

# Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors [www.teen-up.com](http://www.teen-up.com)

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# Greetings

## JinKyeong Cho

### CEO of Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors



Hello, My name is Jin-Kyeong Cho, CEO of Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors.

Established in 2012, Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors is a non-profit private organization with expertise in two special fields: sexual exploitation & children and adolescents. Our center has established a system from the ground up to aid holistic support for children and adolescents who have been victims of sexual exploitation, which the system used to be segmented and superficial, from discovery to prevention, victim support, healing, and self-reliance. Our Center finds victims through various channels, such as online counseling, provides professional support pursuant to the victim's situation and needs while conducting counseling. Experts such as doctors, psychotherapists, and lawyers from the center's legal, medical, and psychological support groups are matched 1:1 with sexually exploited children and adolescents to provide professional support in special areas. The human community of the Legal, Medical, and Psychological Support Group, which is formed every year in the form of recruitment, is a strong support force for Center's activities such as improving awareness of Korean society. After its professional support, self-reliance, self-sufficiency, and livelihood support are continued to improve the quality of life of the victims and lead to prevent re-victimization of sexual exploitation. Victimized children and adolescents, who are most often involved in sexual exploitation due to the absence of social capital and safety net, are highly likely to be flown into the sexual exploitation market if they are not linked to real life livelihood support. Thus, our center connects them to shelters to resolve their housing problems, supports them to extend their studies, and supports them to the end until they are fully settled in order for them to become fully independent as healthy members of society by mainly linking them with support organizations of employment. As of 2021, we have till now supported about 30,000 cases of counseling for 20,000 sexually exploited children and adolescents, and have trained a total of 30 cyber peer counselors (direct counselors).

"Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors (aka TeenUp)" established an integrated support system to protect and support children and adolescents who were used for sexual exploitation crimes, and filed complaints against sites that lure/arrange sex trafficking online, smartphone chat applications, and sexual exploitation criminals. In addition, TeenUp, by supporting children and adolescents with intellectual disabilities who were used for sexual exploitation, revealed current Korean society's problems, and reported the crimes and punishment of sexual exploitation by police officers who were supposed to support victims.

In this way, TeenUp carried out activities to urge changes in Korean social awareness, legislation, policy proposals, and support systems, and as a result, the 「Act on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Sex Offenses」 was revised in 2020.

TeenUp will continue to do everything possible to prevent the crime of sexual exploitation. For this purpose, our center will work in unity with the world to eradicate sexual exploitation, and for our next goal, we will establish an Asian network and information center within TeenUp. We are sure that our activities will be a step towards making the world a better place.

Thank You Very Much.

## Awards

- 2008. Human Rights Award by National Human Rights Commission of Korea
- 2017. 'Woman Leader for the Future' by The Women NewsRuby Award by Soroptimist Korea: an award to women helping women
- 2018. Received Won-ok Gil (i.e., former comfort women) Peace Award
- 2019. Selected as Ashoka Korea Fellow (Social Innovator)
- 2022. Received the POSCO CheongAhm Service Award

**Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking of Minors** is the English title of the 'Sipdai Yeoseong Ingwon Center' which is translated as the Center for Teen Womens Human Right. However, the center is usually called Teens-Up due to its web site address : [www.teen-up.com](http://www.teen-up.com)

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# Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors

## Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors is

A non-profit private organization that works to support teens/women/cyber sexual exploitation victims and improve sex rights. We are entrusted with and operate "the Child and Youth Sex Trafficking Victims Counseling Center" & "Seoul Sexual Exploitation Victims Integrated Support Center for Child and Adolescent" from the Seoul Metropolitan Government & the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family

### Mission

We contribute to improvement of sex rights of teenage women through integrated prevention, support, and healing activities for sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, as well as changes in social awareness and behavior surrounding the serious issue of sexual exploitation.

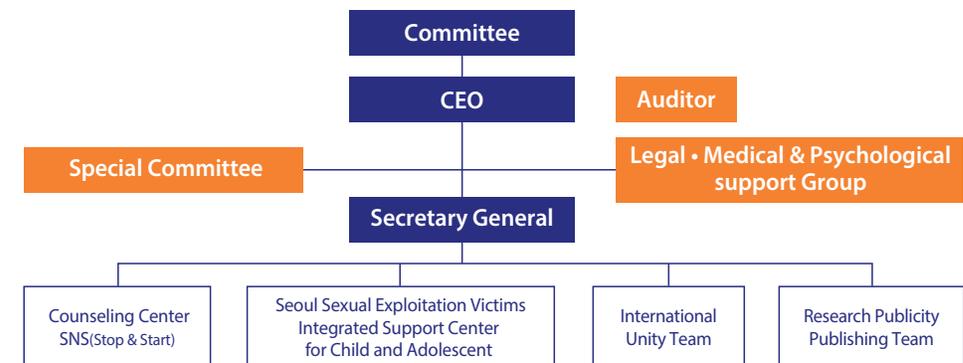
### Vision

- International action group against human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation of the weak, such as women, children and adolescents.
- Establishment of an international network to prevent human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation; and a hub institution for anti-sexual exploitation in Asia
- Integrated support center for preventing children/adolescents/internet/sexual exploitation

