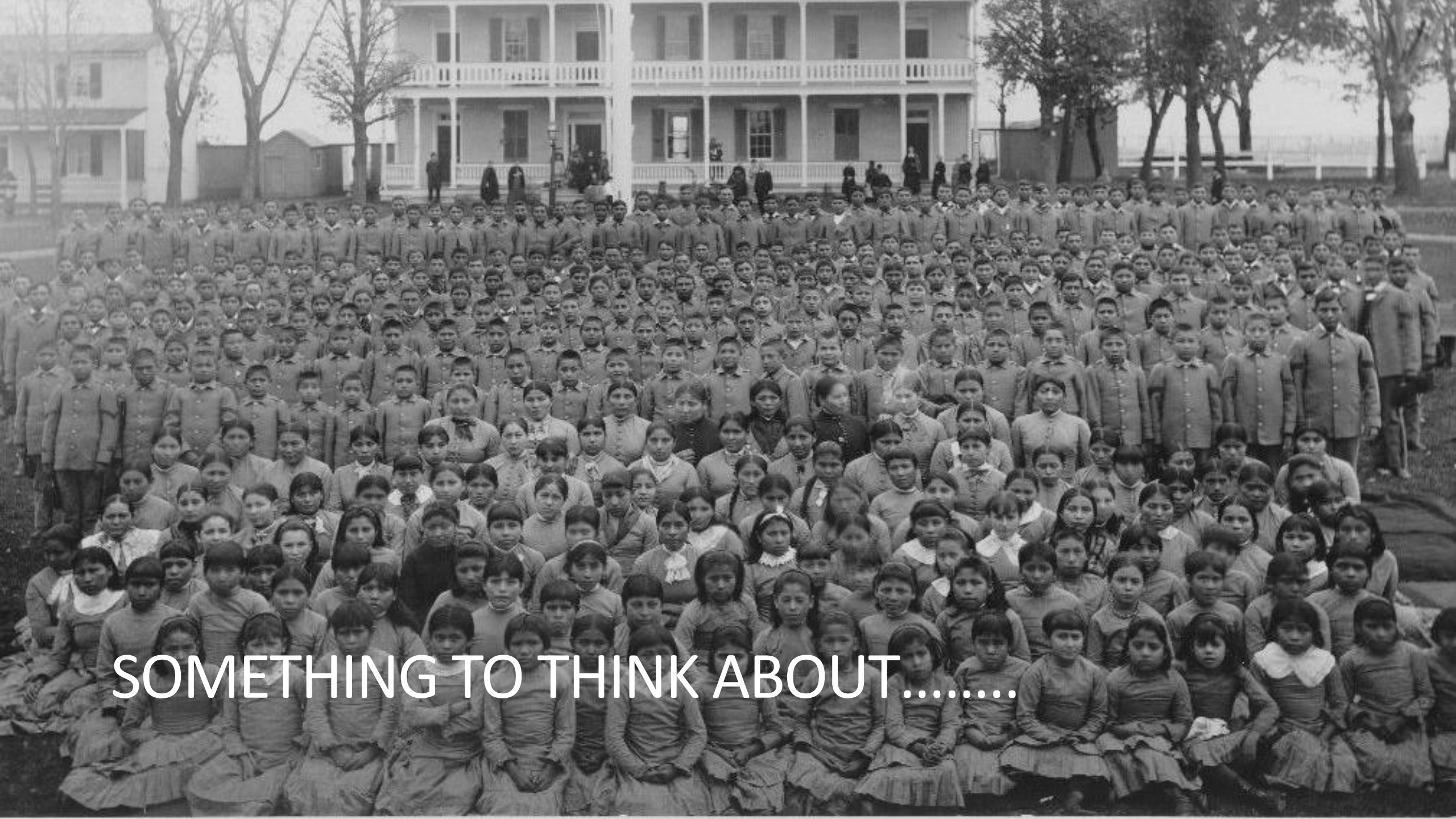




# QUESTIONS



- HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW OF A MALE (BOY OR ADULT) WHO HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY SEXUAL VIOLENCE? WHAT ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING?
- IF SO, WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR STRUGGLES AND CHALLENGES?
- HOW DID YOU RESPOND?



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

# ▶ WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

- When a person uses tricks, power, threats, or violence to have sexual contact with another adult, it is called rape or sexual assault.
- When the individual is a victim of a relative, people often use the phrase “incest.”
- When the child is a victim of an adult, it is called “child molestation.”

# ▶ WHAT IS SEXUAL ABUSE?



- Sexual abuse is sexual contact without consent.
- Children do not consent because they often do what adults tell them to do.



