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### CHILD LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Fields
- Domestic Households
- Restaurants or Bars
- Motels and Hotels
- Traveling Sales or Peddling Crews

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Increase knowledge of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of minors in the U.S.
2. Explain myths and misconceptions about human trafficking.
3. Discuss the wide breadth of ways minors are sexually exploited.
4. Understand the techniques and methods employed by those who traffic or sexually exploit minors.
5. List risk factors and vulnerabilities of minors related to human trafficking.
6. Recognize Red Flags of a potentially trafficked minor.
7. Describe why minors do not 'out-cry' and why stories may be inconsistent.
8. Summarize long-term recovery needs for minor survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation.
9. Be aware of options for others to have increased awareness and knowledge about human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

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### CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

**ALL minors in these** situations are victims:

- Prostitution, strip or dance clubs
- Self produced pornographic photos or videos
- Sex acts, in person or online, to acquire anything of value

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### TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

**ANY person under the age of 18 used for commercial sex, is a victim of human trafficking. The legal requirement for conviction is "by any means". There is no need to show force, fraud, or coercion.**

\*Trafficking Victims Protection Act

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### FORMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

- Online advertisements of children for sexual purposes
- Live sexually oriented video streaming of minors
- Children working in sexually oriented businesses
- Producing, buying, selling, trading or obtaining child pornography
- Sextortion
- Buying, selling, or trading of children for sexual exploitation for anything of value
- Fake child modeling agencies
- Children engaging in sex acts to acquire food, clothing, or shelter

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**RISK FACTORS**

- **RUNAWAY**
- **HOMELESSNESS**
- **LGBTQ**
- **PREVIOUS PHYSICAL/SEXUAL ABUSE**
- **CHRONIC ABUSE/NEGLECT**

- LACK OF FAMILY SUPPORT
- SIGNIFICANT FAMILIAL AND SCHOOL DISRUPTIONS
- PARENTAL ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- LACK OF PERSONAL SAFETY
- ISOLATION
- EMOTIONAL DISTRESS
- FAMILY DYSFUNCTION
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- MENTAL ILLNESS
- LEARNING DISABILITIES
- DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY
- PROMOTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION BY FAMILY OR PEERS
- LACK OF SOCIAL SUPPORT

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**VICTIMS**

**26% are not in CPS**

**74% of CST victims are part of Child Protective Services\***


**INCREASED DEMAND = EXPANSION OF HUNTING GROUNDS**

\* Polaris Project

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**TRAFFICKERS EXPLOIT VULNERABILITIES**

- Children from an abusive home life may fall prey to false love and affection provided by the trafficker.
- Children who are impoverished may believe in the trafficker's promise of a better life.
- Children who have runaway or are living on the street may be taken in by the trafficker who provides food and shelter.
- Children using online social networks may be lured by the trafficker as they strike up friendships.



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**Statewide Human Trafficking Mapping Project for Texas**

**313,000** Estimated Victims of Human Trafficking

**79,000** MINOR/YOUNG ADULT VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

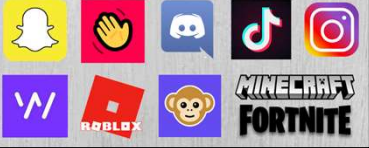


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**TRAFFICKERS CAST A WIDE NET**

**750,000** predators are hiding in chat rooms, messaging apps, photo and video apps, social media, and online games.



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# SEXTORTION



45% of the perpetrators carried out their threats

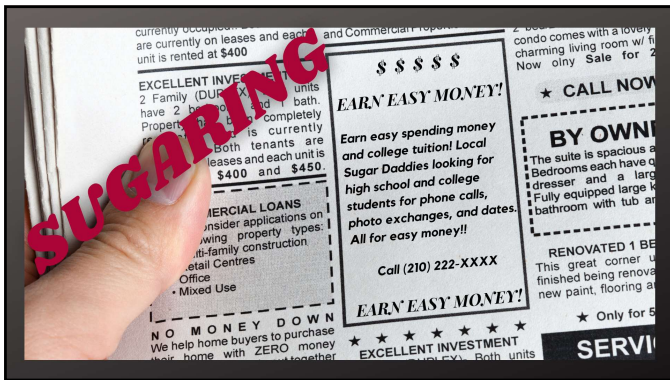
<https://cyberbullying.org/sexortion>

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Online gaming is the primary recruitment tool for boys who are not on the street.

