

April 16th Workshop Guest from Nigeria



Princess Olufemi-Kayode

Princess Olufemi-Kayode started her career in the Media in 1982, garnering over two decades of experiences across broadcast, print and the internet. **As a survivor of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), she realized the impact of the consequences of CSA on the Nigerian society, which undoubtedly has a large number of untreated young people in similar situations. This led to her raising public awareness and seeking institutional support to meet the needs of abused children and to prevent the long-term effects of abuse from seeping into the health, safety and productivity of the Nigerian society.**

In December 2002 at the gathering of WINNERS at SHILOH, God called her ‘SEXUALITY MINISTER,’ and that began her work in bringing **hope** and **healing** to women and children.

Princess is an ordained worker in her local church, Living Faith World Outreach, aka Winners Chapel, where she serves in the children’s church as a Teacher and as Cell Minister at Winners Satellite Fellowship.

The Founder and Executive Director of Media Concern Initiative, a non-governmental organization with its staff has in the past seven years, **engaged in sensitization/education of the public on preventing CSA** and developed a crisis center model that completes her vision to focus more skilled attention on the immediate safety and long-term wellbeing of sexually abused children. The crisis response and its 24-hour Helpline gives support and addresses the need for counseling, emergency medical care, protective custody, free legal aid, proffer referral system for victims and their families, and provides services of Victim Advocates. The Helpline launched in 2005 has received to date over 3,000 calls and have made over 6,700 interventions.

MEDIACON has worked directly with over 100,000 children and 60,000 adults, and has built the capacity of over 700 professionals in the criminal justice sector, education, religious, market community and different sectors of the society in an effort to get the adult community to take responsibility for **prevention of child sexual abuse**.

In 2007, her contributions to improve the quality of life of children and women in Nigeria were recognized and she was awarded the prestigious ASHOKA Fellowship by ASHOKA for Public Innovators, an international organization based in the United States that acknowledges social entrepreneurs.

In 2008, Princess became an Alumnus of the International Visitors Leadership Program of the United States Government, after visiting five states to study the U.S. response to ‘**Combatting Trafficking in Persons**’. This had greatly impacted her work on sexual violence against women and children.

In 2010, the fight against Child Sexual Abuse in Nigeria was recently accorded international recognition when the University of Western Cape, South Africa **honored Princess Olufemi-Kayode one of Nigeria’s leading Advocates on Child Sexual Abuse** as a receiver of its 2010 Honorary Doctorate Award in Public Health.

She is currently pursuing further training in Psychology with concentration on Criminal Justice at Walden University in the U.S. to enhance and broaden her knowledge base and skills in an effort to further provide better service to victims and the society.