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INTERSECT RESPONSE PLATFORM

EMPOWERING YOUTH, EQUIPPING ADULTS, ENGAGING COMMUNITIES
EMPATHY = ENDING IT

WHO IS IEMPAThIZE?

iEmpathize is an international human rights nonprofit founded in 2007. Our mission is to evoke empathy and empower people to eradicate exploitation and human trafficking through prevention training. Our work has garnered international attention from the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, the United Nations, BBC, CNN, international film festivals, and more.



WHAT IS THE INTERSECT RESPONSE PLATFORM?

iEmpathize's Intersect Response Platform is a powerful multi-media library with exhibits, documentaries, and multi-sector, immersive online and in-person adult training courses—empowering communities and industries to empathetically respond to exploitation by identifying red flags within their unique context, recognizing vulnerable youth, identify victims of all ages, and combatting exploitation where and when it's happening. To date, this growing platform has trained over 1.4 million people.

WHY COMMUNITY-WIDE PREVENTION?

Exploitation doesn't happen in a vacuum, nor does it only target people—businesses, industries, and communities are also victims. Cultural and relational vulnerabilities may lead to exploitation, including abuse, homelessness, poverty, and mental health challenges. Industries like agriculture, beauty, construction, domestic work, energy, and hospitality are susceptible. Communities experiencing natural disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires can experience rapidly increased vulnerabilities. To combat exploitation, we must remain at the forefront of the issue and be relentless in our innovation—reaching further into the community than exploiters. Our response must be multi-faceted, contextualized, engaging, adaptable, and scalable. Partnerships with local governments, first responders, medical facilities, businesses, schools, and other youth-serving spaces are vital. We must collectively outnumber and outsmart the exploiters to collaboratively disrupt and dismantle the system of exploitation. The solution is to stop exploitation before it starts.



INTERSECT RESPONSE SUMMITS

INTERSECT SUMMITS

Intersect Summits allow local and state agencies, first responders, law enforcement, nonprofits, businesses, elected officials, leaders, and concerned citizens to create single or multi-day events, utilizing iEmpathize documentaries, the compelling Apathy Effect Exhibit, the innovative Empower Youth Program, and sector-based adult educational tools to train facilitators and stakeholders. Empowering industries, organizations, sectors, and communities to empathetically recognize and respond to exploitation, step out of silos, develop community response plans, brainstorm policy changes, and seek paradigm-shifting solutions.

[Intersect Summit Promo Video](#)

This short film demonstrates how Intersect Summits can be used to train entire communities using the Intersect Response Platform, and is an effective tool when engaging local stakeholders.

[Interested in hosting a summit in your community?](#)

- Supplement your event with any of iEmpathize's free prevention media, including training modules and documentaries. We proudly offer these powerful resources to any community at no charge. While you don't need to contact us for use, we'd love for you to tag @iEmpathize on Facebook and Instagram during your event so that we can amplify your efforts.
- Contact iEmpathize about utilizing a staff member or volunteer during a virtual presentation or panel discussion. Our team is located nationally, with expertise in multiple fields and experience in advocacy and policy in various states and demographics. Depending on the time commitment, this option may include a small fee.
- Team with iEmpathize using the Apathy Effect Exhibit and our speakers onsite at your event. This option will include travel, stay, and an honorarium for presenters, as well as a shipping and set-up fee for the Apathy Effect Exhibit.

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Stopping the exploitation of children is the focus of three-day summit

By TERRI HARBOR
ROSSELL DAILY RECORD

"Where do you intersect to prevent abuse, neglect, exploitation and trafficking?" This is the question being posed to local people from an array of professions who find themselves interacting with local children and teens. Some of them gathered Friday for training to help youths who are being groomed, forced or coerced to unwillingly do things they wouldn't and shouldn't do for someone else's gain.

Friday's session highlighted those who work with youths at schools and youth organizations. This training provided a preview of sessions being held on April 10 and 11 to help prepare for the regional action summit.

