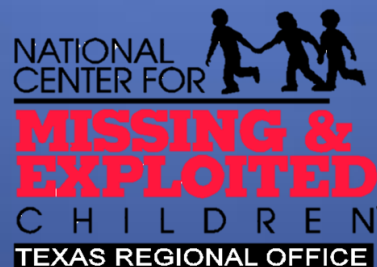


Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking

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Human Trafficking & At Risk Youth



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Forming NCMEC



The Abduction of
Etan Patz, 1979



The Atlanta Child
Murders, 1979 - 1981



The Abduction of
Adam Walsh, 1981

Topics Covered

1. Child Trafficking
2. Online Exploitation
3. Tips to Share with Parents & Community
4. Free Resources

Two Risk Categories

Abductions & Youth Vulnerable to Sex Trafficking



Online Victimization



Definitions

Abduction

“A child is considered abducted if someone without legal authority or permission of the custodian takes the child or fails to return the child at an agreed-upon time. A child may be abducted by a family member or nonfamily member.”

Runaway

“A child is considered a runaway if he or she has voluntarily left a legal residence.”

Missing from Care

“A child is considered missing from care if he or she is not in the physical custody of the child-welfare agency or person or institution with whom the child has been placed.”

Thrownaway

- **Parent or other household adult**
 - **Asks the child to leave home**
 - **Prevents child from returning home**
- **No adequate alternative care is arranged for the child by a household adult**
- **Child is out of the household overnight**

Sexual Exploitation

- **Under federal law, child sexual exploitation includes**
 - **Possession, Manufacture, and Distribution of Child Pornography**
 - **Child Prostitution**
 - **Child Sex Tourism**
 - **Child Sexual Molestation**
 - **Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts**

Physical Sexual Exploitation

- **Sexual contact between:**
 - **An adult and child**
 - **Children with adults filming**
 - **Children**
- **A child can never consent.**
- **It is ALWAYS a crime for a child to be sexually exploited!**

Faces of Sex Abuse

- What is the popular image of a sex offender?
- The reality:
 - All age demographics
 - All ethnicities
 - All economic levels



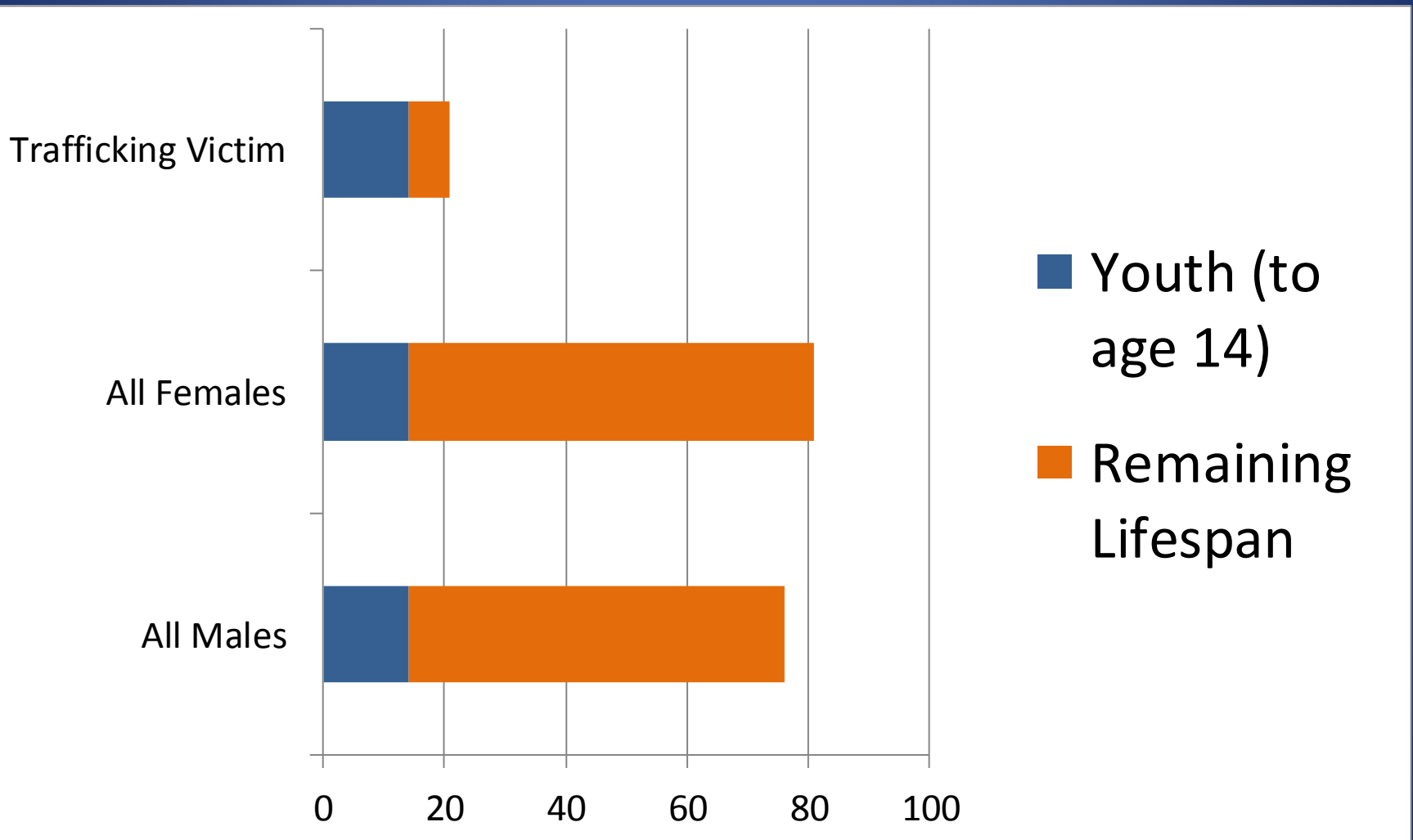
Abductions, Runaways & Sex Trafficking

Prevention Strategies

- **Know the Real World Conditions:**

The average age of recruitment or being forced into domestic sex trafficking is 12 to 14 years old.

Lifespan on the Street

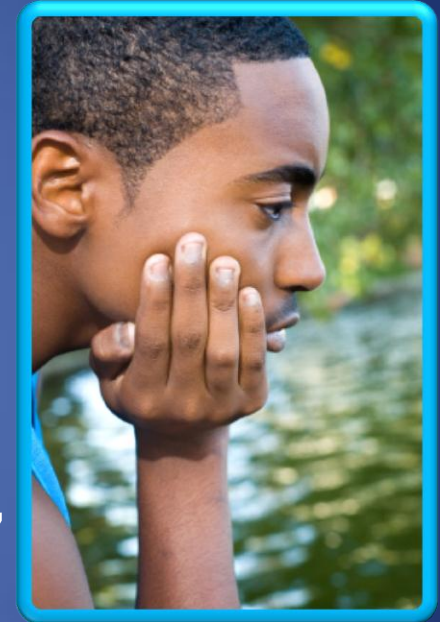


Child-Specific Reasons for Running

- **To spend time with friends or family**
- **Unhappy about placement**
- **Drawn to apparent attractions of street life***

Pattern of Behavior:

- **Strategy developed to respond to feelings, difficulties, trauma, or victimization**
- **Reaction to imposed restrictions**



System-Specific Reasons for Running

- **Inadequate monitoring of placements and cultures**
- **Senior management fails to offer clear leadership**
- **Inadequate staffing or frequent staff turnover**
- **Lack of sufficient placement resources**
- **Inadequate training of staff members or foster parents**

Risks Faced by Runaways

- **May resort to illegal and risky activities**
- **Substance abuse**
- **May become a victim of**
 - Violent acts
 - Sexual exploitation
- **Become disconnected from**
 - Educational system
 - Healthcare
 - Housing
 - Social Connections
(positive influences like extracurricular activities)



Case Study

Dangers of Running

Johnson v. State, 2011 Tex. App. LEXIS 954 (Tex. App. Houston 1st Dist. Feb. 10, 2011) (appeal denied).

