Sex Buyers Accountability and Diversion Program



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In early 2010 the SBAD Committee was formed based on a request by Commissioner McKeel to create a "John School" for Multnomah County.

- Members of this committee were individuals from:
 - Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
 - Commissioner McKeel/and her staff
 - Multnomah Health Department
 - Lifeworks New Options for Women Program
 - Sexual Assault Resource Center
 - Portland Police Department
 - And many others.

- The committee reviewed the curriculum, criminal justice process, and subject matter of many other "John Schools" around the nation.
 - Members of the committee, including Commissioner McKeel, attended other "john schools" and observed their curriculum.
- The committee consulted multiple times with the nation's expert, Dr. Shively. He reviewed the SBAD model, discussed his views regarding different aspects of "john schools", and gave advice on creating a curriculum using best practices from around the country.

- The committee also interviewed and selected presenters appropriate for the goals of the SBAD program.
- The use of facilities, times, locations, fees, staff members, interpreter services, training, certification documents, court documents, and many other aspects were discussed on decided by the committee as they worked towards beginning the SBAD program in 2011.

- Defendants were eligible beginning October 2010.
- The first SBAD class was in January 2011
 - All defendants pled guilty
 - 6 months to stay arrest free and complete class
 - Full Day Class
 - \$1000 Tuition
 - Pre and Post test anonymously filled out
- 52 Men attended the SBAD class in 2011.
 - Many more have pled and are waiting to attend

- Presenters
 - Nurse
 - Sexual Assault Resource Center
 - Lifeworks NW
 - Survivor
 - Community Member
 - Deputy District Attorney
 - Portland Police

- Subjects Taught
 - Health education, STDs, and other health risks.
 - How prostitution effects women and children
 - Mental health / physical health
 - Effects on relationships
 - Relapse prevention
 - Healthy relationships
 - Impacts on the community and family
 - Pimping / trafficking and the danger and crimes associated with prostitution.
 - Legal ramifications of continued illegal activity.

- Pre and post surveys
 - All participants filled out a pre and post class survey.
 - This survey was crafted using the help of the Criminology Department at Portland State.
 - Both English and Spanish versions
 - The surveys ask a range of questions hitting on
 - Demographics
 - Perceptions
 - Information from the presenters, and
 - Opinions / attitudes towards prostitution.
 - Overall all the surveys showed that individuals were educated by the instructors.

Demographics

- ■76% employed at time of arrest
- ■66% married
- ■63% had children
- ■65% made \$50,000 or less per year

Psychographics

- Majority of buyers were introduce to prostitution by a coworker/friend or the internet
- Buyers stated the biggest deterrent would be:
 - Significant other notified of prostitution activity
 - ■Large fine
 - Car Towed
 - ■Risk of an STD

Psychographics

- After completing the class 85% knew where to find help for sexual issues.
- ■90% believed that prostitution should stay illegal.
- The majority of buyers believed that the average buyer purchased a women between once a week and once a month.

- ■Follow-up
 - Recidivism
 - Additional Data

■Personal Experiences

Please write any additional thoughts you may have in the space provided:

Program better than expected. Nowerful, effective. Going home to take a shaver and cry.