

Trafficking/Sexual Exploitation

The mission of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape is to work to eliminate all forms of sexual violence and to advocate for the rights and needs of victims of sexual assault. 🌊

Position:

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape encourages and supports society's acceptance of the responsibility to protect all people from being sexually exploited/trafficked; prohibits any conduct or material which causes or threatens psychological, emotional or physical harm as a result of sexual exploitation/trafficking; and prevents any person from benefiting, financially or otherwise from sexually exploiting/trafficking others.

Rationale:

Sexual exploitation/trafficking is the dominance of one person over another; that domination ranges from subtle to violent. Reduction of people to sexual objects teaches society to view others as less than human and contributes to an atmosphere that makes sexual assault acceptable. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape believes that all people have the right to live freely without the psychological degradation and physical danger that sexual exploitation/trafficking inspires and sanctions.

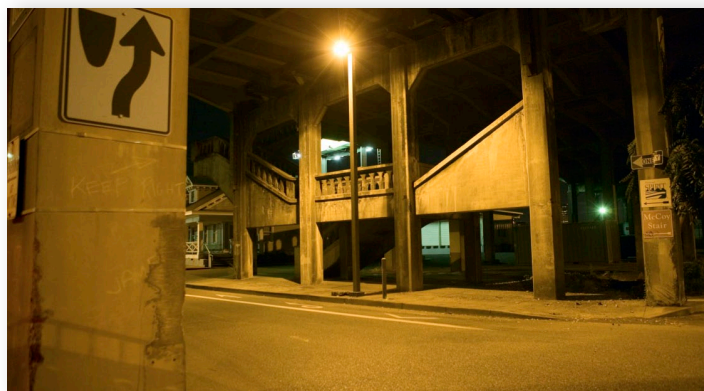
Background:

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape may issue statements regarding public policy affecting sexual violence victims and rape crisis centers. All position statements adopted by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape will be viewed as the official position statement, the center, when publicly or privately voicing oppositions to the statement, will do so in the capacity of an independent program and in no way as a member of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.

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