True Story:

- 13 year-old girl runs from foster care.
- Goes to vacant apartment with friend for a party.
- Boys there want oral sex.
- Refuses, so they beat her.
- Leaves the party and meets a 35 year-old man nicknamed “Golden” on the street.
- He takes her home, treats her wounds and has oral sex with her.
- He asks her to prostitute for


THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

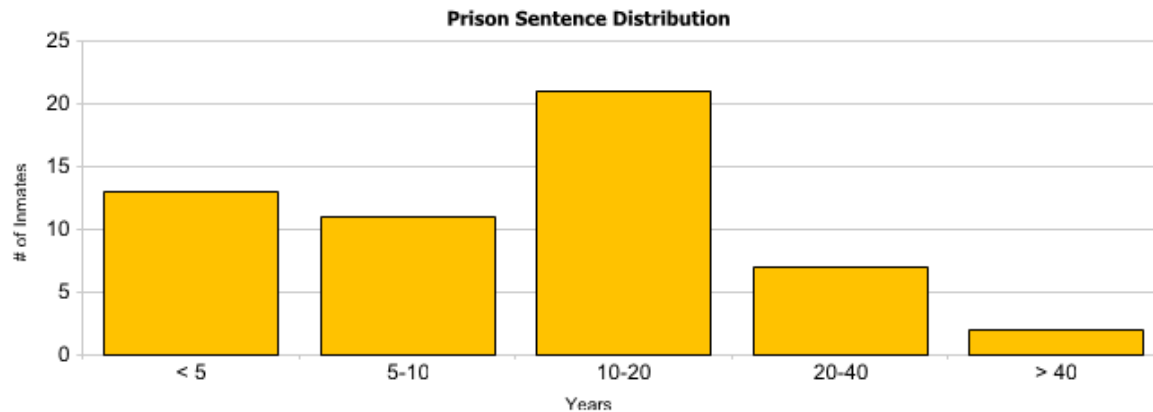
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COMPELLING PROSTITUTION

SENTENCE LENGTHS

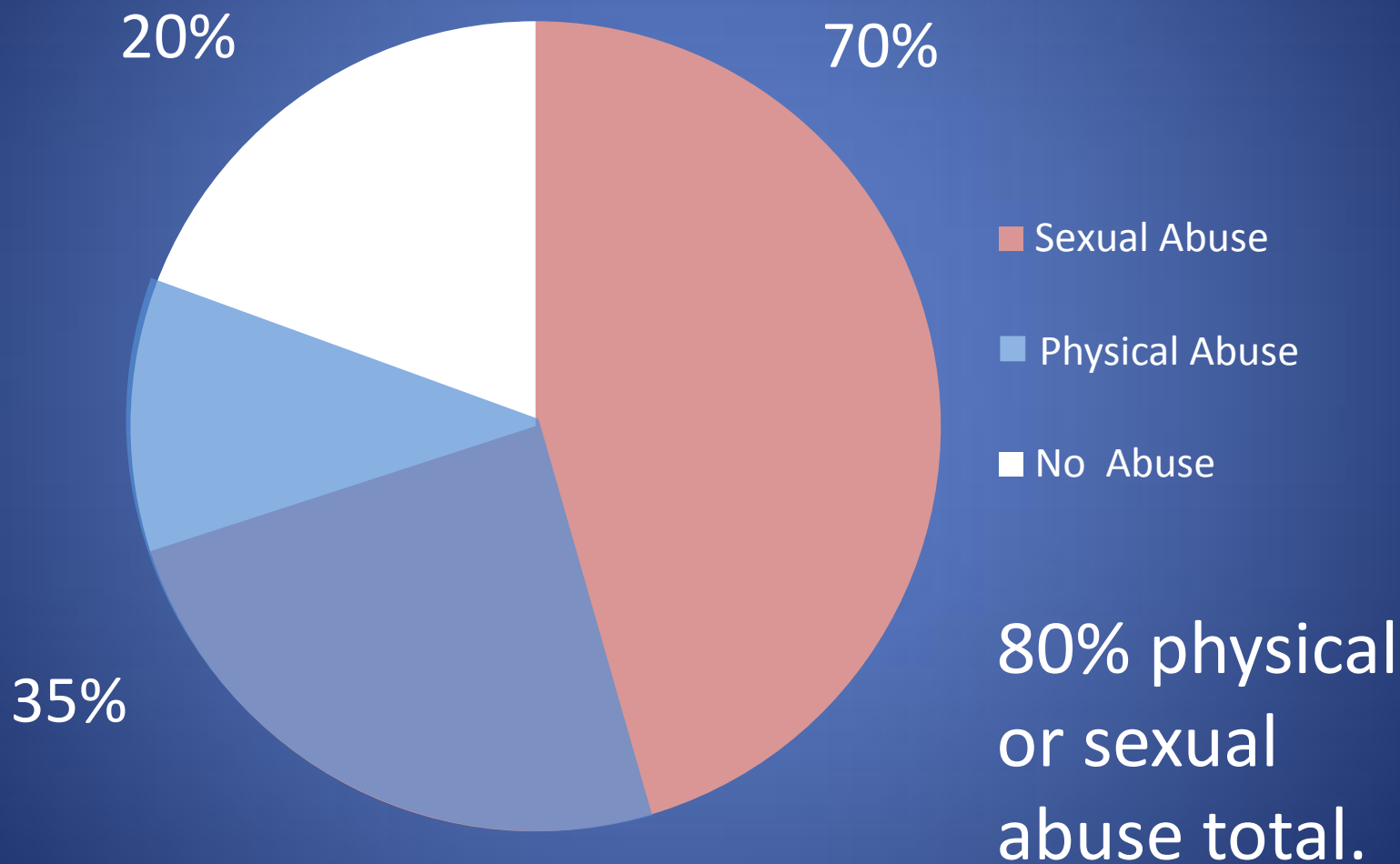
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SEX

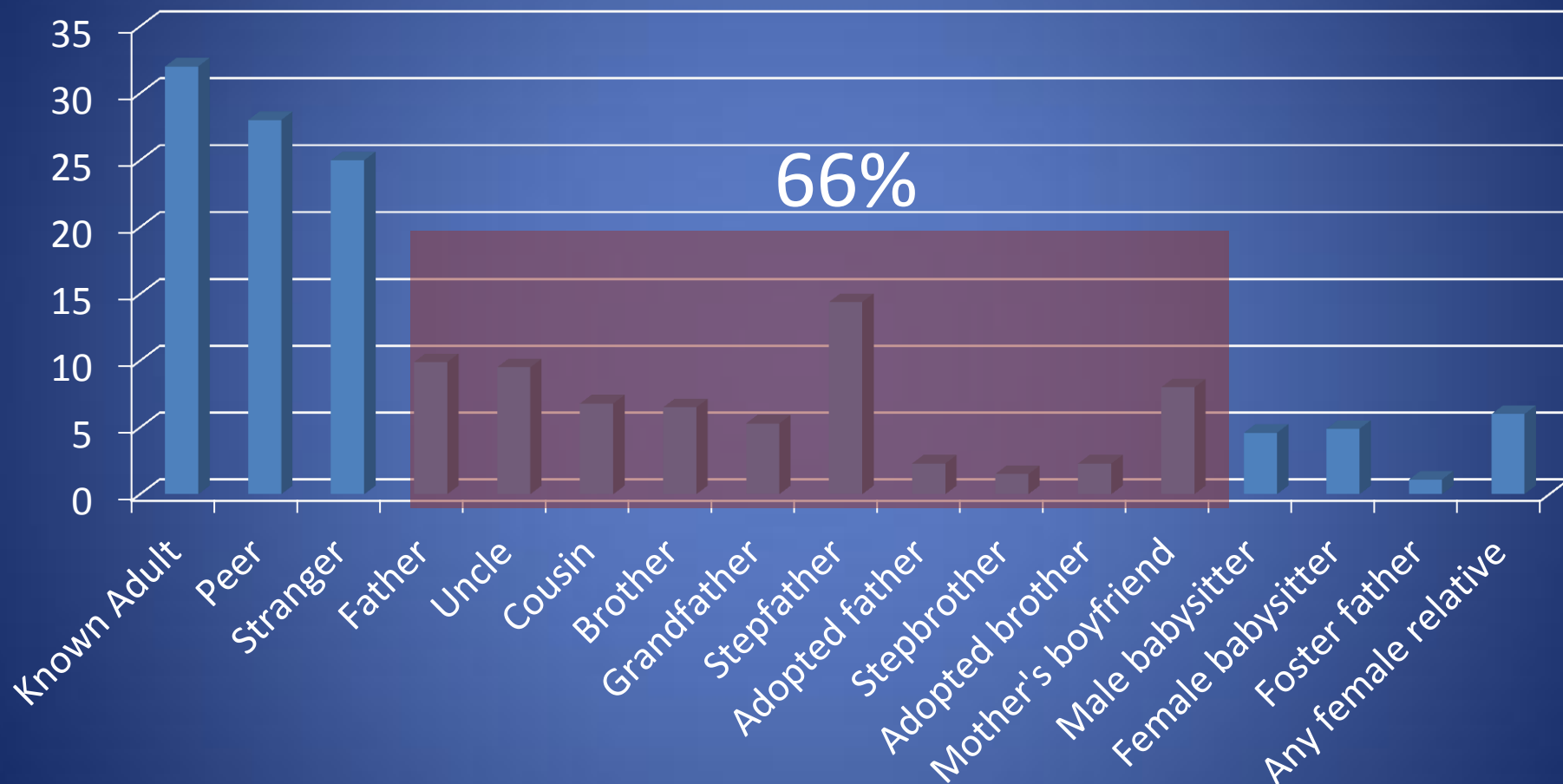


- She is picked up by undercover officer who uses her to set up “Golden”.
- He ends up with a 20 year sentence for compelling prostitution.

