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HT 101

THE STATS, THE TRENDS, AND HOW TO RESPOND

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINITION

SEX TRAFFICKING is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age.

LABOR TRAFFICKING is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATS

- There are 27 million people enslaved in the world today (some researchers even put that number at closer to 40 million), which is more than any other time in history. ¹
- On any given month, nearly 100 children will be listed for sale for sex online in TN. ²
- 85% of counties in Tennessee reported at least one case of sex trafficking in 2013.
- 71% of counties in Tennessee reported a sex trafficking case involving a child in 2013. ³
- 80% of sex trafficking victims in the U.S. are female, and 50% of victims are under the age of 18. ⁴

UNIQUE QUALITIES OF AN HT VICTIM

The most vulnerable:

- Children in foster care/group homes
- Children or adults with previous history of physical or sexual abuse
- Runaways
- Children or adults with special needs
- Anyone who has a weakness that can be exploited

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN TN

- Huge wave of legislation beginning in 2013 to lay the foundation.
- Additional laws passed each year since.
- CCAHT Anti-Trafficking Task Force with a local East TN focus.
- Single-point-of-contact statewide response. Along with three other organizations across Tennessee, CCAHT has been selected by the state as the single-point-of-contact agency to respond to human trafficking survivors. CCAHT covers upper East TN, and all human trafficking referrals in that region, including those from DCS, funnel through our organization.

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- Through its direct services program, Grow Free Tennessee, CCAHT is in the process of opening a residential facility for adult female trafficking survivors that will open in 2018.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Recognize the signs:

- Injuries: multiple bruises or cuts at different stages of healing
- Same attire or little belongings; unsuitable living conditions
- No identification documents
- Fearful or timid of authority figures
- Unable to move independently; controlled movements
- Always accompanied by another person
- Coached on what to say
- Disoriented or confused; signs of mental abuse

Know the lingo:

- Daddy - pimp
- P.I. - reference to another pimp
- Stable - a group of women under pimp control
- Bottom bitch/ bottom girl - the head girl
- Folks/family - your pimp or the person who you work for
- Gorilla pimp/john - a pimp or john that uses force
- Track - street location for commercial sex
- Turnout - someone who recruits you into the life
- Dates/johns/tricks - buyers of commercial sex
- Out of pocket - to look at or talk to another pimp
- Stay in pocket - to play by the rules of “the game”
- Renegade - to work for oneself or not to have a pimp
- Tucking - hiding money from the pimp

Respond appropriately:

- Never intervene
- Document what you are observing (car, license plates, physical descriptions)

Report what you are observing:

- Call the National HT Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
- Or Call the Tennessee HT Hotline: 1-855-558-6484

¹ Trafficking in Persons Report, US Department of State, 2015

² Adolescent Girls in the Tennessee Sex Trade, The Shapiro Group, 2012

³ The Geography of Trafficking in Tennessee, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, 2013

⁴ Characteristics of Suspected Human Trafficking Incidents, US Department of Justice, 2008-2010