

Exploitation Intervention Project (EIP)

The Exploitation Intervention Project (EIP) at the Legal Aid Society represents people prosecuted for violating state prostitution laws. They also have a program that seeks to vacate charges for those who have been convicted of prostitution or other related crimes as a result of having been trafficked. Since 2011, they have cleared over 1200 criminal convictions.

Who is eligible for services?

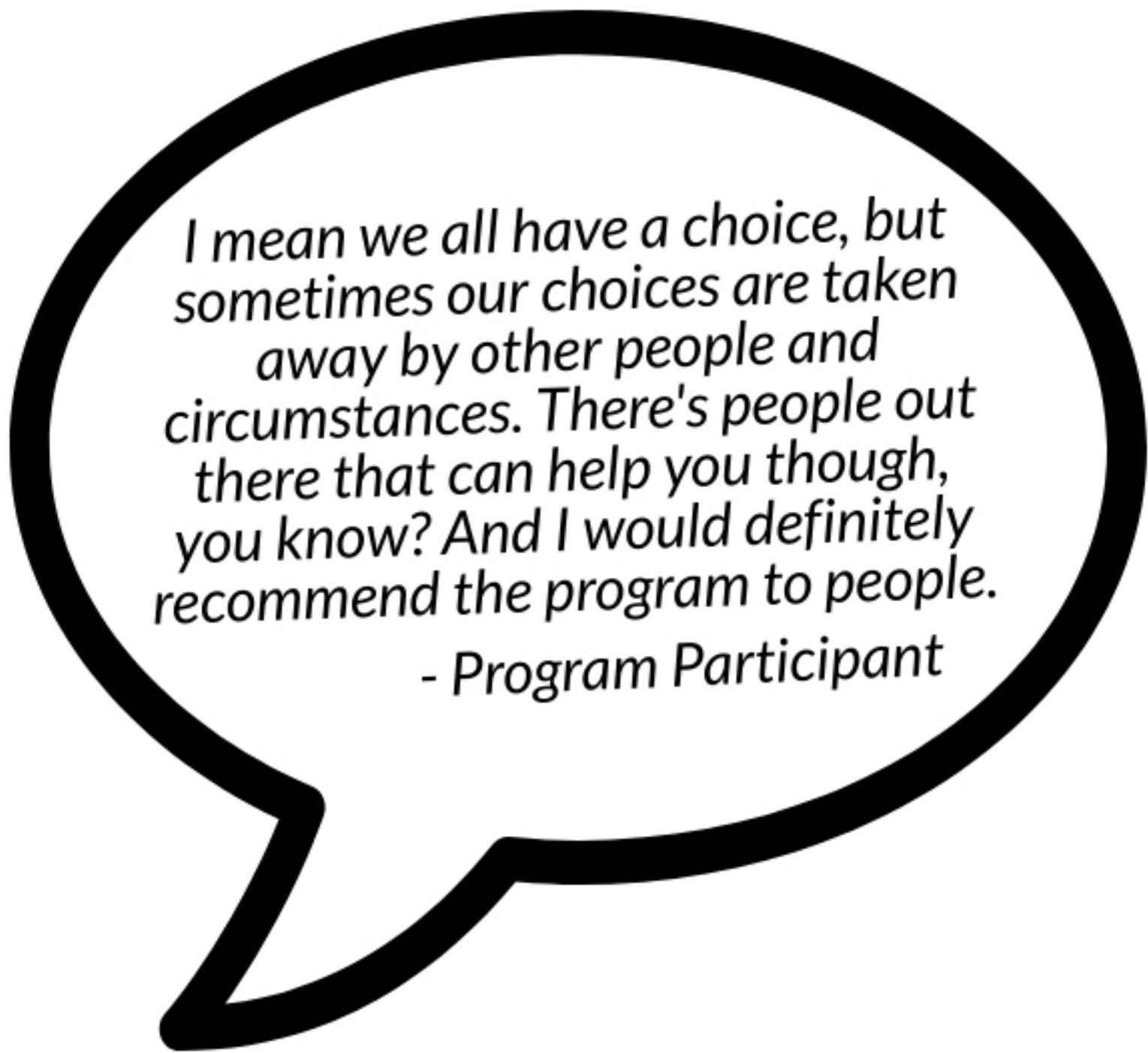
Anyone who has been arrested for, and subsequently convicted of, violating state prostitution laws. Those with prior charges as a result of having been trafficked may also qualify to have their charges vacated. The convictions had to have been a product of another using force, fraud, or coercion to induce them to engage in prostitution. This does not apply if they were under 18 at the time of arrest.

Which services are provided?

- Direct legal representation and advocacy
- Assistance vacating prostitution charges for trafficking survivors
- Comprehensive services to help clients with employment, education, health care services, mental health services, immigration needs, family legal services, or tattoo removal

What is the impact of these services?

Many women who participated in the process reported finally being able to find stable and secure employment or go back to school to complete a GED, bachelor's degree, or master's degree. They made a number of personal gains that resulted in a more positive outlook on their lives and futures.



I mean we all have a choice, but sometimes our choices are taken away by other people and circumstances. There's people out there that can help you though, you know? And I would definitely recommend the program to people.
- Program Participant

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