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SUGARING

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**EARN EASY MONEY!**

Earn easy spending money and college tuition! Local Sugar Daddies looking for high school and college students for phone calls, photo exchanges, and dates. All for easy money!!

Call (210) 222-XXXX

**EARN EASY MONEY!**

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# The LURE

Traffickers target victims looking for love, acceptance, adventure, and protection

- Master manipulators
- Target market is Middle School

**WHY?**



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## IT HAPPENS TO BOYS



### RISK FACTORS

- Homelessness
- Family dysfunction, abuse, substance abuse, time spent in foster care
- Sexual orientation

### DIFFERENCES

- Higher rates of "survival sex."
- Less likely to have pimp/more independent
- Lower rates of identification
- Less services available
- Cultural perceptions

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## RECRUITERS

**SEEK OUT VULNERABILITIES AND CONNECT VICTIMS TO TRAFFICKERS**



### RECRUITMENT LOCATIONS

- Schools & libraries
- Malls & parks
- Shelters & juvenile detention centers
- Abandoned buildings & parties
- Bus stops & bus rides
- Internet & social media

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**STRANGER DANGER** / **REALITY**

Getting lured into Human Trafficking is more likely to occur via someone a teen or their friends **think** they know

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**Characteristics of a Victim**

- History of abuse
- History of running away
- Associates with older adults
- Active CPS case
- History of minor crime involvement
- Believe their actions are voluntary

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**Perception vs. Reality**

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**Victim Disclosure**

- Build trust
- Dig Deeper Ask Questions

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**RED FLAGS: Regular interaction with youth**

**CHANGES** in Attire, Possessions, Behavior:

- ✓ Friendships: older friends, romantic or platonic.
- ✓ Secretive or lying about social media, friends, activities.
- ✓ Change in demeanor or personality.
- ✓ Increased truancy or running away.
- ✓ Drop in grades.
- ✓ Change in use of make-up, style, or value of clothing.

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Perhaps Investigate the Use of

- CSE-IT tool
- MACY Mass Assessment of Youth
- Trauma Score

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## REPORTING

**Human trafficking involving a minor is a form of child abuse.**  
 (Texas Family Code, Section 261.001)

Texas Law states that ALL individuals are required to report suspected abuse or neglect. Certain professionals, including teachers and nurses, are required to report suspicion of abuse or neglect within 48 hours. Your report cannot be delegated to a superior, administrator, or other individual.

**If the minor is in immediate danger, call 911.**

Does the case involve abuse or neglect at the hands of a traditional caregiver?

Contact DFPS at  
 1-800-252-5400  
 or online at  
 txbusehotline.org




Contact local law  
 enforcement

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## What to do if a child makes an outcry

- Let the child tell their story, leave questioning to the professionals
- Have child write down details while waiting
  - Timeline, names, phone numbers, dates, places, descriptions
- If there is evidence, secure phone or device
  - Do not delete anything
  - Provide the device to law enforcement
- Never confront the suspected trafficker or others



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# BE AWARE & REPORT


## Follow your Organization's Protocol

Local Law Enforcement  
 and  
 Human Trafficking Hotline  
**888-3737-888**

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## What to do if you suspect trafficking/exploitation but child has not made outcry

- Follow your instincts
- Follow your organization protocol
- Contact law enforcement or DFPS (mandatory)
- Report even if what you suspect seems trivial
- Remember most victims do not think they are victims
- Do not confront the child
- Write down all that you know for law enforcement
- Limit the number of people you talk to about the issue



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## What to do if a Child Makes an Outcry

- Make sure you and the child are safe
- Remain calm
- Believe the child
- Assure the child that they did the right thing, they are not to blame
- Do not make promises about what will happen to the child or trafficker
- Follow your organization protocol for reporting abuse
- Contact law enforcement or DFPS (mandatory)



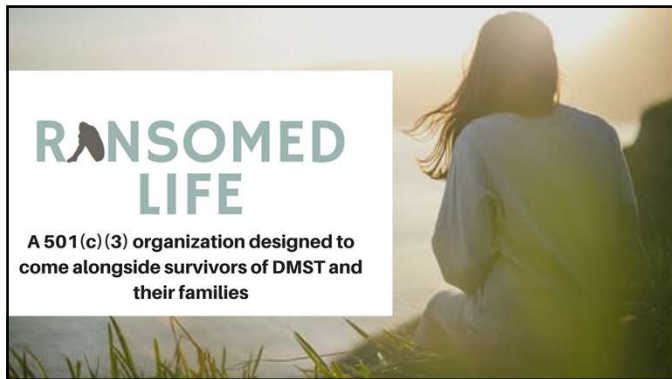
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## WHY DO THEY STAY? OR GO BACK?

