

## Biographical Note

### **Nelson Enrique Rivera Reyes** **Renacer Foundation ECPAT Colombia**

He holds a Licentiate degree in Educational Psychology and Philosophy and a Master's degree in Psychoanalysis from IAEU, Barcelona. He has training and experience in dealing with children suffering from problems caused by use of and addiction to psychoactive substances and who are the victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

He has taken part in a number of research projects involving the commercial sexual exploitation of children in over thirty cities in the country, with the Renacer Foundation – ECPAT Colombia.

He has lectured in fora and seminars on the subjects of abuse and sexual exploitation of children and trafficking in persons within the country and beyond its borders.

He acted as consultant for the Governing Body of the Children and Families Protection System in the Dominican Republic, in the design of a comprehensive care programme for children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation (2000).

Mr Rivera Reyes also co-authored *Renacer: una propuesta para volver a nacer* ["Rebirth: a proposal for rebirth"], a book published by UNICEF and the Renacer Foundation in 2000. He is also co-author of the report on *Escenarios de la Infamia, la explotación sexual de NNA en once ciudades de Colombia* ["A scene of infamy; the sexual exploitation of children in eleven cities in Colombia"], funded by the Restrepo Barco Foundation, Plan and the Renacer Foundation, between 2005 and 2006.

He was a consultant for the design of the National Action Plan against child sexual exploitation, funded by UNICEF Colombia, ICBF and the Ministry of Social Protection in 2006.

At present, he is the Assistant Director for Therapy at the Renacer Foundation ECPAT Colombia.