### Major History

- 2011. Entrustment of 'Cyber Peer Counseling Project' by Ministry of Gender Equality and Family (2011-2022)
- 2012. Establishment of 'Cyber Peer Counseling Center', a non-profit private organization
- 2013. Entrustment of 'Seoul Education Center for the Youth in Crisis' by Ministry of Gender Equality and Family (2013-2020)
- 2013. 11. Changed the name of the organization to 'Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors'
- 2013. 12. Legal/medical/psychological support group launched (2023, total 79 people)
- 2015. 06. Selected as a private organization for donations (reselected in June 2020)
- 2016. 01. Selected as 'Partnership on 2nd Innovative Leader Institution' by Asan Nanum Foundation & 'S N S (Stop & Start)' business operation (2016-2018)
- 2017. 04. Registered as a child/adolescent prostitution counseling center under the Sex Trafficking Prevention Act
- 2018. 08. Held an international seminar seeking legislation to protect children and adolescent victims of sexual exploitation
- 2018. 11. Held 'Today', an exhibition of psychotherapy works for children and adolescents who have been victims of sexual exploitation
- 2019. 01. 「Act on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Sex Offenses」 Revision Joint Countermeasures Committee Representative Organization & Secretariat ~ present (total of 378 organizations)
- 2020. 05. Partial revision of the 「Act on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Sex Offenses」
- 2021. 02. 'Seoul Sexual Exploitation Victims Integrated Support Center for Child and Adolescent' Agreement and Operation by the Seoul Metropolitan Government
- 2021. 11. Deletion of 'target children/adolescents', Holding a one-year evaluation discussion for the enforcement of the 「Act on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Sex Offenses」
- 2022. 09. "Prostitution is 'Sexual Exploitation'": Focusing on the current status of Medical Support at the Stand Up Against Sex-Trafficking Of Minors." Held a policy debate to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Center's Establishment
- 2022. 12. 10th Anniversary Project, 'Today', an exhibition of psychotherapy works for children and adolescents who are victims of sexual exploitation, the second story - Where are you? Held

### Organization Chart



### Support Group

#### Legal Support Group

- Composed of more than 50 lawyers
- Legal support for victims of sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, legislative activity to improve relevant law, systems & policies, activities to change social consciousness (conferences, debates, press conferences, etc.)

#### Psychological Support Group

- Composed of professional psychotherapists using various mediations such as art therapy, movement therapy, and drama therapy
- Based on the characteristics of children and adolescents who find it difficult to open up and express themselves, give support for treatment of complex post-traumatic stress disorder caused by sexual exploitation; and also give 1:1 psychological counseling for caregivers

#### Medical Support Group

- Composed of doctors in specialized fields such as psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, and internal medicine
- Medical support for physical and mental illness for children and adolescents who have been victims of sexual exploitation

#### IT Support Group

(2021, End of 1st Period Activities)

- Composed of female IT developers ("women do IT")
- Production of "Kkae Talk", safe online guide to prevent sexual exploitation of children and adolescents



## Providing counseling and integrated support services for victims of sexual exploitation of children and adolescents

- Providing holistic support for children and adolescents who have been victims of sexual exploitation, from discovery to prevention, victim support, healing, and self-reliance.
- Finding victims through various channels, such as online counseling, and provides professional support based on the victim's situation and needs while conducting counseling. After its professional support, self-reliance, self-sufficiency, and livelihood support are continued to improve the quality of life of the victims and lead to prevent re-victimization of sexual exploitation.