Sexual Abuse and Running from Home (Girls)



Youth reporting a prior history of sexual abuse: Perpetrator Identity

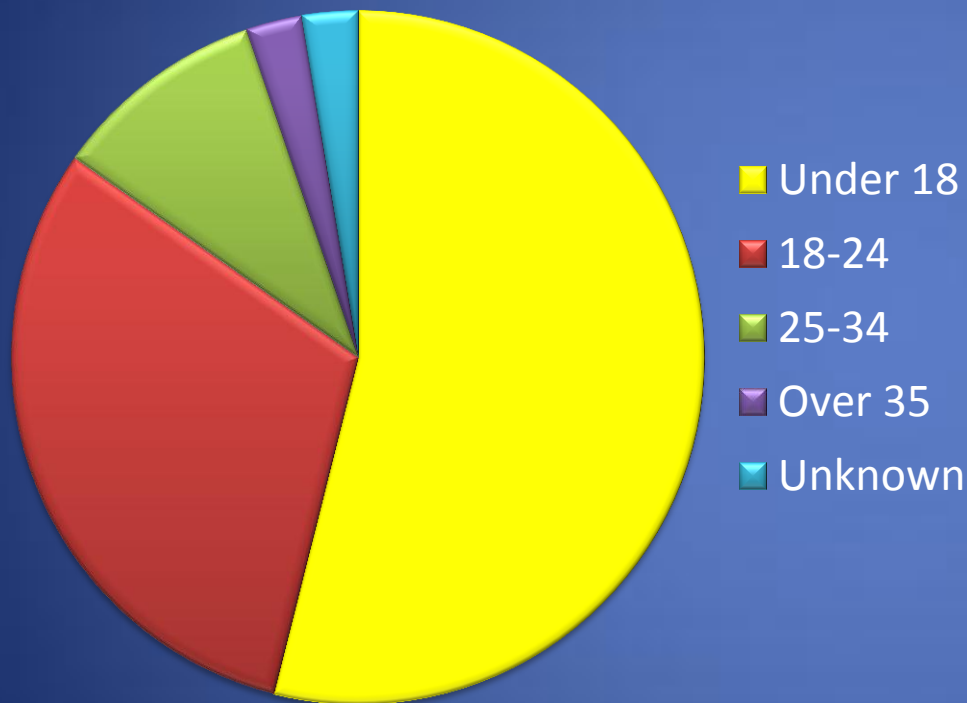


61 percent of girls and 34 percent of boys report that sexual abuse occurred before their first runaway episode. The average age that sexual abuse starts is about 9 years old.

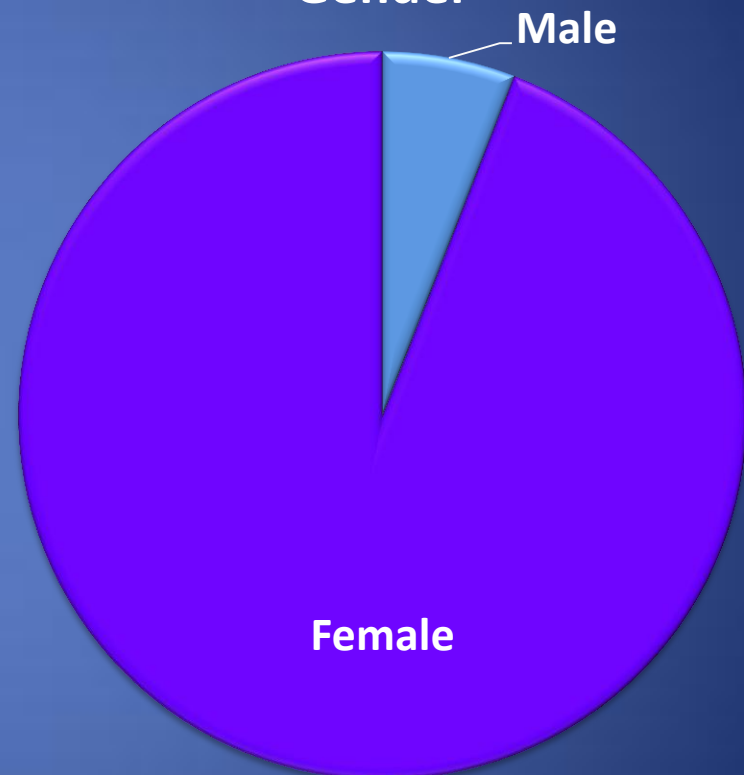
Sex Trafficking Victim Characteristics

2008-2010 National Analysis

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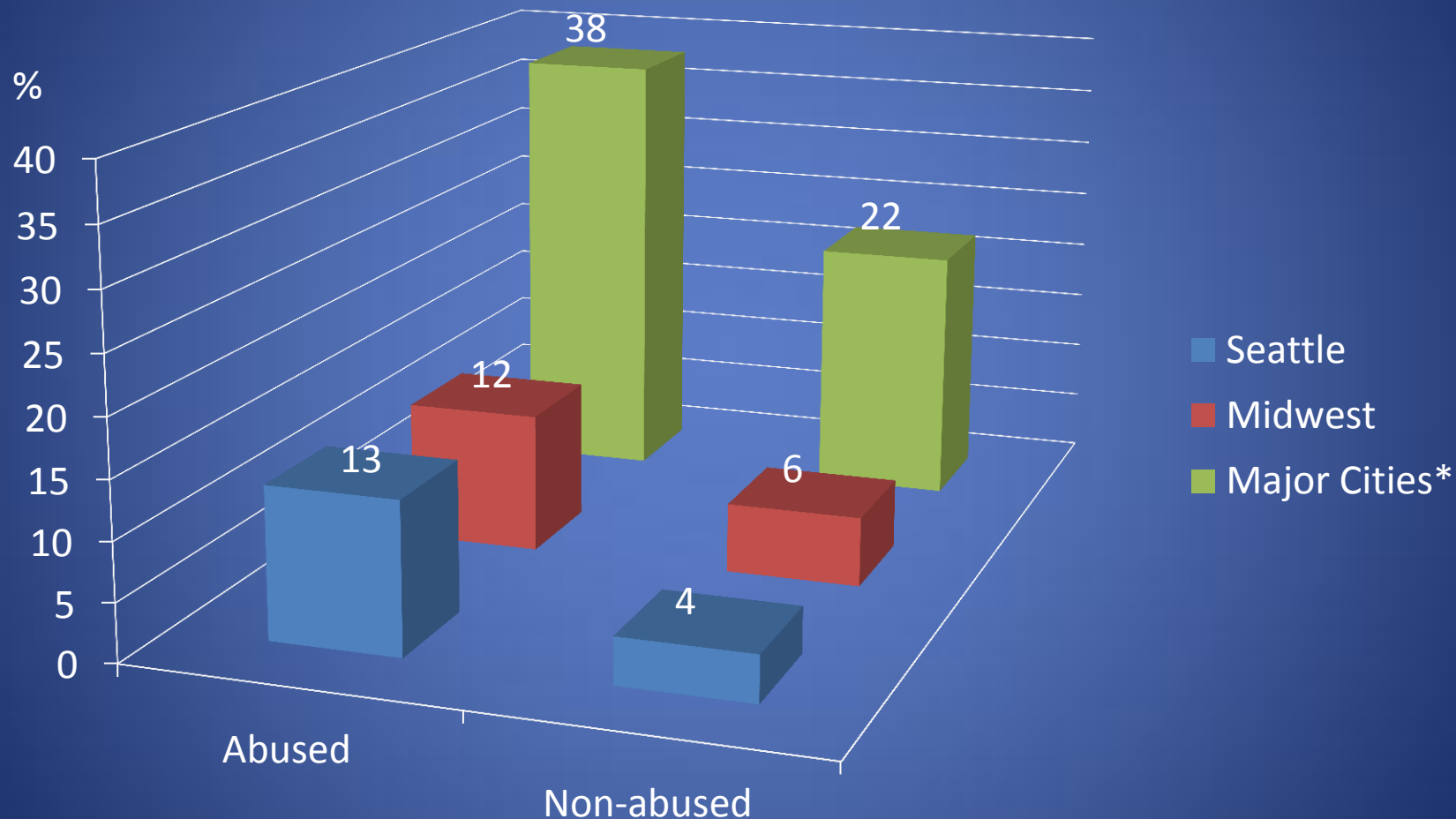


Gender



75.5 percent of sex trafficking victims were US Citizens. 15.5 percent were Permanent Residents, undocumented or qualified aliens. 9 percent were unknown citizenship status.