# ▶ A CHILD IS AFFECTED BY SEXUAL ABUSE WHEN

- He may question his ability to defend himself or may not trust his body to function in times of crisis.
- He may question his body and say “What did I do to invite this?”
- He may begin to hate his body.
- He may begin to not respect his body or the surroundings around him; often will begin to use alcohol, drugs, over-under eating, and smoking as a teen.

## A CHILD IS AFFECTED BY SEXUAL ABUSE WHEN

- Dissociates as a child due to memories or reminders of abuse.
- Even after the abuse stops the child may feel he is ineffective, powerless, and worthless (He has learned from being abused that what he does, wants, feels, or thinks makes no difference).
- He will continue to question himself “Why did this happen?” “Why didn’t anyone stop it?” “Why didn’t I tell someone?”





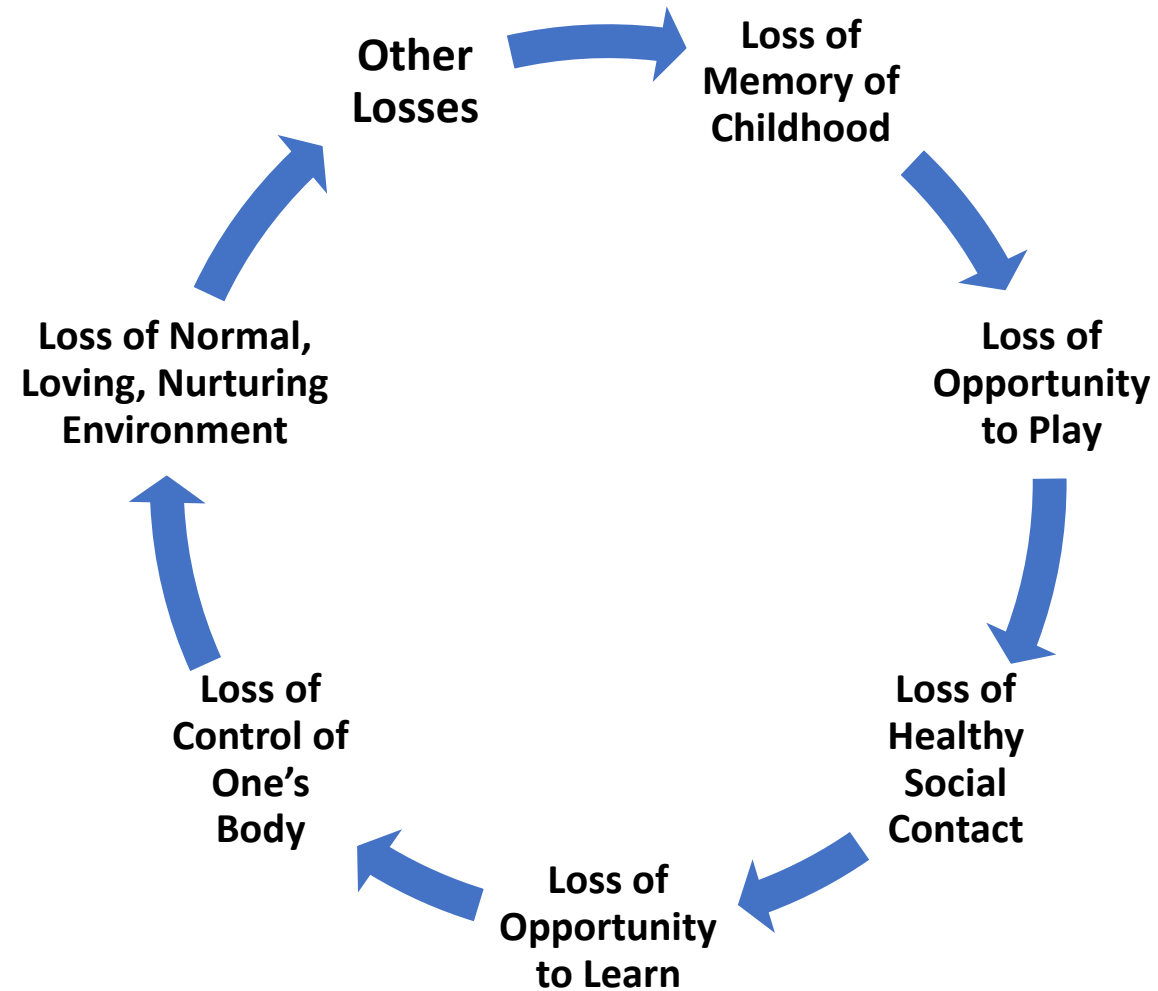
## A BOY SEXUALLY ABUSED BY A WOMAN

A boy faces confusion and isolation when he is sexually abused by a woman.