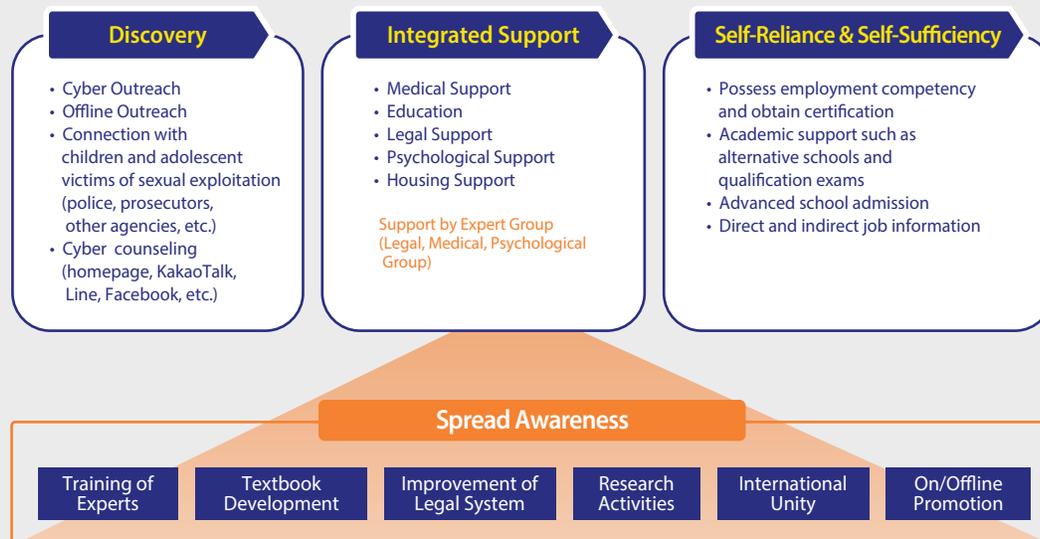
## Awareness Improvement Projects such as Education and Publicity Activities

- Sexual exploitation prevention education for children/adolescents, Education for caregivers, Investigative agencies, and educational institutions
- Online and offline PR activities

## Issue Production For Social Environment and Awareness Change

- Various legislative activities to respond to sexual exploitation of children and adolescents
- Expression of position on cases and issues related to sexual exploitation of children and adolescents
- Promotion of legislation on regulatory bills, such as applications that attract, mediate, and promote sex trafficking for children and adolescents
- Activities and international unity to promote domestic and international social interest in cyber sexual exploitation of children and adolescents

### <Procedure and Process of Integrated Support>



## Research and Publication Production

- Newsletter production and distribution
- Hosting Discussions, Expert meetings, and Lectures
- Publication of cases of support for children and youth victims of sexual exploitation and holding discussions
- Production of videos to raise awareness of children and adolescent victims of sexual exploitation
- International Seminar on Protection of Children and Adolescent Victims of Sexual Exploitation
- Hosting 'Today', an exhibition of psychotherapy works for children and adolescents who have been victims of sexual exploitation
- Archive Production for the 10th anniversary of the Center
- "Prostitution is 'Sexual Exploitation'" Operation of Asian Information Center

# The Reality of Child and Adolescent Sex Exploitation (prostitution, etc.) in South Korea

## <Digital Sexual Exploitation (prostitution, etc.) crime evolution process>



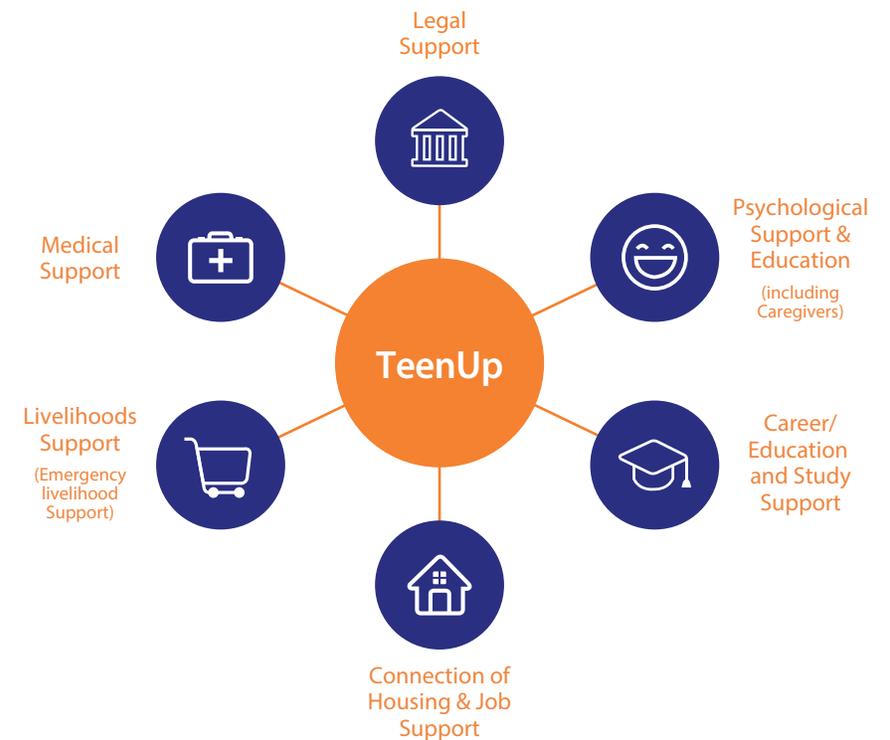
As the crime evolution process as seen above, this also means deepening process of victims injury