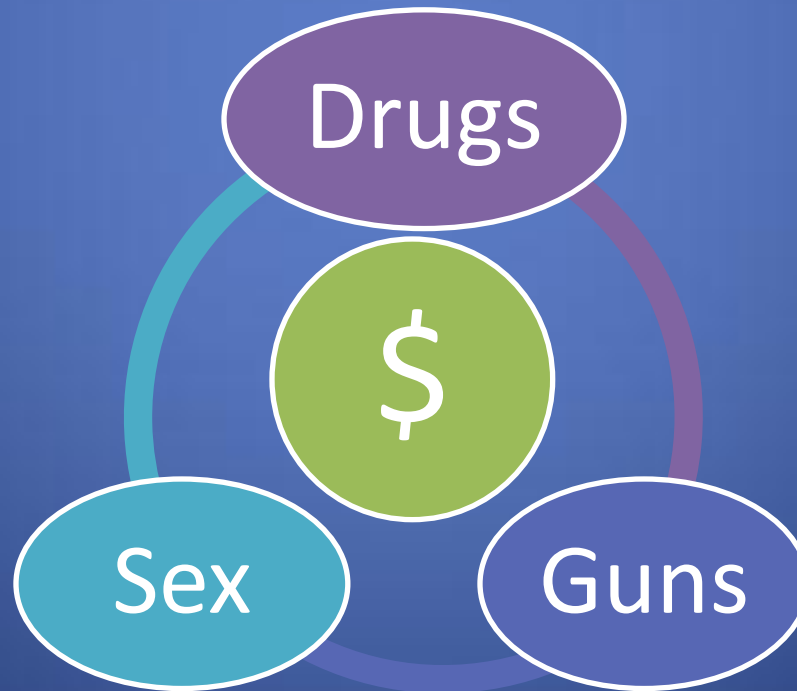
Studies of Survival Sex Prevalence among Homeless/Runaway Youth



*Major cities included NYC, Denver and San Francisco.

Motivation of the Trafficker

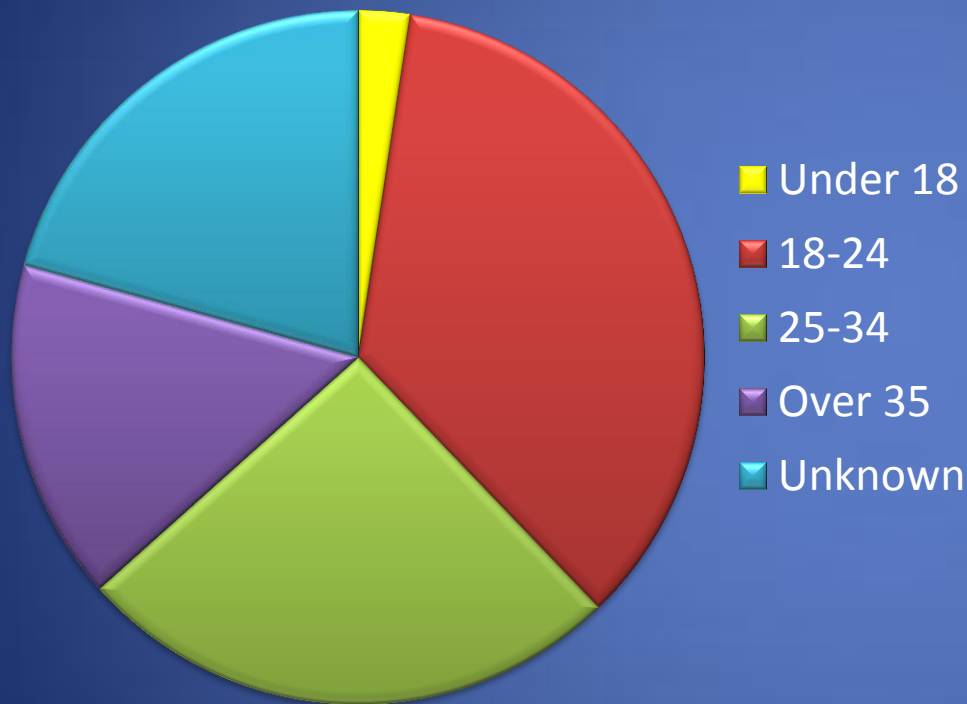
- Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal enterprise in America and a multibillion dollar criminal industry.



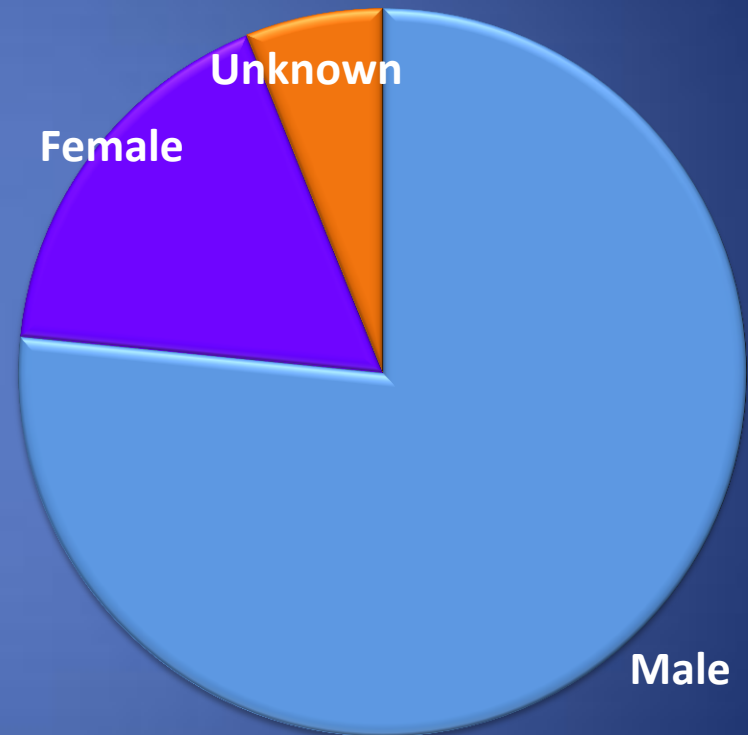
Who are the Traffickers?

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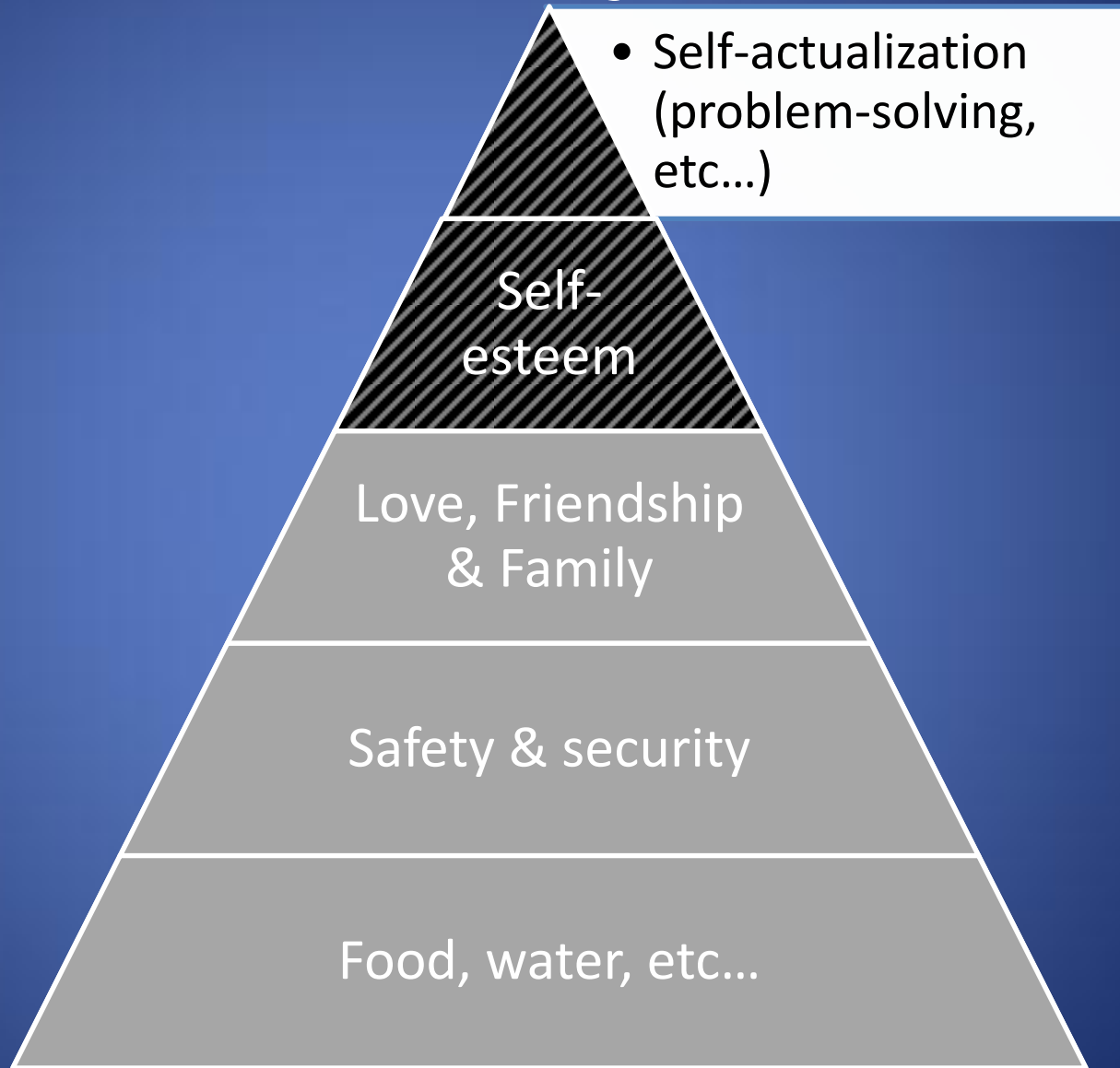


