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HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: OPENING THE DOORS OF INTERVENTION AND POLICY

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Beth Holger-Ambrose

Beth Holger-Ambrose is the Homeless Youth Services Coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Human Services-Office of Economic Opportunity. This position includes administration of federal and state funding streams, public policy and legislative work, research, evaluation, program development and the coordination of services for runaway, homeless and sexually exploited youth in Minnesota. She also provides leadership to the state's Human Trafficking Taskforce and the implementation of the Safe Harbor Law. Prior to working at the Dept. of Human Services Holger-Ambrose worked for Avenues for Homeless Youth and the Bridge (both in Minneapolis) with street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional living program and independent living skills programs for runaway and homeless youth. Holger-Ambrose also works at Kennedy High School as their girls cross country and track & field coach and has been coaching there since 1999.

Holger-Ambrose is a volunteer street outreach worker for Streetworks, a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters and a board member for Oasis for Youth. Holger-Ambrose was the recipient of the Virginia Mcknight-Binger Award in Human Services in 2005 and a Bush Leadership Fellowship in 2012. Holger-Ambrose has also had research published in the Journal of Adolescent Health (2/11), Identifying Effective Outreach Strategies for Sexually Exploited Youth.

Holger-Ambrose has a B.A. in Political Science and Cultural Anthropology and a Masters Degree in Non-Profit Management and Administration with a certificate in Public Policy from Hamline University in St. Paul, MN.

Sergeant Ray Gainey

Sergeant Ray Gainey, St. Paul Police Department, has been a police officer since 1988. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2000, and currently serves as the Executive Sergeant to Assistant Chief Bill Martinez of the Major Crimes Division. Sgt Gainey graduated from the FBI academy and has been awarded the St Paul Police Department’s medal of merit for his work as an undercover officer. He has coordinated investigations at both the state and federal level in the narcotics and vice unit. Thanks to a grant from the Women’s Foundation he is currently working on the MN Girls are Not For Sale Campaign. He has worked with these victims of sex trafficking in both the juvenile unit and vice unit.
Mark Hudson

Mark Hudson is as a Board Certified Child Abuse Pediatrician at Midwest Children’s Resource Center. Midwest Children’s Resource Center is a Child Advocacy Center and regional medical child abuse evaluation program of Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota and completed a Pediatrics residency at the University of Minnesota. Following residency he completed a two year Child Abuse Fellowship. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the Ray Helfer Society.

Emily Huemann

Emily Huemann has fifteen years experience working in the field of sexual and domestic violence. Since 1996, Ms Huemann has worked at Sexual Offense Services (SOS) of Ramsey County, a rape crisis public health program in Saint Paul, Minnesota, serving Ramsey County where she currently serves as the Program Coordinator. Ms. Huemann earned the Master of Science Criminal Justice degree in 2000 and has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Minnesota in the Sociology Department teaching topics related to criminal justice. In 2012 she was published in the Journal of Juvenile Justice and in Nursing Reports regarding her work with child sexual exploitation.