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Guiding Values

As members of the Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation (CESE) we believe that diverse and multi-disciplinary collaboration, activism, prevention, and education are key to eradicating the multi-faceted and wide-ranging web of sexual abuse and exploitation. Therefore, we embrace the following guiding values:

**Dignity.** Every human being, regardless of race, sex, socioeconomic status, age, ability, or other factors, possesses inherent human dignity and therefore has a right to live free from the harms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

**Healthy Sexuality.** Respect, intimacy, mutuality, responsibility, and love are integral aspects of healthy sexuality.

**Intersectionality.** Sexual abuse and exploitation thrive when responses to these harms fail to account for the interconnections between all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation. Accordingly, we actively foster multidisciplinary education and cross-collaboration between experts and organizations addressing all forms of sexual harm.

**Authentic Consent.** The commodification of sex acts is inherently exploitive and incompatible with authentic consent and mutual desire in sexual relationships. Accordingly, forms of paid/transactional sex such as sex trafficking, prostitution, illicit massage, “sugar” relationships, pornography, webcamming, and stripping are inherently incongruous with authentic healthy sexual relationships.

**Survivor Leadership.** We value and seek the leadership and expertise of survivors of all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation. Their voices inform our understanding and guide the way for meaningful change.

**Unity in Diversity.** The movement against sexual abuse and exploitation must be rooted in a spirit of collaboration and common purpose among all those who share a vision for a world free from sexual abuse and exploitation. Therefore, we do not limit membership in CESE on the basis of personal politics, religion, or worldview. We always strive to maintain a non-partisan, non-sectarian, and singular focus on sexual abuse and exploitation issues, recognizing that working together on our shared concerns creates the greatest amount of progress. This includes collaboration among efforts focused on prevention, education, therapeutic services, policy, grassroots activism, direct services, medical services, and more.

**Abolitionism.** We are committed to the elimination of all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation (e.g., sexual assault, intimate partner sexual violence, rape, incest, child sexual abuse, child sexual abuse images, child-on-child harmful sexual behavior, pornography, pornography exposure abuse, deepfake pornography, cyber flashing, sextortion, upskirting, spycamming, “sugar” relationships, illicit massage, prostitution, sex trafficking, and sexual objectification). This includes ending the demand for all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

**Hope.** We are founded on the hope and belief that the darkness of sexual abuse and exploitation will not extinguish the light of human dignity.
The Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation is directed by The National Center on Sexual Exploitation.

Founded in 1962, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) is the leading national organization exposing the links between all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation such as child sexual abuse, prostitution, sex trafficking and the public health crisis of pornography because it is impossible to solve any of these problems in a vacuum. Only by dismantling the whole web of sexual abuse and exploitation will we achieve meaningful change.

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