

DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING (DMST)

A COMMUNITY RESPONSE



CENTRAL TEXAS
DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING
ROUNDTABLE



FACT OR MYTH?

Victims will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of a crime.

- **Trafficking is the same as smuggling.**
- **Trafficked persons can only be foreign nationals or are only immigrants from other countries.**
- **Trafficking must involve some form of travel, transportation, or movement across state or national borders.**
- **There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking situation.**



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COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



4Rs for Human Trafficking

Recognize 

Respond 

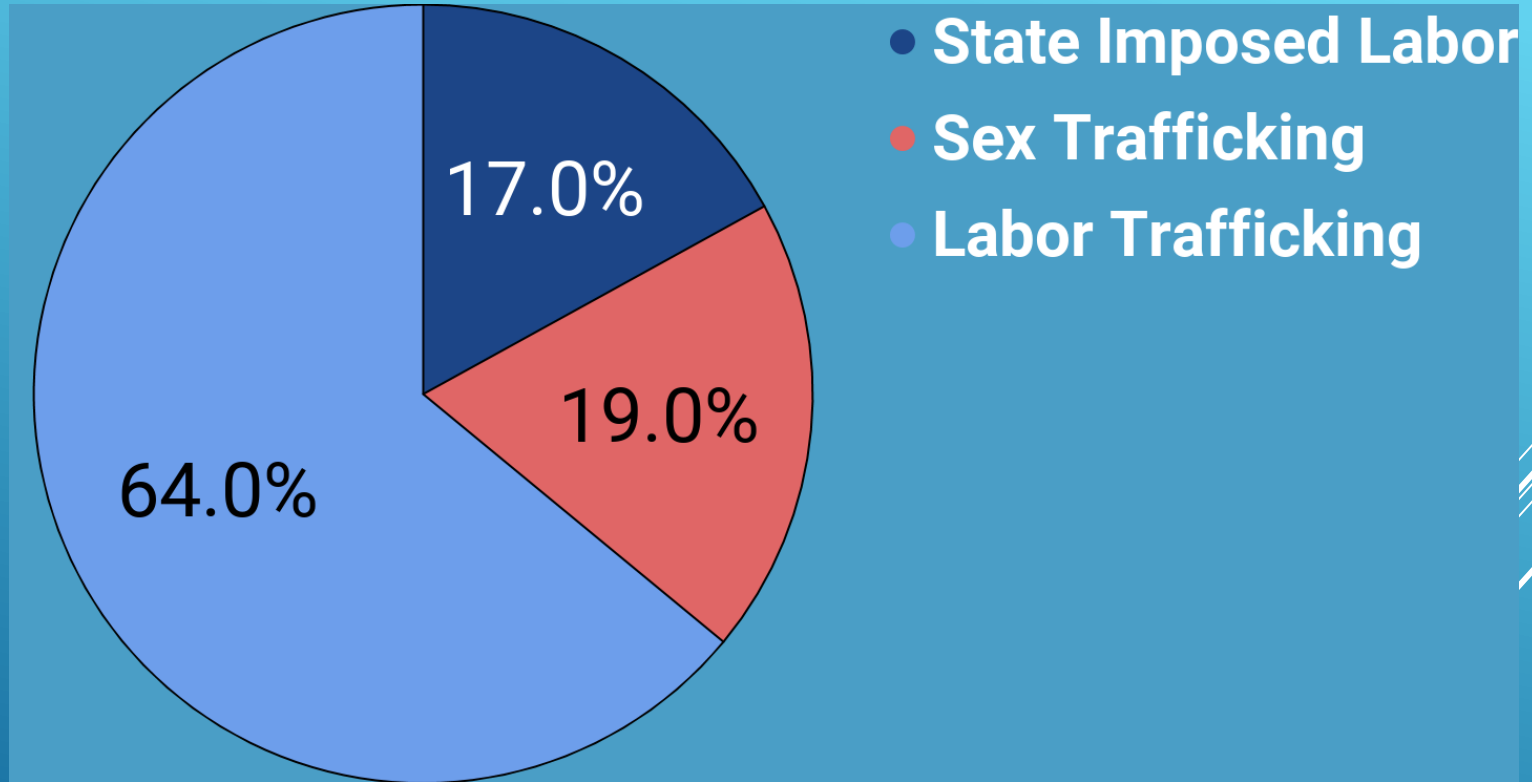
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Report 

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TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORLDWIDE



Worldwide, nearly 24.9 million people are victims of human trafficking in 2016... bringing in profits of over 150 billion dollars (ILO).



