

A STORY OF AMERICA'S TRAFFICKED YOUTH

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DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A FOREIGN PROBLEM TO YOU?

DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

Common Myths About Trafficking

- Only foreign or immigrants are victims of human trafficking
- Movement is required
- Only females can be victims of human trafficking
- Traffickers/pimps are always male
- Third party involvement is necessary for trafficking
- A victim's love for her pimp means that she is willingly choosing to engage in prostitution
- Victims of trafficking are always looking for a way to escape and will reach out to anyone fore help

Statistics

- \$35 Billion Industry which equals the profits earned by Starbucks, Google and Nike combined
- Fast growing and second largest criminal industry in the world
- 300,00 youth are trafficked every year
- The average life expectancy of a trafficked victim is 7 years. Homicide and drugs are the leading cause of death
- Every 2 seconds a child is forced to sell his/her body
- One-third of the 2.8 billion runaways is lured into Sex-Trafficking

The spotlight on Arizona

- 1 in 6 endangered runaways were likely sex trafficking victims
- The average age of entry for youth into sex trafficking in Arizona is 14
- In Arizona, 1 in 4 homeless young adults have experienced sex trafficking



Review

1. What is domestic minor sex trafficking?
2. Which of the following is/are not an example(s) of domestic minor sex trafficking?
 - A) A minor trading a sex act with an adult in exchange for a place to sleep
 - B) A pimp prostituting an adolescent
 - C) A little league coach sexually abusing a team member
 - D) A father trading his underage daughter for crack
 - E) A Korean national being forced by a trafficker to work in a U.S. brothel
3. True/False: A minor being prosecuted in a house in Tucson, Arizona is not a victim of domestic minor sex trafficking because she never crosses state lines for purposes of prostitution.

TEEN PROSTITUTE

Who are the victims?

"What I would want any law enforcement, and cop, and probation officer, any judge, what I would want them to know is I'm more than just a stereotype they saw. I'm more than a junkie, a ho on the street. I'm more than just a dead beat mom. I was on the streets looking for help, looking for love, looking to be protected." - Jessica, Trafficking Survivor



Victim Profiles and Vulnerabilities

70% of DMST victims reported having experienced **physical or sexual abuse** in their homes.

78% of children exploited through prostitution had **run away four or more times** in the past year.

57% of victims **had been raped** before they were trafficked.

67% of the suspected child trafficking cases reported in 2012 **were in the care of social services** when they disappeared.



Factors that increase a child's vulnerability and risk for exploitation

- Unstable home life or homelessness
- Poor or disjointed family connections
- Physical, sexual abuse or neglect
- History of running away
- Low self-esteem/self-worth
- Addiction to substances or exposure to them at home
- Involvement in the juvenile justice or child welfare system

Less than **2%** of human trafficking victims are **ever identified**



- Victims have a distrust of service providers and law enforcement
- Victims are psychologically controlled by pimps and will lie out of loyalty to him/her
- Victims lie out of fear of retaliation by the pimp
- Victims may believe it is their fault and that they'll be criminalized if they disclose
- Victims are ashamed
- Victims don't think anyone will believe them

Review

1. What are some factors that increase a child's vulnerability to becoming a victim of domestic minor sex trafficking?
2. True/False: If the minor doesn't have or identify a pimp, then it's not trafficking?

Any child can be a victim of domestic minor sex trafficking

"I'm gonna fill your head up with as many dreams as possible... and once i feel like you're starting to catch on to what I'm doing, I'll just throw more at you."

"it's impossible to protect all girls from guys like I was. Because that's what we do. We eat, drink, and sleep thinking of ways to trick young girls into doing what we want them to do."

Targeted

Tricked

Traumatized



Targeted

Traffickers shop for their victims online, in shopping malls, bus stops, schools, after-school programs, foster homes, and other places where teens gather

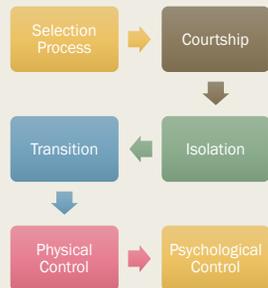


Tricked

Traffickers invest a lot of time and effort in forming a bond with their victim. they often buy gifts, provide a place to stay and give affection before revealing their true intent to sexually exploit them.



