



COMMUNITY FORUM ON PROSTITUTION

The oldest profession or the oldest oppression?

**APRIL 6, 6-8PM @THE WOO
875 MAIN ST WORCESTER**

How we can improve our community by understanding the forces behind sexual exploitation. See what people in Worcester are doing to combat sexual exploitation and find out ways to help.

Join us for a presentation followed by a panel discussion featuring:

- Nicole Bell, Survivor and Advocate
- Karen Riley-McNary, YWCA Domestic Violence Services
- Heidi-Sue LeBoeuf, Pathways for Change
- Dr. Marianne Sarkis, Clark University
- Athena Haddon, Spectrum Health Systems
- Lt. Joseph Scampini, Worcester Police Department

Refreshments will be provided.

This event is brought to you by students at the Springfield College School of Social Work with support from the Worcester Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (WAASE).

DID YOU KNOW?

**UP TO 95% OF WOMEN
INVOLVED IN
PROSTITUTION WERE
VICTIMS OF CHILDHOOD
ABUSE**

**85% OF WOMEN
INVOLVED IN
PROSTITUTION WANT TO
ESCAPE IT, BUT FEEL THEY
HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS
FOR SURVIVAL**

**LOCAL ORGS ARE
CHANGING PERSPECTIVES
ON PROSTITUTION,
FOCUSING ON HELPING
VICTIMS AND PUNISHING
PERPETRATORS**

**THERE ARE MANY
OPPORTUNITIES TO
GET INVOLVED!**

Members of local businesses, Main South neighbors, students, and community agency workers are all welcome! All viewpoints are encouraged to attend!