Gender



65.6 percent sex traffickers were US Citizens. 23.9 percent were unknown citizenship status. 10.5 percent were Permanent Residents, undocumented or qualified aliens.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



The Love Gap: Tiana's Story

- **"What's your daddy's name, hon?"**
- She hesitates. . . "Dollars."
- **"He can be a pretty violent guy sweetie." This is an understatement.**
- "I know," she says, launching into a long and complicated story that ends with another girl being dragged out of the house naked and being run over several times by his moving SUV. "She's OK now, though. [pause] She shouldn't have been talking back." She looks to me to agree with this.
- **"Are you worried that something like that might happen to you?"**
- She shrugs. "Kind of."

The Love Gap: Tiana's Story Continued

- "So have you thought of other options?" In fairness, she knows and I know that her options are limited and that there are no family members to take her. Like [another victim], she'd have to go to a group home.
- "But I like it there. We have a house and everything. And a dog. And we get to sit and eat dinner together every night. Like a family. It's nice. That's the best part."

***Child history:** Tiana witnessed her mother's murder at age 6. She was then sent to live with an aunt who was physically abusive.*

Rachel Lloyd, *Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale, an Activist Finds Her Calling and Heals Herself* (New York: 2011).

Pimp Recruitment Process

Public Place

Gifts &
Compliments

Allure of
Better Life

“We have a house and everything. And a dog. And we get to sit and eat dinner together every night. Like a family. It's nice. That's the best part.”

48 hours

Predator Track

Law Enforcement /
Social Services Track

48 hours

12-14 years old
(running from something)

Appearance/
mannerism
show that child
is vulnerable

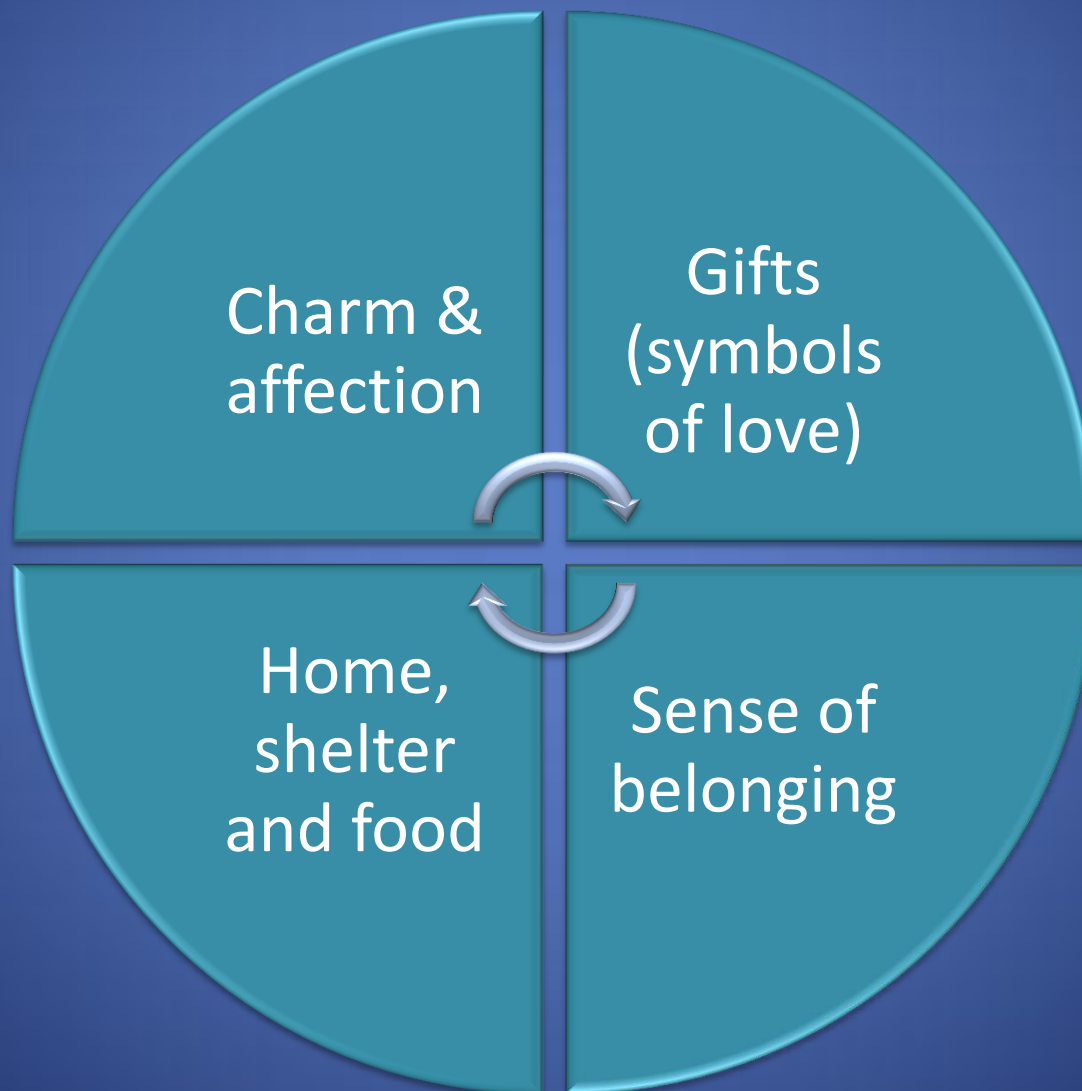
Illusion of help
or hope

Notice child
missing

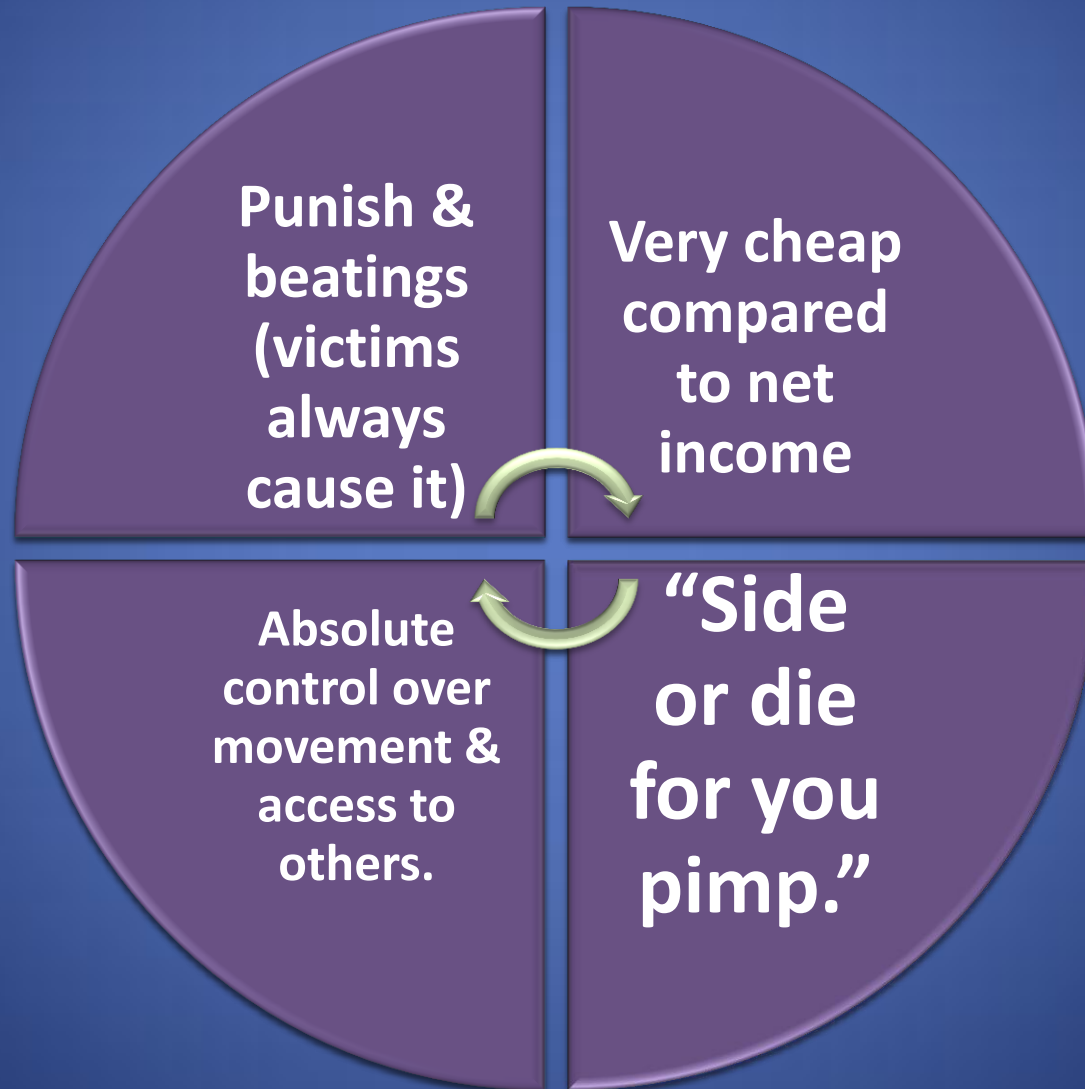
Make a report
(gather
information)