From Boyfriend to Pimp



"I was 14 when I met my 'boyfriend' who turned out to be a pimp. Once I realized that I had been tricked and that he meant to put me into prostitution, I started creating a plan to runaway. I don't know how he knew but later that night he told me to get in the car and he drove me into another neighborhood. At the end of the street he stopped in front of a house that was on fire and said 'I did this and if you ever try to run away I will burn your parents alive in the middle of the night.' after that I did whatever he said and never tried to leave." Sheree, Trafficking Survivor

Traumatized

The traffickers use of psychological manipulation, physical violence, and rape can make the victim feel trapped and powerless. Victims may not recognize that they are victims and may not ask for help.



SUPPLY & DEMAND



Buyers



Although buyers were **arrested** for purchasing sex with a child in **48 states**, they were only **prosecuted** in **18 states**.

Review

1. True/False: Pimps most often rely on physical force to control their victims.

2. Who are the key players:

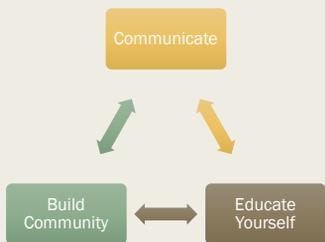
- Trafficker/Pimp
- Buyer
- Victim
- Facilitator
- Bottom

3.. Types of facilitators:

taxi drivers, hotel staff, corrupt officials, property owners, and other business

"America's response to trafficking today reflects the growing awareness and efforts of many stakeholders. We have seen changes to the way we investigate cases, prosecute offenders and respond to victims. Our response has developed strategically and collaboratively. I believe we owe much of our success to the continued cooperation between law enforcement, service providers, the faith based community and other professionals in our fight for justice." -Linda Smith, President and Founder of Shared Hope International

Prevention Strategies



Keep the conversation going:

- **Learn** the warning signs so that you help identify a potential victim
- **Volunteer** at or support a local organization working on the issue
- **Speak** to your family, friends and co-workers about sex trafficking
- **Monitor** the media to ensure consistent, responsible, and helpful coverage
- **Advocate** for victims by supporting efforts like the Arizona Human Trafficking Council
- **Learn** from a survivor by going to EndSexTrafficking.AZ.gov
- **Encourage** your local schools to educate students about sex trafficking
- **Report** sex trafficking by calling 1-888-373-7888 or 1-800-843-5678



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Arizona Organizations Making and Impact



- The Phoenix Dream Center, a volunteer driven nonprofit organization, which exists to serve the homeless, low-income, at risk youth and struggling individuals and families by providing resources, opportunities and supportive services to help them realize their dream of living a self-sufficient life.



- StreetLightUSA is a national leader specializing in the care and healing of victims of child sex trafficking and sexual trauma. Streetlight serves girls ages 11-17. Its mission is to Transition Adolescent Girls from Trauma to Triumph.



- Project ALWAYS provides no-cost legal services to support young people's escape and recovery from homelessness, human trafficking, and abuse. Project ALWAYS services range from training seminars to individual legal advice to full representation addressing a variety of barriers to success, including family safety and stability, immigration status, and employability.

Resources

Call 911

"If you believe a person is in immediate danger, call 911. It is far better to report suspicious activity than overlook a trafficking situation."

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

traffickingresourcecenter.org
1-888-373-7888 or text 'HELP' or 'INFO' to 233733

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

missingkids.com
1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

Arizona Human Trafficking Council

EndSexTrafficking.AZ.gov

Resources Used for This Presentation

1. Shared Hope International
2. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
3. ASU Sex Trafficking and Intervention (STIR)
4. National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)
5. Arizona Human Trafficking Council
6. Department of Homeland Security

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After attending this presentation, what's your next move?
How can you make a change in your community?