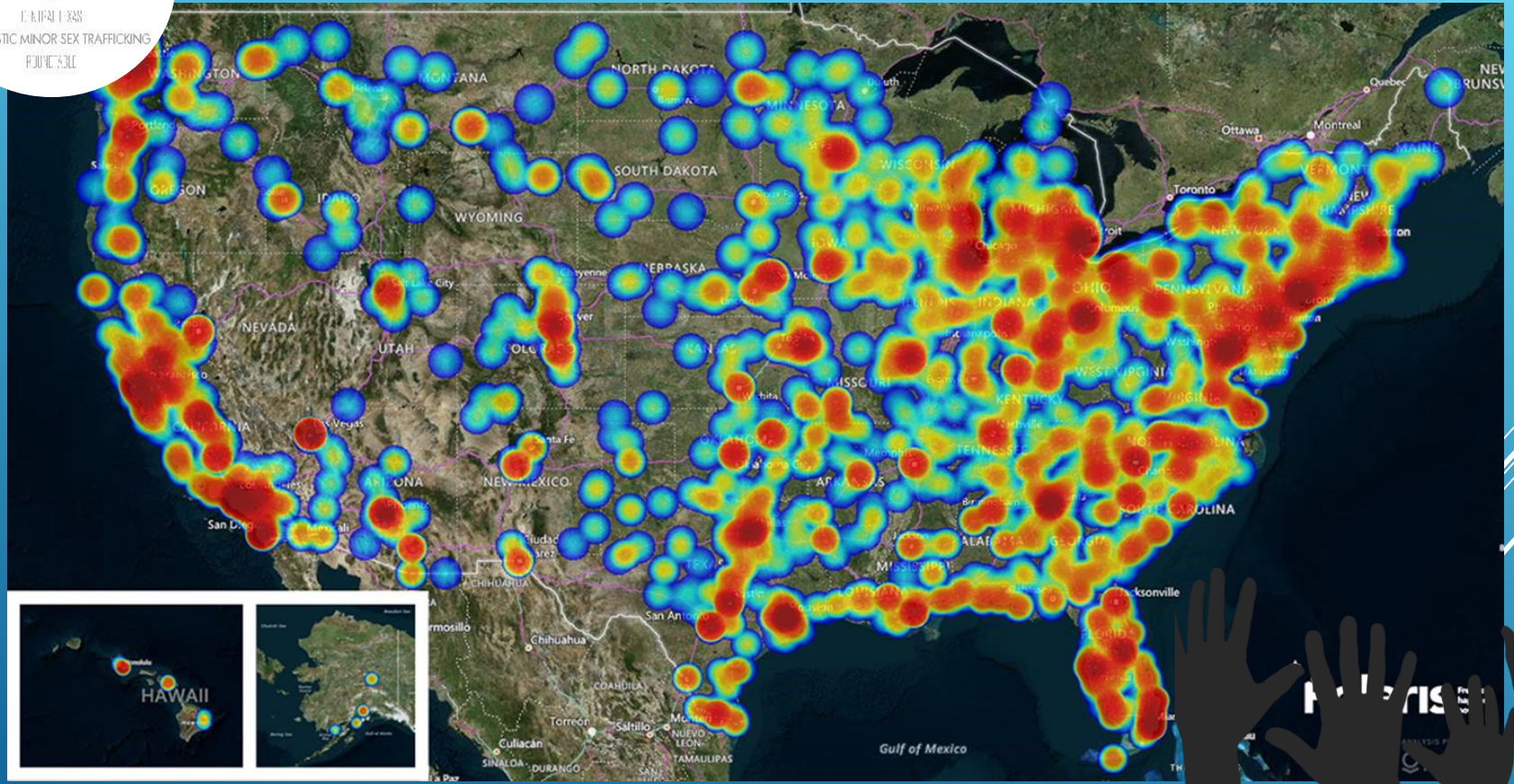
CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

