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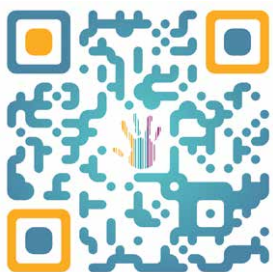
COURAGE



FOR TEENS

“I was trafficked for three years starting when I was 14 years old. He trafficked me for 3 years, the whole time I was going to school and living at home. But no one ever helped me, no one ever asked me what was going on. If someone had cared enough to JUST ASK maybe I would have never been a victim.”

- Taylor (a 17-year-old victim)



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WHAT?

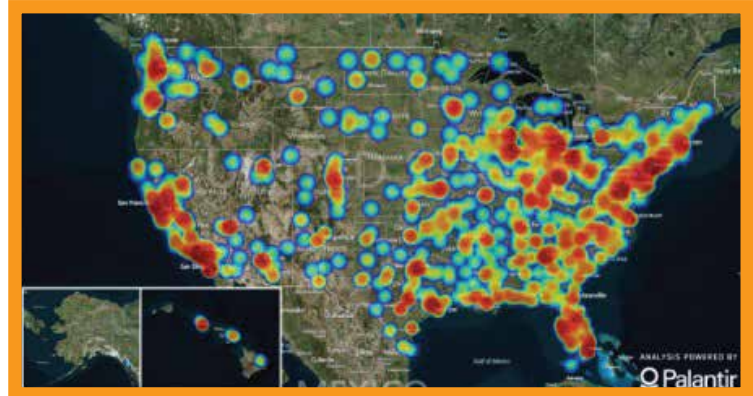
Human trafficking is compelling a person to engage in commercial sex or forced, unfair labor. A sex trafficker is someone who profits from someone participating in sexual acts in exchange for anything of value (money, food, drugs, clothes, a place to sleep, etc) or someone who gives something of value to receive a sex act.

WHO?

“I didn’t know what was going on, until it was too late!”

Anyone can be targeted by traffickers regardless of race, age, ethnicity, socio-economic group, or academic achievement.

WHERE?



To find specific statistics for your area go to: <http://traffickingresourcecenter.org/states>



HOW?

Scouting



Traffickers are searching for young people to target.

Traffickers find teens:

- On social media
- In shopping malls
- At bus stops
- In school
- Through friends



Manipulating



Traffickers relate to young people and often times seem “too good to be true.” They:

- Pretend to be boyfriends or girlfriends
- Buy presents; treat their intended victims very well
- Listen and act interested in their lives
- Traffickers lie



Trapping



Traffickers trick or control young people into staying in the lifestyle.

These methods could be:

- False love or lies
- Drugs, or
- Even violence or threats of violence



EDUCATION

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3 to Succeed: Everyone should have 3 trusted adults in their life that they can turn to with questions or concerns. **Who are your 3?**

What can I do if I think I am being targeted?

- Always have a friend with you
- Ask advice from your parents, friends, and trusted adults
- Don't respond to texts or tweets from people you haven't met face to face
- Don't accept expensive gifts from "friends"
- If they sound too good to be true, they probably are
- Know that traffickers try to isolate their victims from family and friends
- If you think you are being targeted tell someone, don't keep it a secret
- Remember that traffickers may seem caring and sincere
- JUST ASK for help if you find yourself in a bad situation

Can you identify the trafficker?

"I thought he loved me and cared about me. He seemed like the perfect guy and we were so happy, until...He said it was just one time...He said it was an emergency and if I truly loved him I would help him out ...If only I had known who he truly was ..."

- **Cameron (a 16-year old victim)**



Help Fight Human Trafficking

Kyra decided she needed to do something about this terrible crime when she was a sophomore in high school. In partnership with Just Ask she started a club in her school to create awareness of the threat. According to the police, the club's efforts saved a number of teens from being trafficked and led to the rescue of others.

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How to protect friends?

- Pay attention to changes in mood or behavior
- Don't just ignore them if they start to isolate
- Educate them about trafficking
- Don't be afraid to share your opinion if you think your friends are getting into a bad situation
- Report your concerns to trusted adults
- JUST ASK if you think something is wrong



PREVENTION

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“Every person has value and purpose! We should take the time to care enough to help anyone in need, regardless of what we think about their situation.”

What can I do?

REMEMBER IT IS NEVER TOO LATE, NO ONE IS “STUCK” IN THIS LIFE!

Find a trusted adult or friend to confide in

- Never give up hope or resign to being stuck in a bad situation
- Trust that people are there to help you or your friend
- Know your resources
- You are not the one at fault, do not worry about getting in trouble
- **JUST ASK** for help!

How do you get out safely?

“I didn’t think there was hope, but I also knew that I wasn’t going to survive if I didn’t get out. I talked to my school counselor. They understood what was going and they were not judgmental of me. They told me it wasn’t my fault. They made sure I got the help I needed and got me back on track to finish school!”

- Jessie (an 18 year old victim)

Don’t be afraid to ask for help or worry about getting in trouble! It is not YOUR fault!

**National Human Trafficking hotline:
888-3737-888 or text
"HELP" to befree.**

Local Police Department Contact Info:

Security Officer Contact Info:



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