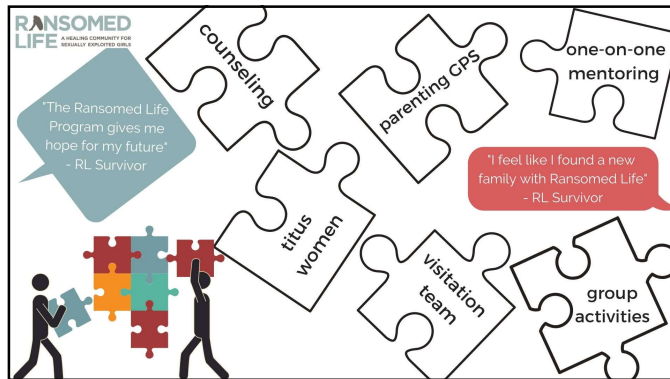


**Trauma Bonds**  
**Abuse/Love**  
**Threats/Promises**  
**Hopeless/Resignation**  
**No one to trust**

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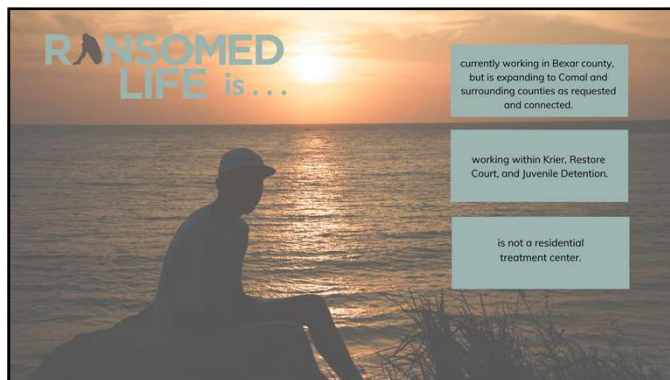
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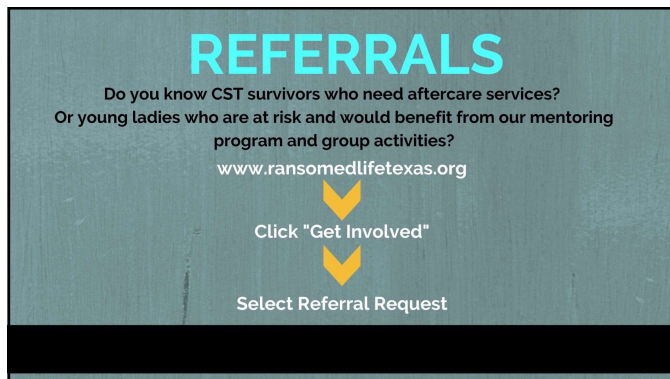
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**Why My Child?**




**EDUCATE**  
Educate the guardian as to why the youth was identified as needing specialized services due to sexual exploitation/trafficking.

**EMPATHY**  
Use empathy when discussing situation with the guardian.

**EMPOWER**  
Use empowering language when discussing future services for youth.

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**THE TRAUMA / BRAIN CONNECTION**

**INTERACTING WITH TRAUMA VICTIMS & SURVIVORS**

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**RANSOMED LIFE**  
A HEALING COMMUNITY FOR SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH

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**COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

"One of the best ways to combat human trafficking is to **RAISE AWARENESS** and learn more about how to identify victims."

- U.S. Department of Education

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**PREVENTION: EDUCATE YOUTH (11-17)**

**LURES AND LIES**  
KEEPING YOU SAFE AND FREE FROM TRAFFICKERS

"Knowledge makes a man unfit to be a slave"  
- Frederick Douglass

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**RAISE AWARENESS**

**COMMUNITY**

**YOUTH FACILITY STAFF**

**PARENTS**

**HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND SUPPORT STAFF (STATE APPROVED)**

**SCHOOL STAFF**

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**Be an ADVOCATE**  
**Be a VOICE**  
**Be an ABOLITIONIST**

"Trafficking can only exist in an atmosphere of public, professional, and academic indifference"

- M. Farley

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# At Risk Youth Facility Staff Training

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