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### The Dreamcatcher Foundation

**Los Angeles Organizations**  
**Sowers Education Group**  
 8 Things You Can Do Now

### USNC L.A. for UN Women

Become a Member | Intern | Volunteer | Advocate  
 Donate | Partner

### Saving Innocence

Partner | Donate | Volunteer/ Intern Opportunities:  
 Graphic Designer, Web Designer, Administrative  
 Assistant, Student Ambassadors, Videographer/  
 Editor, Public Relations, Brand Ambassadors, Grant  
 Writers, Awareness Team Members

### Two Wings

Youth Mentorship | Volunteer/Intern Opportunities:  
 Community Outreach, Creative Fundraising, Event  
 Planning, Grant Writing, Grant Research,  
 Marketing/Public Relations, and Social Media.

### Downtown Women's Center

Volunteer | Advocate | Donate Goods and Money

media

### Video Playlist

- **Kim Longinotto on Dreamcatcher**
- **No Such Thing - rights4girls**
- **Confronting Commercial Exploitation and Trafficking of Minors in the US**
- **Sex trafficking Linda Smith TedTalk**
- **SIMA Impact Video - Men Buy Sex**
- **SIMA Impact Video - Enemies to Allies**



## DREAMCATCHER by Kim Longinotto

Examine the cycle of neglect, violence, and exploitation that leaves thousands upon thousands of girls and women believing that prostitution is their only option to survive. Following Brenda, a former teenage prostitute who worked the streets of Chicago, **Dreamcatcher** enters the day-to-day lives of these young people and sees their world through their eyes.

articles + resources



**'Good Practices for Addressing the Problem by All Stakeholders'**  
**'How to Recognize a Sexually Exploited Youth'**  
**'Sex Trafficking Fact Sheet'**  
**'In L.A. County, New Thinking on Fighting the Sexual Exploitation of Children'**

## MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND SEX TRAFFICKING OF MINORS IN THE UNITED STATES

*By Institute of Medicine and National Research Council of the National Academies*

**MYTH:** Sex trafficking only happens overseas to young girls.

**FACT:** Commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking occur every day in the United States. Its victims—both male and female—live in cities and small towns across America.

**MYTH:** Minors who are commercially sexually exploited or trafficked for sex are recognized as victims of crime and abuse.

**FACT:** Sexual exploitation and sex trafficking are forms of child abuse, but the children and adolescents who are victims can still be arrested for prostitution, detained or incarcerated, and subject to permanent records as offenders in most states.

**MYTH:** People who buy sex with minors or engage in the sale of sex with minors are caught and punished for these crimes.

**FACT:** Despite laws in every state that enable the prosecution of these individuals and despite the hard work of prosecutors and law enforcement in many jurisdictions, those who sexually exploit children and adolescents have largely escaped accountability.

**MYTH:** It is easy for professionals who interact with minors to recognize victims, survivors, and youth at risk of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

**FACT:** Many teachers, doctors and nurses, child welfare workers, and other individuals who interact with youth are unaware that commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors occur in their communities or lack the knowledge or training to identify and respond to them.

**MYTH:** Help is readily available for victims and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

**FACT:** There are too few services to meet current needs. The services that do exist are unevenly distributed geographically, lack adequate resources, and vary in their ability to provide specialized care.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT OUR TWO MINUTE POST-SCREENING IMPACT SURVEY -»**

## SIMA IMPACT CINEMA: 2016 WINNERS SERIES

August 23, 7:30 pm TELL SPRING NOT TO COME THIS YEAR