Traffics	Causes	Commercial Sex Acts or Sex Abuse
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• transports• entices• recruits• harbors• provides• otherwise obtains• Receives a benefit• Sexually engages a trafficked child	<p>By any means (no force, fraud or coercion required if victim is under 18).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• continuous sexual abuse, indecency with a child, sexual assault (& agg.), prostitution,• promotion (& agg.) of prostitution,• sexual performance by a child,• possession or promotion of child pornography





CHILD TRAFFICKING IN THE U.S.

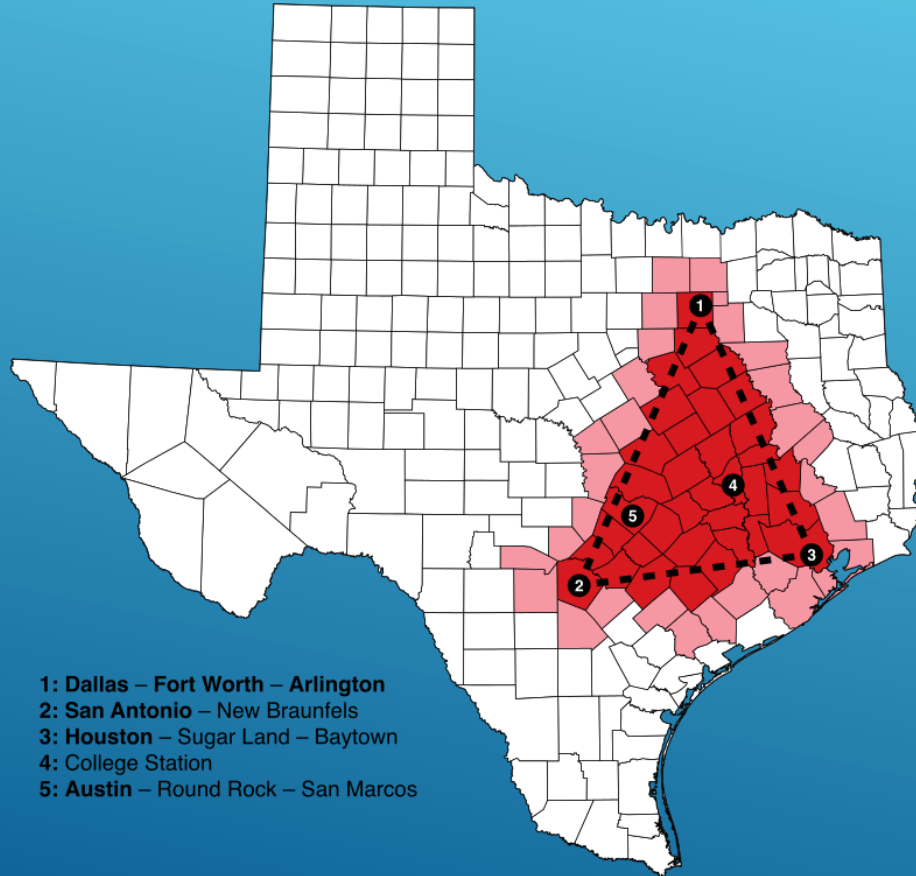


Calls to National Hotline in 2018





THE TEXAS TRIANGLE



- 1: Dallas – Fort Worth – Arlington
- 2: San Antonio – New Braunfels
- 3: Houston – Sugar Land – Baytown
- 4: College Station
- 5: Austin – Round Rock – San Marcos







Who Is Vulnerable?

