

## Follow-up on S.M.A.R.T. Conference

### The Sixth Annual Ritual Abuse, Secretive Organizations and Mind Control Conference

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### FEEDBACK POINTS:

#### 1. OUR PRESENTATIONS:

We had the most wonderful experience at this conference and feel privileged to have had the opportunity to share the following two presentations:

1. **“Ritual Abuse-Torture: A Research-discussion Presentation Identifying Human Rights Violations:”**
2. **“The Risks of Being an Effective Anti-Violence Carer”**

**[The transcripts for both of these presentations are linked in the Resource Section of our website]**

This conference was the first time we presented to and shared our visual “Model of Ritual Abuse-Torture” with a large group of persons who have survived ritual abuse-torture (RAT)—RA or SRA. Or to persons who were partners, friends, or who had provided support and/or professional assistance to persons who had survived RAT—RA or SRA. The visual Model was developed over the past 10 years of work and although we have presented it at educational conferences this was a first. A go-for-it goal!

Because our Model is a result of the collective wisdom of the women who participated in our “kitchen table” research project, who trusted us to listen, and a belief in our-Selves to be able to listen and to seek meaning and understanding about the reality of ritual abuse-torture it was very important to share the women’s stories with other persons who had survived. It was also essential that we seek feedback about the Model from others as this is how collective wisdom grows. Feedback provides empowerment—gives direction, hope, and supports the will to find a way to expose the truthful reality of ritual abuse-torture, and work towards preventing children of the future from being harmed. For this reason we invited attendees at the conference to provide their feedback and evaluation of the Model by filling out the following form—25 people did. The feedback is provided below.

#### 2. INFORMATION FROM OUR “FEEDBACK & EVALUATION” FORM:

In 1998, we set out to make sense of and to organize the reality of RAT, as we understood it. From these efforts evolved our Model of Ritual Abuse-Torture—RA, SRA. Your feedback is important. We ask you to take a few minutes to **check off** your responses to the following questions.

1. Did the Model of RAT help organize your thinking about RAT?  
**Yes: 23**      **No: 2**
2. Did the Model of RAT help identify the behaviours of the RAT torturer(s)?  
**Yes: 24**      **No: 1**
3. Did the Model of RAT help organize the extensiveness of RAT victimization?  
**Yes: 24**      **No: 1**
4. Have you consistently considered RA to be:
  - a. Torture (RAT)? **Yes: 21**      **No: 4**
  - b. A violation of the victimized person's human rights? **Yes: 23**      **No: 2**
  - c. Connected to organized crime? **Yes: 16**      **No: 9**
  - d. The perpetrator's expression of human evil actions? **Yes: 24**      **No: 0**  
**[Unanswered: 1]**
5. Would the Model of RAT be useful to you as an educational tool? **Yes: 24** **No: 0**      As a  
healing tool? **Yes: 22** **No: 2**      **[Unanswered: 1]**  
As an assessment tool? **Yes: 17**      **No: 2**      **[Unanswered: 3 & 2 ? marks]**
6. Overall, was the presentation of the Model of RAT helpful?  
**Yes: 25**      **No: 0**
7. Your wisdom comes from surviving RAT (RA or SRA): **18**  
From professional experience: **8**  
From being a support person: **9**  
From being a partner: **2** or an adult child: **2**  
Other: **7 [friend, healing ministry]**
8. Your gender is: Female: **20**      Male: **3**      Other: **2** [transgendered & other]

**Comments:**

- Would like a copy of the wheel
- Excellent presentation
- Brilliant, helpful, long-needed model that can be utilized by multi-disciplinary workers, professionals, courts, women's centres, & grassroots survivor movements
- Nice to have a societal view
- Excellent model, organized crime, sex trade, political agenda
- Fantastic
- Keep stating that RAT is a crime! It does take away stigma & labelling, should use visual aid of pack of RAT's eating cheese (use pictures from movie of Ben)
- Very well thought out
- An addition to the wheel-I'm not sure where or how ~ males & females are made to become evil doers/perps have been victims/no one is born evil

- I realize now it is torture and a violation of rights. You broke my denial! Abuse is a more benign word than torture but torture is the correct term for what I experienced.
- Very helpful
- I think this model will be very helpful in educating counsellors, teachers, law enforcement, the UN!, etc. Great work. Thanks for your courage.
- Visuals were excellent
- Informative, compassionate, sincere
- Very appreciated, very helpful, informative
- Would like to hear from you again as presenters
- Could only read ½ of the RAT model
- Personally saw or experienced all in the model
- Main way of letting any change/help, political on this is by presenting it like this so others can understand it, expose it, not remember exploitation, explained the paralysing fear
- Can't wait for your book [Neither can we!]
- Thank you!

Thank you all for your input. It helps to feed our will to continue!

... Jeanne & Linda

### **3. LEARNING: A CORRECTION ANNOUNCEMENT:**

We thank one participant who specifically shared some of her wisdom with us when she told us the word “childogny” which we were using was incorrect. Based on her wisdom we have done more research and discovered an already existing word—misopais—a Greek word meaning the hatred of children.

We apologize for this. And, to the person who contributed to our learning—thank you!

### **4. ANOTHER CORRECTION:**

Returning home we noticed that the printer had missed printing one page in two of our booklets. The correct booklets are on our web site for those of you who wish to print off the missing pages. Our apologies.

### **5. SAYING GOOD-BYE!**

We feel so privileged to have been able to share time with so many activists—persons with courage to speak and from whom we learned. Our very sincere thanks for having us!

**A picture that speaks a thousand words: The end!**



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