

SEX TRAFFICKING

is a **BOOMING** industry

DEFINED

SEX TRAFFICKING occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act

A **COMMERCIAL SEX ACT** includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes

It thrives because there's serious demand

BUYER

Fuels the market with their money

TRAFFICKER/PIMP

Exploits victims to earn revenue from buyers

VICTIM

Includes both girls and boys who are bought and sold for profit

Traffickers find victims through:

SOCIAL NETWORK

HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

CLUBS OR BARS

INTERNET

SCHOOL

And lure them through promises of:



TRAFFICKERS USE

FEAR

VIOLENCE

INTIMIDATION

THREATS

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND MEET DEMAND

The **common age** a child enters sex trafficking is

14-16

TOO YOUNG AND NAIVE TO REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING

SOCIETY MAY CALL IT

PROSTITUTION

BUT FEDERAL LAW CALLS IT

SEX TRAFFICKING

VICTIMS NEED HELP

NOT JUDGEMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Because of social stigma or misinformation, victims go:



UNIDENTIFIED

SILENCED BY FEAR AND THE CONTROL OF THE TRAFFICKER



MISIDENTIFIED

PIGEONHOLED INTO TREATMENT FOR ONLY THE SURFACE ISSUES

SO

Sex trafficked children are instead treated for:

DRUG ABUSE

ALCOHOL ABUSE

DELINQUENCY

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

STDs

ABORTION

BECOME



AN ACTIVIST

Advocate for strong laws to fight sex trafficking.

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Educate yourself on the issue with CHARLI, our interactive online platform for training.

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A VOLUNTEER

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A GIVER

Empower our work by giving financially.

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PREVENT

We teach youth, parents, community members and professionals to prevent sex trafficking by identifying the warning signs.



RESTORE

We provide funding and technical assistance to partners to restore and empower survivors.



Inform



Connect



Fund



BRING JUSTICE

We work hand-in-hand with state and federal lawmakers to strengthen laws so buyers and traffickers go to jail and survivors are protected.

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