

# Identification of Victims in St. Petersburg

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# Victims are very close to us

- Exploitation is going on in our community
- Pimps, clients, exploiters, drivers – are members of our society
- Identification of victims depends on the will, knowledge, skills and attitudes of stakeholders

*“There were people around who knew about my situation but they were afraid to help me” (victim of trafficking in Kazakhstan, 2013)*



# Everybody can become a victim of trafficking....

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- Poverty
- Children in institutional care
- Addiction
- Mental disabilities
- Low level of family support
- Low level of education

*“I’m smiling and looking happy...  
but inside of me I’m crying...  
all the time. Endless ... “ (Victim of  
Trafficking 13 y/o)*



## Ideal victim....

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- ;Want to cooperate
- Thankful
- Can be a success story
- Fit to the program
- Meet our expectations
- Not involved in crime

*“The girl is 15 years old. Sometimes she spends a night out of a child house and some man come by car to take her away and to bring her back. She earns more than myself and she is happy about that. Why should I help her” (tutor of a child house in a North-Western Russia)*



## Step in there shoes...

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- Language
- Right questions
- Motivation
- Fear

*“We have had many cases when children were accompanied by the staff of our shelter to the shelter in the region of their origin and after that children came back to our shelter faster than the staff who has accompanied them because they didn't want to stay in the shelter in the place of their origin, they liked our shelter ” (representative of one of the shelters in St. Petersburg)*



# Social norms...

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What is normal?

- Prostitution
- Child abuse
- Exploitation
- Traditions

*“I feel that I have a trust relations with a boy and that he will soon tell me that he was involved into prostitution and I avoid meeting him because I don’t know what to do afterwards” (social pedagogue of a child house in North-Western Russia)*



# Thanks a lot for your attention!

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