A boy who talks about being abused by a woman is often greeted by disbelief, denial, trivializing, and romancing his story. Faced with society's perception; he may try to fit in and begins to brag or joke about it.

If any of the experience felt good, he was not abused. If he did not enjoy it, he must be gay.

# ▶ WHAT PIECES OF CHILDHOOD DOES THE SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILD LOSE?



# LGBTQ SEX & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Children/youth who identify as **LGBTQ** and have been kicked out because of their identity become targets for victimization on the streets.
- Since 2007, the [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#), operated by Polaris, has received reports of 34,700 sex trafficking cases inside the United States.
- In 2017, the [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#) estimated that 1 in 7 endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims.
- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reported in 2017 that 1 in 7 children were likely victims of sex trafficking.
- Child sex trafficking has been reported in every state.
- **LGBTQ** boys and young men are seen as particularly vulnerable to trafficking



## DID YOU KNOW...

“The losses that boys and men experience in their early years leave lifelong scars and pain.”

Boys who do not fit the “traditional macho image” are marginalized, ostracized, harassed, and physically punished. Bullying results in trauma.

The trauma that males experience is lethal, large, and hard to work through. (It is possible)

Many men who have hurt others may have been hurt themselves.

# ▶ ADULT MALES

## The Impact of Child Sexual Abuse



# ▶ RESEARCH FINDINGS

- 1 in 4 American Indian/Alaska Native men have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime.
- More than 1 in 10 have experienced sexual violence with penetration
- Overall, more than 475,00 American Indian and Alaska Native men have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime
- (National Institute of Justice Research Report: Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men. 2010 Findings from the National Intimate Partner Sexual Violence Survey, Andre B. Rosay, Ph.D)
- <http://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/violence-against-american-indian-and-alaska-native-women-and-men>



# VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN

Type of Violence	AI/AN	Non-Hispanic/White Only
Any Lifetime Violence	81.6%	64%
Sexual Violence	27.5%	20.9%
Physical Violence by Intimate Partner	43.2%	30.5%
Stalking	18.6%	13.4%
Psychological Aggression by Intimate Partner	73%	52.7%

# VIOLENCE AGAINST MEN

Type of Violence	AI/AN	Non-Hispanic/White Only
Past Year	39.8%	23.3%
Sexual Violence	14.4%	5.4%
Physical Violence by Intimate Partner	8.6%	4.1%
Stalking	11.6%	7.0%
Psychological Aggression by Intimate Partner	25.5%	16.1%

# ▶ WHY DO MEN WAIT TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP?

- The abuse could still be too fresh.
- It may not yet been defined as abuse.
- The perpetrator may still got you “to keep silent.”
- Fear (Even though the abuse may be over, it can still feel dangerous; even a dead perpetrator’s presence can be felt strongly).
- The time and place may not be right to disclose.
- The individual may not know he has options.
- Feelings of being weak, battered, and hopeless to take action.
- Self-blame (may keep individual from seeking professional help).
- Shame (Why did this happen to me?)