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Guido Hajenius, a co-director of iEmpathize, is pictured Friday leading a training session that shows people how empathy can help prevent forms of youth exploitation, such as trafficking. This organization will join with local organizers for a three-day summit April 10-12, "Pushes and Pulls: Combating abuse, neglect, exploitation and trafficking."

Terri Harbor Photo

VOICES YOU CAN TRUST

With original film and photography using voices from experts and survivor leaders, the Intersect Response Platform contextualizes content and engages communities.



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PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAMS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

[Virtual Apathy Effect Exhibit: Free and online.](#)

Inspired by iEmpathize's compelling Apathy Effect Exhibit, this course discusses the differences between apathy, sympathy, and empathy regarding exploitation, defines human trafficking, and gives first-hand accounts of exploitation from survivors in the United States and other parts of the world, describes traffickers and the disguises they often use, equips viewers with how to recognize the red flags of victims hidden in plain sight, and safely report suspected trafficking and exploitation situations. Expert voices are from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, the San Francisco SafeHouse, the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Taskforce, and multiple survivor advocates.

[General Human Trafficking: Free and online.](#)

This course covers the four T's of trafficking: Trafficking, Trafficker, Targets, and Tactics. Expert voices are from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, the San Francisco SafeHouse, the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Taskforce, and a survivor advocate.

[Labor Trafficking: Free and online.](#)

This course defines human trafficking, lists the red flags of labor trafficking, and discusses strategies for consolidating community response. Expert voices are from the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, the Denver Police Department, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, the Texas Attorney General's Office, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

[First Responder: Free and online.](#)

This course addresses human trafficking from the unique perspective of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, EMT, paramedic, and 911 dispatcher. It was developed during a summit training 900 first responders in Las Vegas, Nevada. Expert voices are from Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, a survivor advocate, the Texas Attorney General's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the University of Southern California (USC) Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work.

[Healthcare: Contact for more information.](#)

iEmpathize partnered with Cedars Sinai in California to produce a 24-minute video highlighting the unique ways healthcare professionals interact with exploitation. Cedars Sinai has graciously agreed to allow iEmpathize to use footage articulating red flags within the healthcare industry to build a training video for medical professionals.

[Empower Youth Program: Contact for more information.](#)

This six-module curriculum equips adults to inspire youth aged 12 and older to identify push and pull factors. The program trains teens with real-life stories of young people safely sharing specific strategies they used to navigate their own emotions, behaviors, and situations and uses various learning methods, including writing responses, videos, listening, and interactive questions.



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DOCUMENTARIES & EXHIBITS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

[Apathy Effect Exhibit: Contact for more information.](#)

The Apathy Effect Exhibit immerses its audience in international stories of resilient young survivors of human trafficking and the response of everyday people who were ignited with empathy when confronted by exploitation and the apathy that fuels it. The multimedia journey is told through original film, photography, and genuine artifacts. It is dynamic as a stand-alone event or as an addition to an existing event. Hosts have included universities, schools, conferences, government venues, human rights events, and galleries.

[Be Relentless: Contact for more information.](#)

A binational, bilingual, feature-length documentary that follows Norma Bastidas, single mom, survivor, and ultra-athlete, as she breaks the Guinness World Record for the Longest Triathlon.

[Boom: Free and online.](#)

A short documentary articulating how traffickers exploit the energy industry and towns experiencing an oil boom based on research done in North Dakota.

[Casinos: Free and online.](#)

A short documentary articulating how traffickers exploit casinos and municipalities attracting affluent tourists.

[Help us create future trainings!](#)

The Intersect Response Platform is a growing free library of exploitation prevention training media. This process often begins with a proprietary training film created for a company client. Then, if that client generously allows iEmpathize to use content filmed during the process, financial contributions from donors, grants, and sponsors assist in creating free training we may distribute online. This method allows iEmpathize to create vital tools for under-resourced communities, aiding in awareness and prevention and eradicating exploitation. Consider helping us fund the completion of our next training video or contact us if you are interested in becoming a production partner in future training.