Recover child

Manipulation Cycle



Manipulation Cycle



Manipulation Cycle



Pimp Rules

Rules to Pimp Home

- ① Never disrespect your pimp.
- ② Never let anyone disrespect your pimp.
- ③ Trust your pimp.
- ④ Stay loyal, ~~never~~ lie, stay honest with your pimp.
- ⑤ Never let black people see your face or eyes. Black only see the back of your head. Your pimp should be the only one to see you.
- ⑥ Respond and talk to your pimp with ^{manners and} respect at all times using "daddy" in each sentence.
- ⑦ Be down and dirty, side or die for your pimp even if involves sacrificing yourself. Your pimp is your priority, your primary and your #1 and you are to see to his every need.
- ⑧ When in doubt ask your pimp.
- ⑨ Always obey your pimp.

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...using "daddy" in each sentence.

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Acts of Kindness

- *[Asked to tell a story of an adult who helped them while they were still in the life.]*
- *Jessica, 14yro at time of story:*
- "This trick took me to a house and he brought a whole bunch of other guys, like maybe fifteen guys, and they were all raping me and I was crying and crying. And one guy wouldn't rape me and he helped me find my clothes. I guess he felt bad cos I was crying."

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Sex Trafficking Victims

Warning Signs



Physical Signs

- Brands like tattoos with “daddy” or bar codes
- Malnourished.
- Lacerations (hanger whippings), carvings or bruises from beatings (make-up to cover bruising).
- Gifts from unknown source (clothes, hair-do, makeup, manicures, purses, shoes, cell phone, etc...).
- Motel keys/cards.

Sex Trafficking Victims

Warning Signs



Physical Signs

Behavioral

- Will not make eye contact.
- Older, controlling friend or boyfriend.
- Truancy, runaway, or homeless.
- Frequent travel to cities.
- Scripted answers or inconsistent stories.
- Uses advanced sexual terms.

The Love Gap

- "Girls weren't drug addicted, they were love addicted, and that, I'll learn, is far harder to treat."
- "[T]he critical factor is not whether the kindness is legitimate or valid, simply that the victim perceives it to be so."
 - Rachel Lloyd, Founder of GEMS (Girls Educational & Mentoring Services)
- "Well, he didn't beat me like he beat the other girls."
- "He hit me with an open hand and not a closed fist."

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Working with Victims: (Angelina - 16yro)

Things that made me feel happy/loved

*he bought me Cheetos and a
chocolate Yoo-Hoo milk.*

- Cos they were my favorites. And he knew....That's the main time I knew that he really loved me.*
- Cos they were my favorite and that was mad thoughtful of him.*

Things that made me feel sad/cry

set me up to get raped.

left me in jail.

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Law Enforcement

Child Sex Trafficking Interdiction

- Local, state and Tribal law enforcement have a tool in their tool box that is often overlooked.
- Sex traffickers and child victims routinely travel by car in town, across state, and across the country.
- Texas stepped up its efforts.



LA County Study

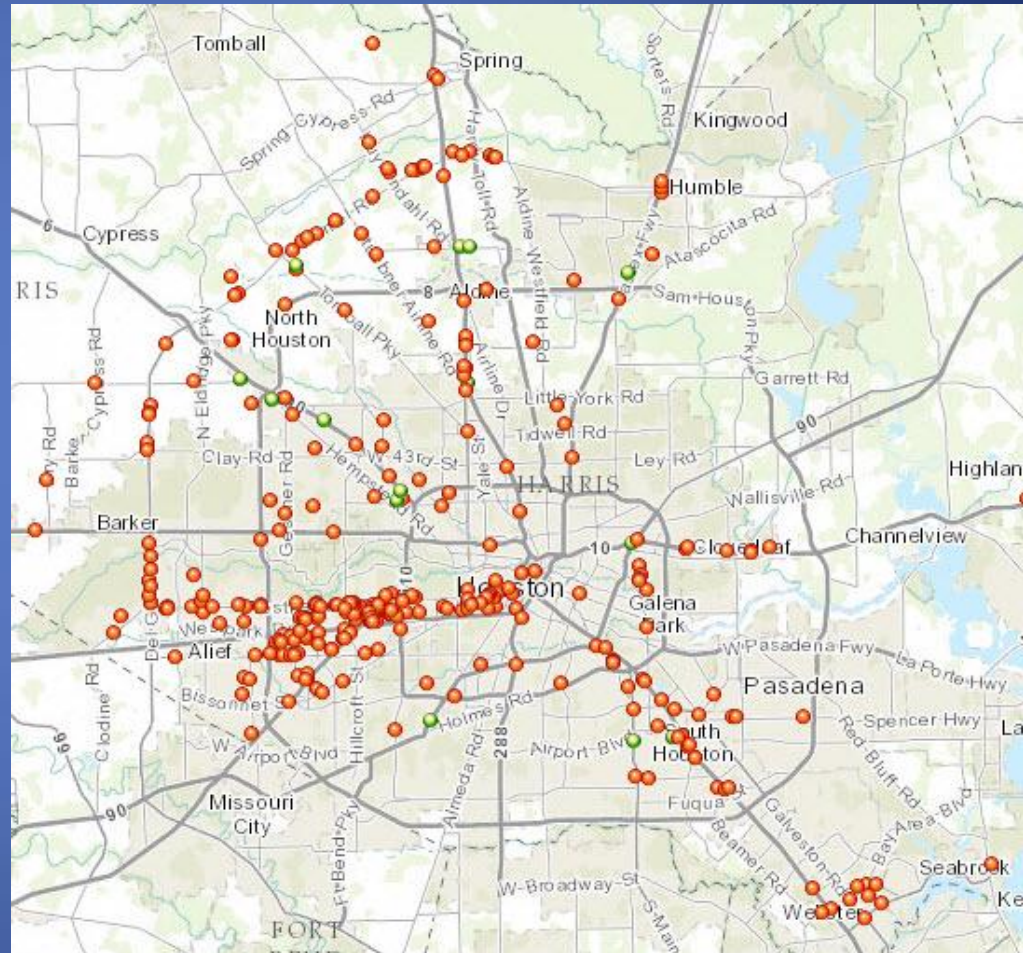
- “The majority of young people arrested on prostitution charges in LA County **come from the county's own foster care system**, according to county officials.”
- Trends learned from L.A. experience:
 - Pimps use child sex workers to recruit fellow foster care children who are currently living in shelters and foster homes.
 - Green Light – signal to others on the street to punish child with beatings & rape.
 - **174 children arrested for underage trafficking.**

The Demand Side: Houston

Map of Sexually Oriented Businesses in Houston

Data from:

- Children at Risk, Map of Sexually Oriented Businesses in Houston available at <http://childrenatrisk.org/research/child-trafficking/houstonsobs/>
- Identified through internet advertisements including on Backpage.com.



Non-Runaway Victims

- **2nd Richest county in country.**
- **4,000 square foot homes.**
- **28 traffickers. Many gang connections.**
- **41 victims. All American citizens.**
- **Recruited online, at metro stops, malls and schools.**

“You’re pretty.

You could make some money.”

Victim-Trafficker Hierarchy

Ultimate control of money, location, methods, quota, punishments, etc...

Trafficker

Trains, coaches, mentors other girls. Receives money. Arranges dates.

Bottom B....

Helps recruit at malls, schools, group homes, etc... and introduces or comforts new victims.