Youth who are...

Special
Needs or
Disabilities

Runaway/
Homeless
Youth

LGBTQ
Youth

Lack Strong
Support
Network

Juvenile Justice
System Involved
Youth:
Masking
Offenses

Foster
Care
Youth

Prior
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or
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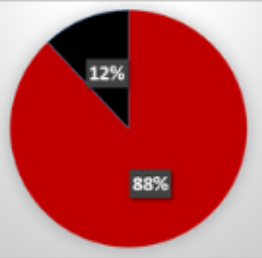
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Child Sex Trafficking

Of the more than 23,500 runaways reported to NCMEC in 2018, one in seven were likely victims of child sex trafficking.



Of those, 88% were in the care of social services when they went missing.

Courtesy of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

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CENTRAL TEXAS AND BELL COUNTY

Registered Homeless Students

- Killeen ISD: **543**
- Belton ISD: **289**
- Temple ISD: **218**

At-Risk Students

- Killeen ISD: **23,170**
- Belton ISD: **4,929**
- Temple ISD: **5,635**

Economically Disadvantaged Students

- Killeen ISD: **27,691**
- Belton ISD: **5,409**
- Temple ISD: **6,280**





THE FACTS

**Average age
15-17

No Discrimination

Victim's Average
Life Span
is 7 years

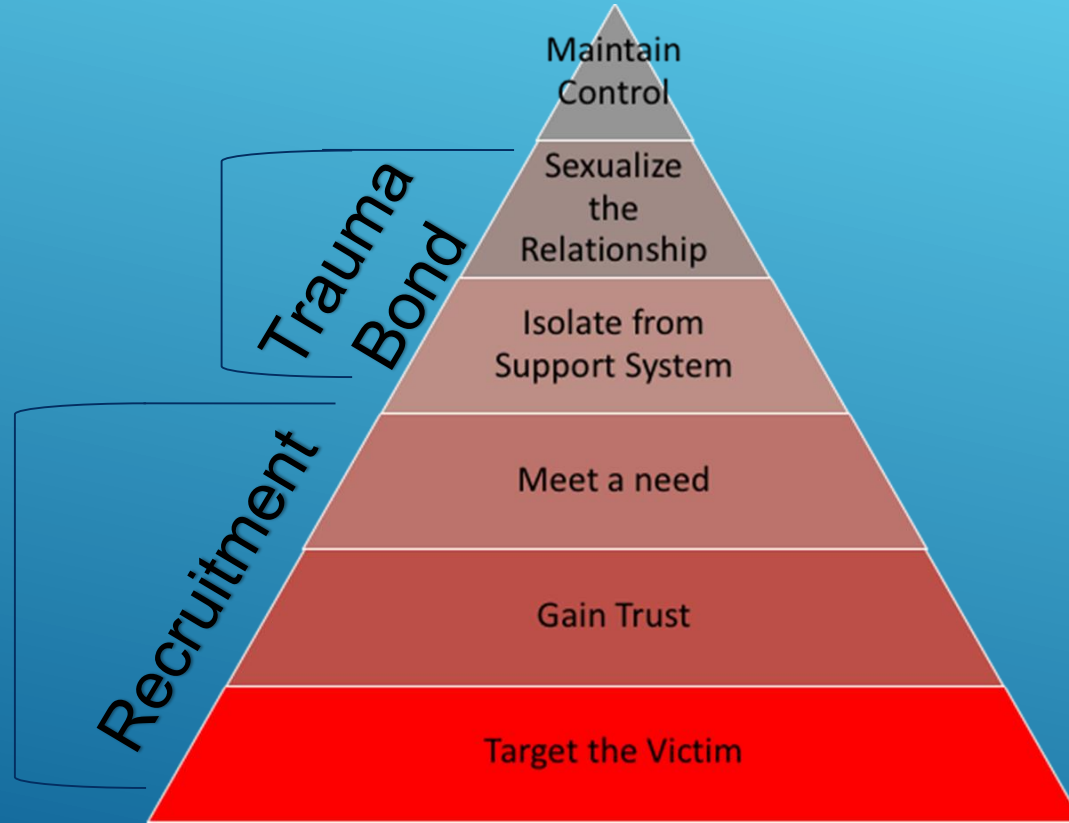
1 out of 3 Runaways
at RISK within 24
Hours