1. Digital sexual exploitation is a crime that develops seriously along the same line. There is a series of processes that continue until a victim is used for sex trafficking. Here, sex trafficking and sexual violence are sometimes difficult to separate. At this point, victims of sexual violence are sometimes recruited into sex trafficking, and are also sexually assaulted in forced sex trafficking arrangements.
2. In Korean society, neither sexual violence nor sex trafficking is recognized as damageless assault or confinement is clearly revealed. In effect, the victim must prove herself the facts of why the victim did not act voluntarily. Even in the case of sex trafficking, although it is at the most serious stage in the process of evolution of the crime and the deepening of the damage of the victims, the victims are separated between voluntarily and forcibly, and between victims and crime participants.
3. The crime of sexual exploitation using digital media occurs primarily digitally, and as a crime that manipulates victims through personal information, violence or confinement is invisible. For this reason, investigators believe that the victims became partners in the crime voluntarily rather than coercion.
4. Korean society criticizes, stigmatizes, isolates, and punishes victims who are in the most serious stage of violence. In the end, this only results in the safest protection of the offender.

# Counseling Center SNS(Stop & Start) / Seoul Sexual Exploitation Victims Integrated Support Center for Child and Adolescent

We provide professional and systematic integrated support for recovery of daily life damage through education, from discovery of victims of sexual exploitation (prostitution, digital sex crimes, etc.) to prevention, legal, medical, and psychological support.

## Customized Integrated Support Model for Children and Youth Victims of Sexual Exploitation





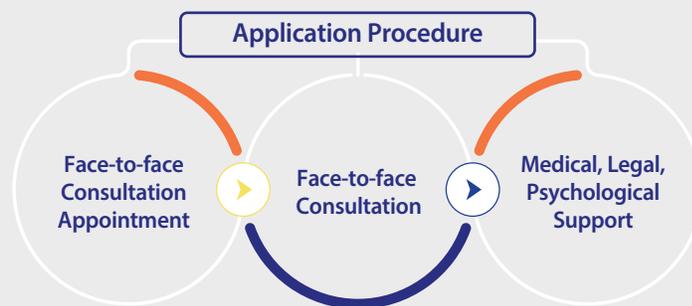
### Connection with Emergency Rescue and Support Services

- Prompt emergency rescue through cooperation with investigative agencies when exposed to risks of on/offline sexual exploitation (prostitution, digital sex crimes, etc.)
- Prevention of re-damage to victims through linkage with various institutions tailored to the needs and circumstances of children and adolescents

### Professional Counselor Attendance Support Project

- When investigating children and adolescents who are victims of sexual exploitation through the establishment of a hotline with investigative agencies, a professional counselor is present from the initial investigation in the investigative agency to prevent, protect, and assist in secondary damage so that the victims could be safely investigated

### Direct Support such as Legal, Medical, and Psychological Support



- **Medical support :**  
Health checkup with a medical questionnaire → Accompaniment to each medical department → Continuous treatment support → Conduct examinations if necessary
- **Legal support :**  
Writing a statement → Reporting to the police → Investigation by the police and prosecutors → Proceeding with a trial → Claiming damages
- **Psychological support :**  
Designate of a psychotherapist → Appointment of counseling date → 1:1 continuous counseling

### Housing, Study, Job Linkage

- Temporary shelter facilities, Mid/short-term shelter linkage, Qualification exams, School return, Linkage with employment support organizations

### Operation of Counseling DB

- Operation of counseling DB to enhance the efficiency and professionalism of counseling by managing counseling cases in an integrated and systematic manner

### Awareness Improvement Projects such as Education and Publicity Activities

- Prevention of sexual exploitation damage through education and educational materials, Measures to deal with damage of the victims in case damages occur, and Guidance for damage support by TeenUp
- Online and offline PR activities
  - Homepage, institutional SNS operation, newsletter publication, web flyer production and distribution
  - Discover children and adolescents exposed to the risk of sexual exploitation by visiting schools and areas where children and adolescents are concentrated and providing necessary information and supplies

### Issue Production For Social Environment and Awareness Change

- Case discovery and awareness raising activities through visits to the Office of Education, middle and high school counseling offices
- Promotion of changing the legal term from 'sex trafficking' to 'sexual exploitation' in the 「Act on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Sex Offenses」

### Research and Publication Production

- Newsletter production and distribution
- Conducting pre-examination and post-examination and producing research publications when providing psychological counseling for children and adolescents who have been victims of sexual exploitation
- Various promotional activities through offline outreach and establishment of a network of related organizations
- Production of educational Q&A video content for children and Adolescent victims of sexual exploitation