Seasoned Girl

Seasoned Girl

New child victim

New child victim

New child victim

Prevention Strategies

- **Notes from Foster Intervention:**
 - Encourage children to have a strong connection with at least one adult outside the foster home (teacher, counselor, mentor—someone with a background check)
 - Assist children in developing problem-solving skills
 - Encourage checking in on a regular basis
 - Inform children of risks & alternatives to running away
 - **Especially street strategies that make gangs/adult “boyfriends” seem glamorous but that disappear once they have control.**

Abductions

- **58,000 Non-Family** Abductions each year (predators)
 - Of these non-family abductions, 65% are minority children.
 - 42% African American
 - 23% Hispanic
- **4,000 Attempted** Abductions each year.
- **200,000 Family** Abductions each year.

Attempted Abductions (Non-Family)

- Often involve children between ages 10-14
- Happen more to female children than male
- Typically occurs when child is going to or from school, and between the hours of 2pm and 7pm on weekdays
- Usually involve a suspect using a vehicle



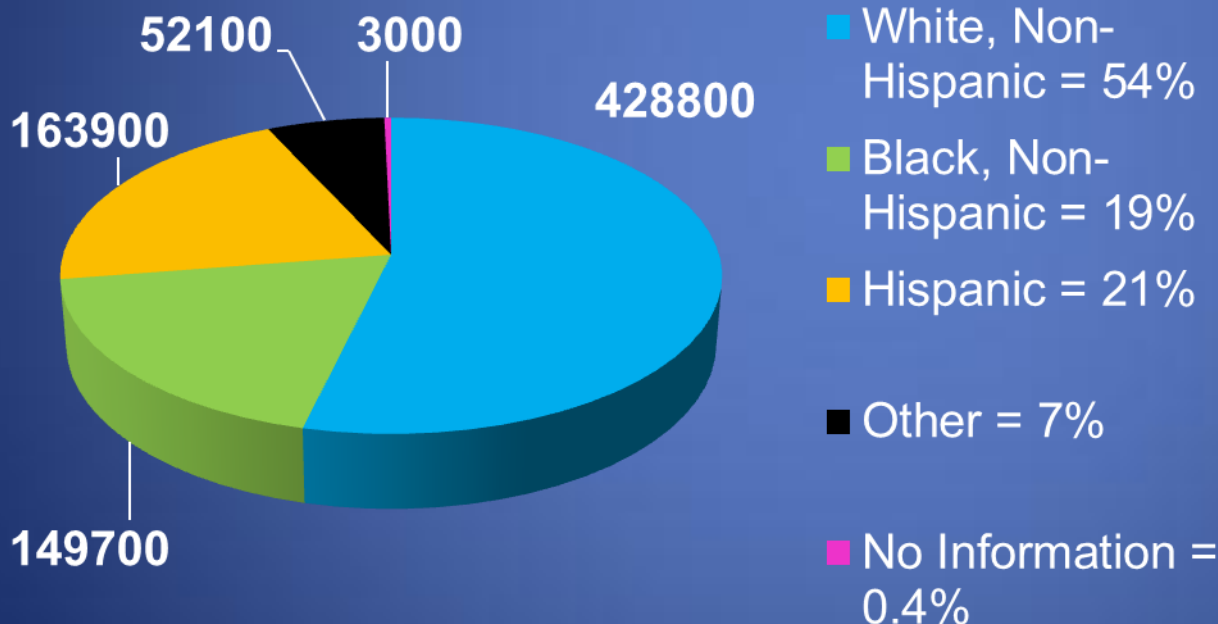
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The Issue of Missing Children

NISMART-2: Reported Missing Children
(to Police)

Ethnicity of Children Across all Reported Cases

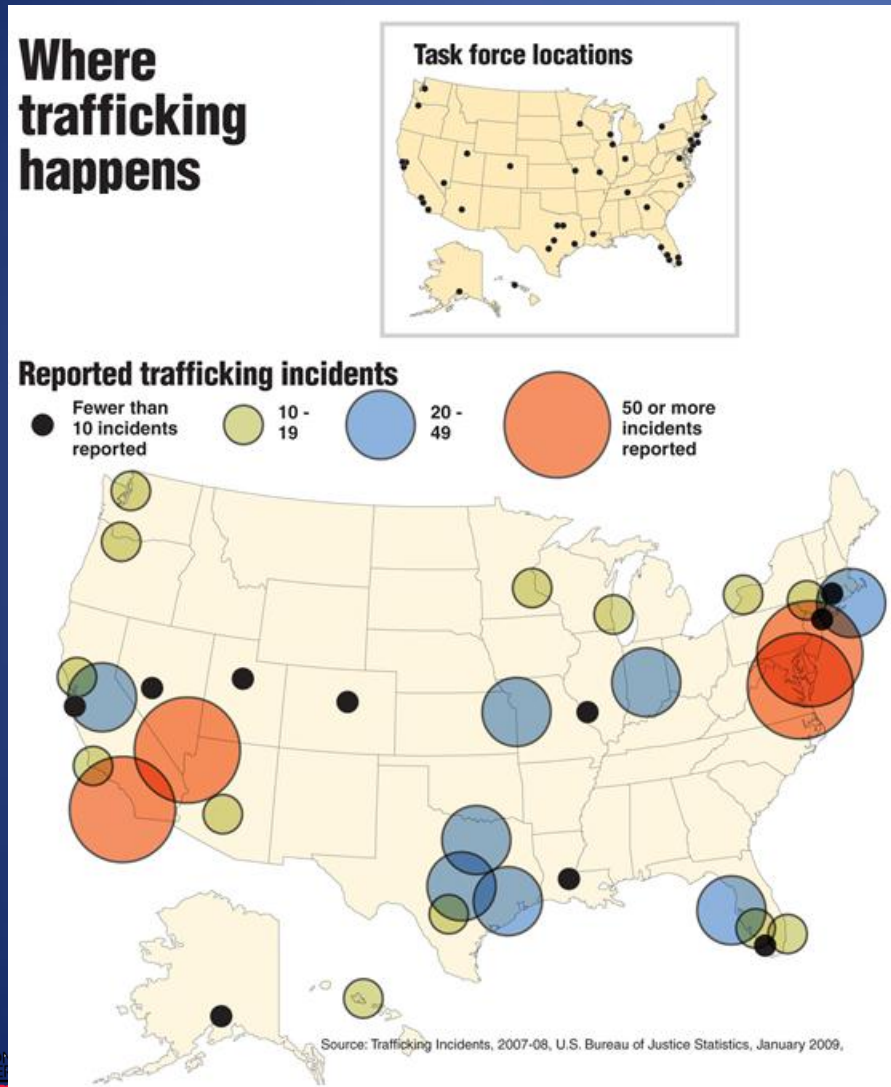


In **Non-Family** abductions, **minority** children were **65%** of cases!

42% African American
23% Hispanic

*Percents are rounded and do not exactly sum to 100.

True Stories in Texas



- 15 year-old in Houston
- “In love” with someone she met online in 3 days.
- He sends her a bus ticket to Amarillo.
- She ends up in a motel in Midland.
- Stun gun & beatings; forced into sex trafficking.
- DPS finds her during routine stop.

Parents who Abduct

Common Characteristics

- **Deny and dismiss the other parent's value**
- **Not likely to consider actions illegal or morally wrong**
- **Have a very young child, age 2 to 3**
- **Have the support of a social network**

Risk Profile:

- **Suspects/believes past abuse (could be paranoid delusional).**
- **History of hiding the child, withholding visits or snatching the child.**
- **Prior threat of abduction or prior abduction.**
- **Mothers and fathers equally risky.**

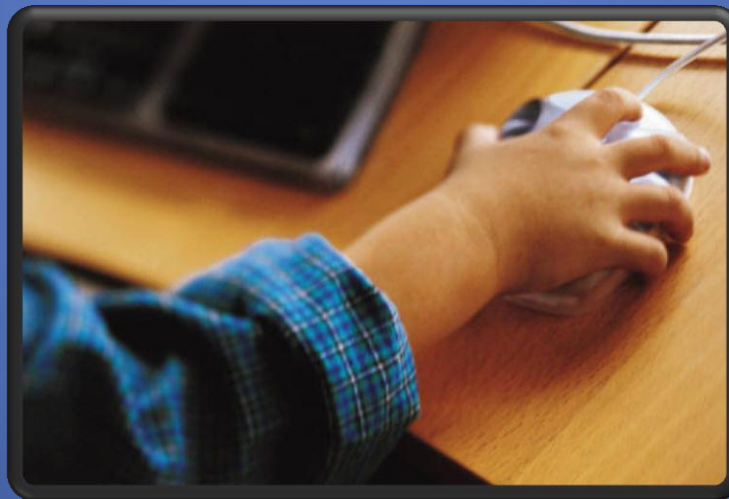
Online Victimization

Risk Factors and Online Threats

The Internet

For a child sex offender's purposes, it is one of the most effective tools ever invented.

