ABOUT THE HAVEN PROGRAM

For teenage youth who are victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, The Haven at Southern Peaks is a place where healing from physical, psychological and social traumatic experiences occurs, and a program where transformations are possible.

We offer hope and a safe environment to recover from adversity, along with the clinical and educational services of a therapeutic residential treatment center.

THE YOUTH WE SERVE

These youth have been exploited physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially. Recognizing the influence of their past on current behaviors, we understand that their complex therapeutic needs require comprehensive and holistic treatment.

The Haven is a trauma-informed community for exploited youth who often present with interconnected problems:

- Mood/anxiety disorders (esp. PTSD)
- Substance-abuse disorders
- Conduct disorder / impulse control
- Attention-deficit / hyperactivity disorder
- Dissociative disorders
- Stockholm Syndrome
- Antisocial personality traits
- STDs and other medical, nutritional, and health issues.

Seeing Through the Disguise

Exploitative people, including traffickers, use psychological manipulation as the primary means of control. They come into the lives of vulnerable girls and boys online through social media, in-person at places like school and the mall, and through the established relationships that youth have in their families and communities.

Exploiters get to know a youth’s vulnerabilities in order to become the person that the child desires to have in their life. Once trust is gained, exploitation begins.

Brad Riley, founder and president of iEmpathize (CNN) July 13, 2016

About the Haven Program

For teenage youth who are victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, The Haven at Southern Peaks is a place where healing from physical, psychological and social traumatic experiences occurs, and a program where transformations are possible.

We offer hope and a safe environment to recover from adversity, along with the clinical and educational services of a therapeutic residential treatment center.

Seeing Through the Disguise

Exploitative people, including traffickers, use psychological manipulation as the primary means of control. They come into the lives of vulnerable girls and boys online through social media, in-person at places like school and the mall, and through the established relationships that youth have in their families and communities.

Exploiters get to know a youth’s vulnerabilities in order to become the person that the child desires to have in their life. Once trust is gained, exploitation begins.

Brad Riley, founder and president of iEmpathize (CNN) July 13, 2016
About the Sanctuary® Model ...

• Sanctuary® is a blueprint for clinical and organizational change which, at its core, promotes safety and recovery from psychological and social traumatic experiences through the active creation of a trauma-informed community.

• Sanctuary® recommends changing the central question we ask about the people we serve from “What’s wrong with you?” to “What’s happened to you?” as the first step in recognizing the influence of the past on current behaviors and functioning.

• A recognition that trauma is pervasive in the experience of human beings forms the basis for the Sanctuary® Model’s focus not only on the people who seek services, but equally on the people and systems who provide those services.

• There is no textbook or manual for creating Sanctuary in an organization; Creating Sanctuary is individualized and organic, and involves a change process that happens over time to move an organization toward creating a trauma-informed culture.

www.thesanctuaryinstitute.org