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The Grooming and Recruitment Process



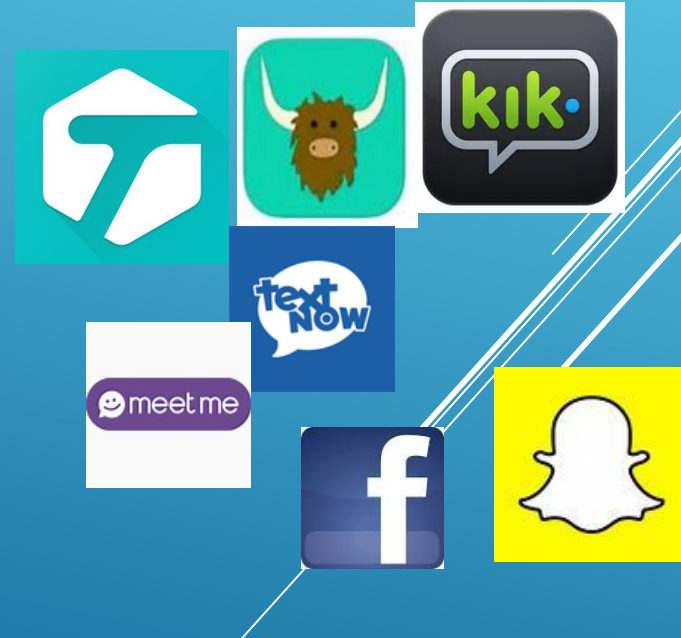
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WHERE DOES RECRUITMENT OCCUR?

- Bus stops
- Malls and social hang outs
- Parties
- Schools
- Online and social media (At Home)
- Neighborhood
- Girlfriends of gang members
- Jails/Detention Centers



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WHERE DOES TRAFFICKING OCCUR?

- Online exploitation
- Hotels and motels
- Truck stops
- Strip clubs and bars
- Major sporting events
- Street prostitution
- Commercial front
brothels
- Private residences
- Escort services



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What do you see?





WHAT ARE THE RED FLAGS?

- Scripted answers
- Inconsistencies in story
- Branding or tattoos, especially that reflect ownership or money
- Bruising with varied stages of healing with black, purple, blue, yellow shades
- Cigarette burns, rope burns, scars, cuts or other physical abuse
- Travels to other cities frequently
- Uses terms common to the sex industry
- Appears helpless, shame, malnourished
- Inability or fear of making eye contact
- Chronic runaway; homeless youth
- Dating much older, abusive, or controlling men
- Not attending school or numerous absences
- Sudden change in attire, possessions, behavior.

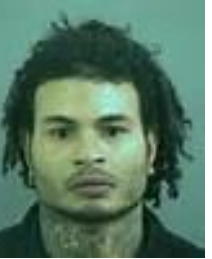


On its own, one of these signs might not indicate trafficking, but 2-3 together are a good indication.

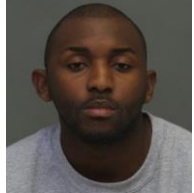
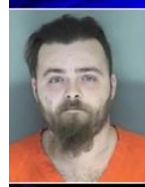




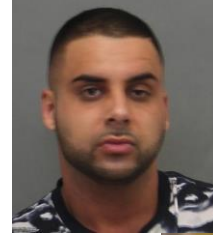
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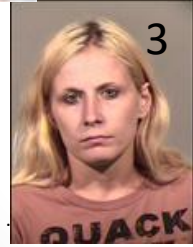
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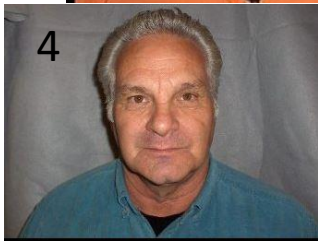
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Why don't people ask for help?