# MEN WHO ARE VIOLENT ARE OFTEN SENT THE MESSAGE AS A CHILD:

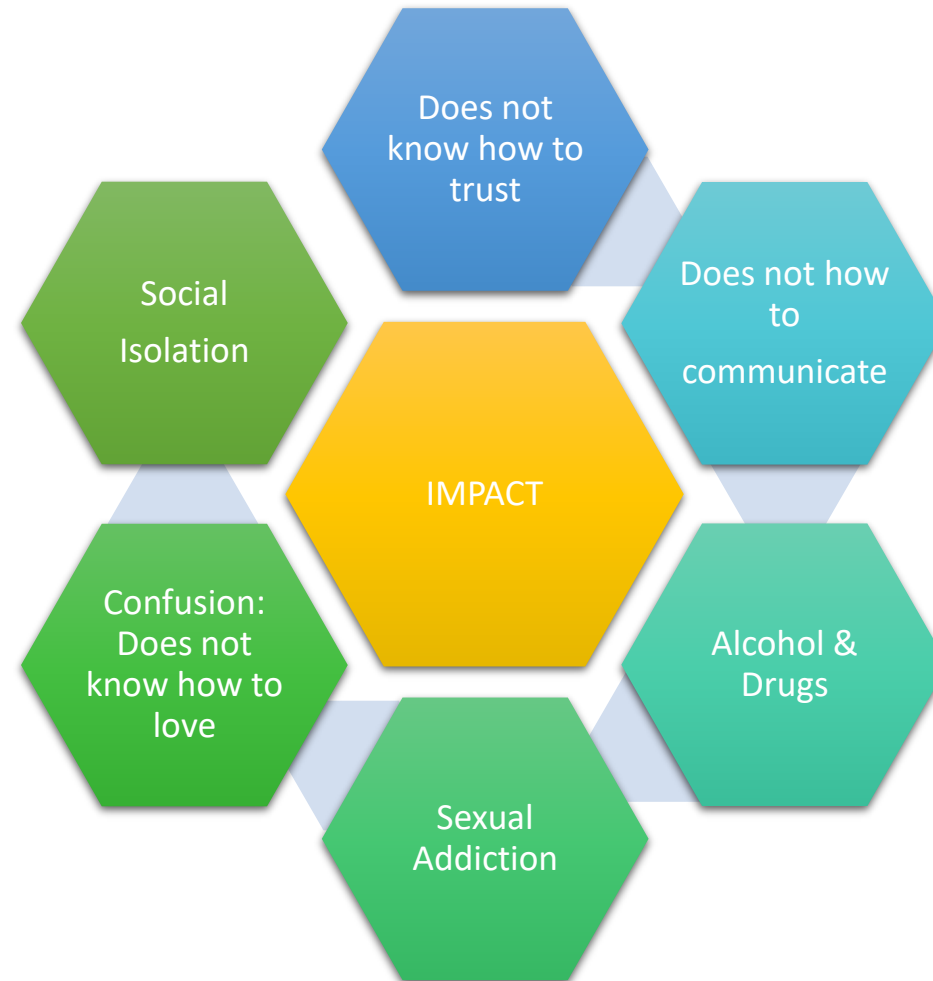
- Be strong
- Be sexually active
- Be straight
- Be independent
- Don't ask for help
- Don't cry and show vulnerability
- Take control
- Be dominant



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## ▶ IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW...

That not all issues and problems are the same with all adult survivors of child sexual abuse, sex and human trafficking. Each individual is different with similarities.

# ▶ HOW DO WE **HELP** MEN AND BOYS **HEAL**?

Create a  
safe place  
to tell their  
story

Compassion

Empathy

Breaking  
down the  
stigma

Educate and  
awareness

Encourage  
and support  
to discuss



# ▶ HOW DO WE HELP MEN AND BOYS HEAL?

Change the way we talk about male sexual violence

Not all survivors become perpetrators

Sweat Lodge and ceremony

Support Groups/Talking Circles

Increased funding for Tribal Programs



IT IS  
IMPORTANT TO  
KNOW THAT

TRAUMA IS  
HEALED THROUGH  
SAFE RELATIONSHIPS



# RESOURCES

Frontline (2019, February 12) – *Predator on the Reservation*. [Video]. PBS:  
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/predator-on-the-reservation/>

**“Boys” (documentary) -**  
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/boysdoc>

## Fact Sheets

[How to Improve Services for Males Experiencing Trafficking](#)

[Human Trafficking Indicators](#)

[Human Trafficking and MMIW](#)

## Reports

- [Culture as a Protective Factor in Preventing Trafficking among Native Youth](#)
- [Healing Indigenous Lives Native Youth Town Halls](#)
- [Human and Sex Trafficking: Trends and Responses Across Indian Country](#)
- [Sex Trafficking in Indian Country Update](#)
- [The Child Welfare Response to Labor Trafficking in California](#)
- [The Garden of Truth](#)
- [Bobs House for Hope](#)

## Books

**Abused Boys: The Neglected Victim of Sexual Abuse**, Mic Hunter

**Victims No Longer: The Classic Guide for Men Recovering from Sexual Child Abuse**, Mike Lew

**Understanding Male Sexual Abuse: Why Male Victims Remain Silent**, O'Brien Dennis

**The Cries of Men**, O'Brien Dennis

**Beyond Betrayal: Taking Charge of Your Life After Boyhood Sexual Abuse**, Richard B. Gartner

**Betrayed as Boys: Psychodynamic Treatment of Sexually Abused Men**, Richard B. Gartner

**Understanding the Sexual Betrayal of Boys and Men: The Trauma of Sexual Abuse**, Richard M. Gartner

**Father's Touch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**, Donald D'Haene, Forward by Mike Lew

**Boys Don't Tell: Ending the Silence of Abuse**, Randy Ellison

**Male on Male Rape: The Hidden Toll of Stigma and Shame**, Michael Scarce

**Silently Seduced (Revised and updated): When parents make their children partners**, Kenneth M. Adams, Ph.D



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“THANK YOU!”

QUESTIONS &  
COMMENTS?