TRAUMA AND THE BRAIN





LOCAL HEADLINES

You may see people you know on this slide.

Four alleged gang members face trial in sex trafficking case

http://www.elpasotimes.com/news/ci_27242196/four-alleged-gang-members-face-trial-sex-trafficking

Central Texas Woman Sentenced In Child Sex Trafficking Case

Posted: Wed 3:53 PM, Feb 06, 2013

<http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Central-Texas-Woman-Sentenced-In-Child-Sex-Trafficking-Case-190087431.html>

Killeen-Area Man Found Guilty of Sex Trafficking of a Minor

<http://www.fbi.gov/houston/press-releases/2014/killeen-area-man-found-guilty-of-sex-trafficking-of-a-minor>

Belton man indicted for online solicitation of a minor

<http://www.kwtx.com/content/news/Belton-man-indicted-for-online-solicitation-of-a-minor-444408993.html>

2 suspects in Waco sex trafficking case arrested in Alabama

<http://www.kxxv.com/story/22498745/2-suspects-in-waco-sex-trafficking-case-arrested-in-alabama>

More than half of 20 snared prostitution sting are FH soldiers

<http://www.kwtx.com/content/news/Twenty-snared-in-local-prostitution-sting-442803963.html>

3 Ft. Hood Soldiers Indicted yesterday for Human Trafficking

<http://www.examiner.com/article/3-ft-hood-soldiers-indicted-yesterday-for-human-trafficking>

Ft. Hood Soldiers Busted In Online Sex Sting

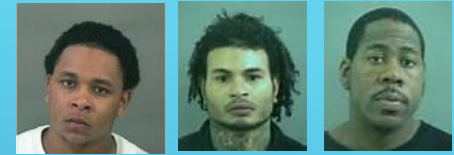
<http://www.kxxv.com/story/7043597/ft-hood-soldiers-busted-in-online-sex-sting>

Central Texas football coach snared in online child sex sting

<http://www.kwtx.com/content/news/Central-Texas-football-coach-and-teacher-arrested-in-online-child-sex-sting-446513983.html>

Deputies arrest nearly 50 in Central Texas prostitution sting

<http://www.kwtx.com/content/news/Deputies-arrest-nearly-50-in-Central-Texas-prostitution-sting-367411751.html>





Approach the victim?

In most cases, NO. Call appropriate agency to report. If an emergency, call 9-1-1 and say you suspect trafficking and need immediate assistance.

Ask why they don't leave?

“Why” questions can seem judgemental. Just listen and use words such as “tell me more about...”

Try to rescue the victim?

NO...this could endanger the victim AND YOU. Report to the proper agency.

How should
you respond?

See Something?
Say Something!





RESOURCES

CST is child abuse- Everyone is a mandatory reporter!



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CENTRAL TEXAS
Together, safeguarding families.
(254) 939-7582



24-HOUR CRISIS CARE LINE
1-800-421-TEEN (8336)



Common Thread

A project of BCFS Health & Human Services

1-888-8THREAD (884-7323)
providing local advocacy
and case management

NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE

Cyber Tipline - www.cybertipline.com



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Learn to **RECOGNIZE, RESPOND, REFER, and REPORT** to local law enforcement and the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

- **PARTNER** with other local entities that are working in this area.
- **SUPPORT** alternative programs that will keep children out of juvenile detention centers and provide much-needed services.
- **CONTACT** policy makers to encourage them to recognize children as victims and prohibit prosecution of children who are victims of sex trafficking.
- **ENCOURAGE** trauma-informed care.
- **REMEMBER** that this is a problem that is not isolated to girls and to which there is no single solution.
- **SHARE** what you have learned with someone else and/or **SCHEDULE** a future training.



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“Never underestimate the power of a small group of people to change the world. In fact, it is the only way it ever has.”

Margaret

Mead

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