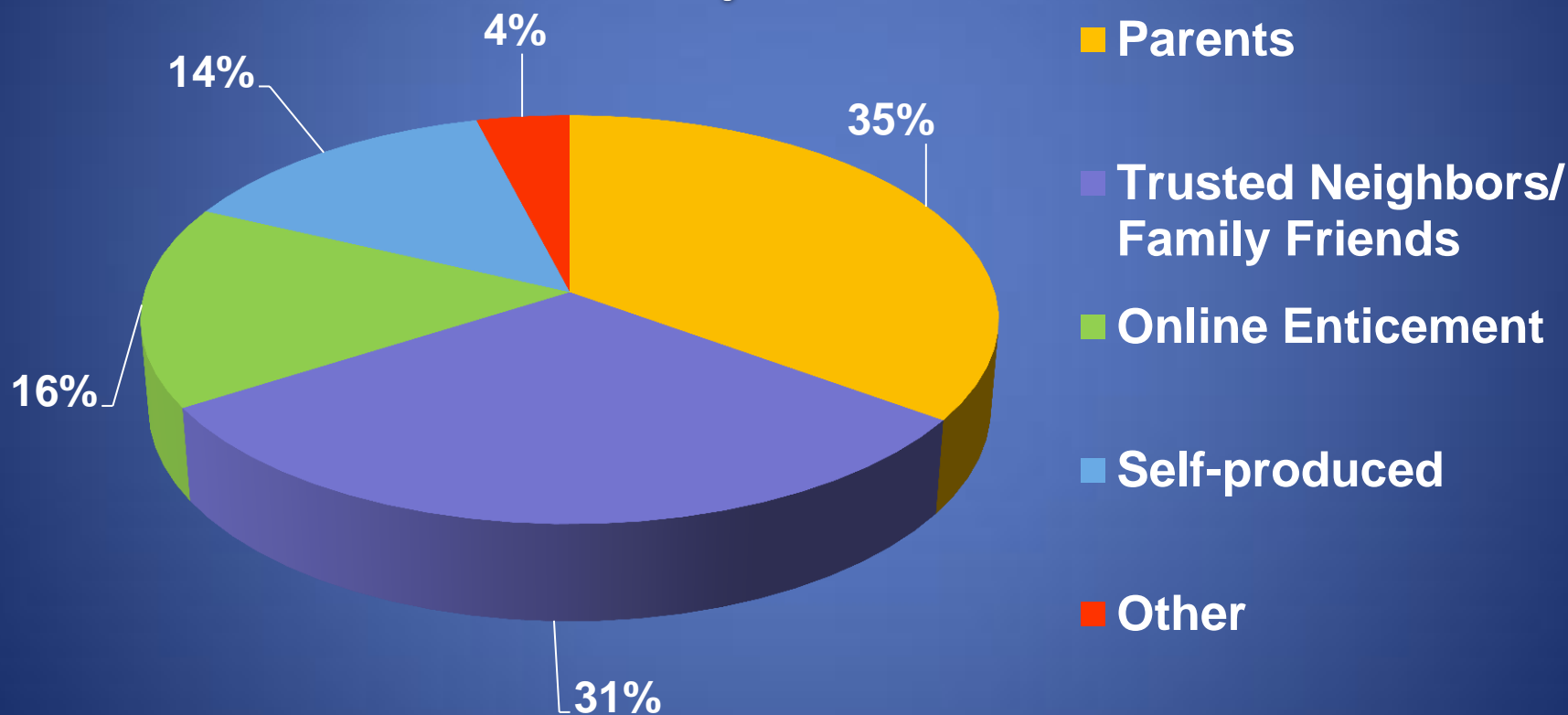
- Grooming
- Recruitment
- Audiences
- Trading
- Teaching



- Anonymity
- Victim Research
- Commercial Sex Trade

Note on Child Pornography

Sources / Producers



Child Pornography Myths

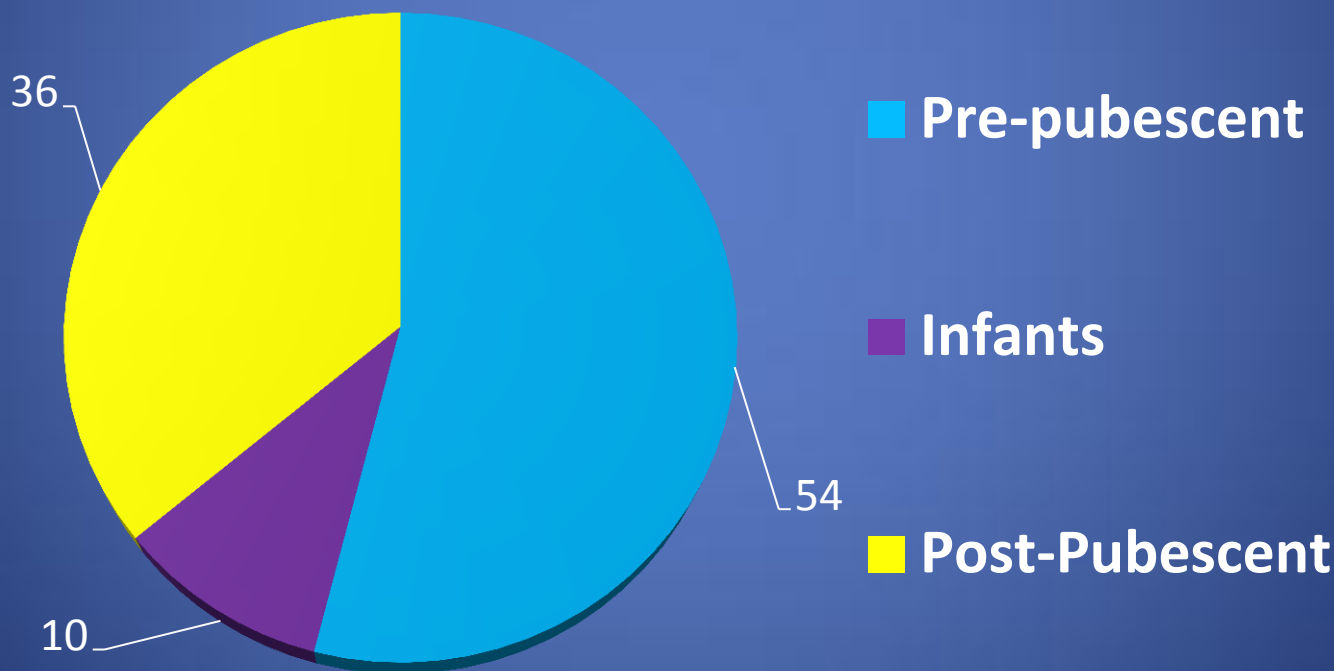
- **Myth: Just Trading, Possessing or Viewing is a Victimless Crime**
- “Every day of my life I live in constant fear that someone will see my pictures and recognize me. . . . It’s like I’m being abused over and over and over again.”

Child Pornography Myths

- **Myth: Most child pornography are harmless “baby in bathtub” type pictures.**
- **Reality:**
 - **Increasing Violence**
 - **Decreasing Age of Victims**

Child Pornography – Ages of Victims

CVIP – Identified Victims



Online Risks and Victimization

- **93% of teenagers use Internet as a social tool (more than 50% in friend's home)**
- **1,500 National Study (Youth surveyed ages 10-17):**
 - **1 in 4 = unwanted exposure to sexual material**
 - **1 in 10 = received a sexual solicitation**
 - **1 in 10 = threatened or harassed (cyberbullied)**
 - **1 in 25 = aggressive sexual solicitation**
- **Houston Study of nearly 1000 high schoolers**
 - **28% sent naked picture of themselves.**
 - **57% had been asked to send one.**

Risk Factors for Victimization

- **Experiences of loss and rejection early in life**
- **Scattered family ties and connections**
- **Lack of safety and security**
- **Unhealthy attachments to others**
- **Lack of awareness for who is a potential threat**

Risk Factors for Victimization

- **Older children may be at risk for running away or online enticement due to:**
 - **Desire for acceptance and approval**
 - **Need for independence**
 - **Computer savvy & lack of supervision**
- **New study** in Journal of Pediatrics, Feb. 2013.
 - **Focus on girls with child welfare & abuse histories.**
 - **Of girls with maltreatment histories, 1 in 3 met someone from online!**

Signs of Grooming

- Check if child is:
 - Receiving gifts through the mail
 - Making calls to unknown numbers
 - Turning away from friends and family **35%** **39%**
 - Spending a lot of time online
 - Getting upset when he or she can't get online
 - Minimizing the screen or turning off the monitor when you come into the room

***Percentages represent signs appearing in study of children who were victimized online.**

Signs of Grooming

- Internalizing the abuse:

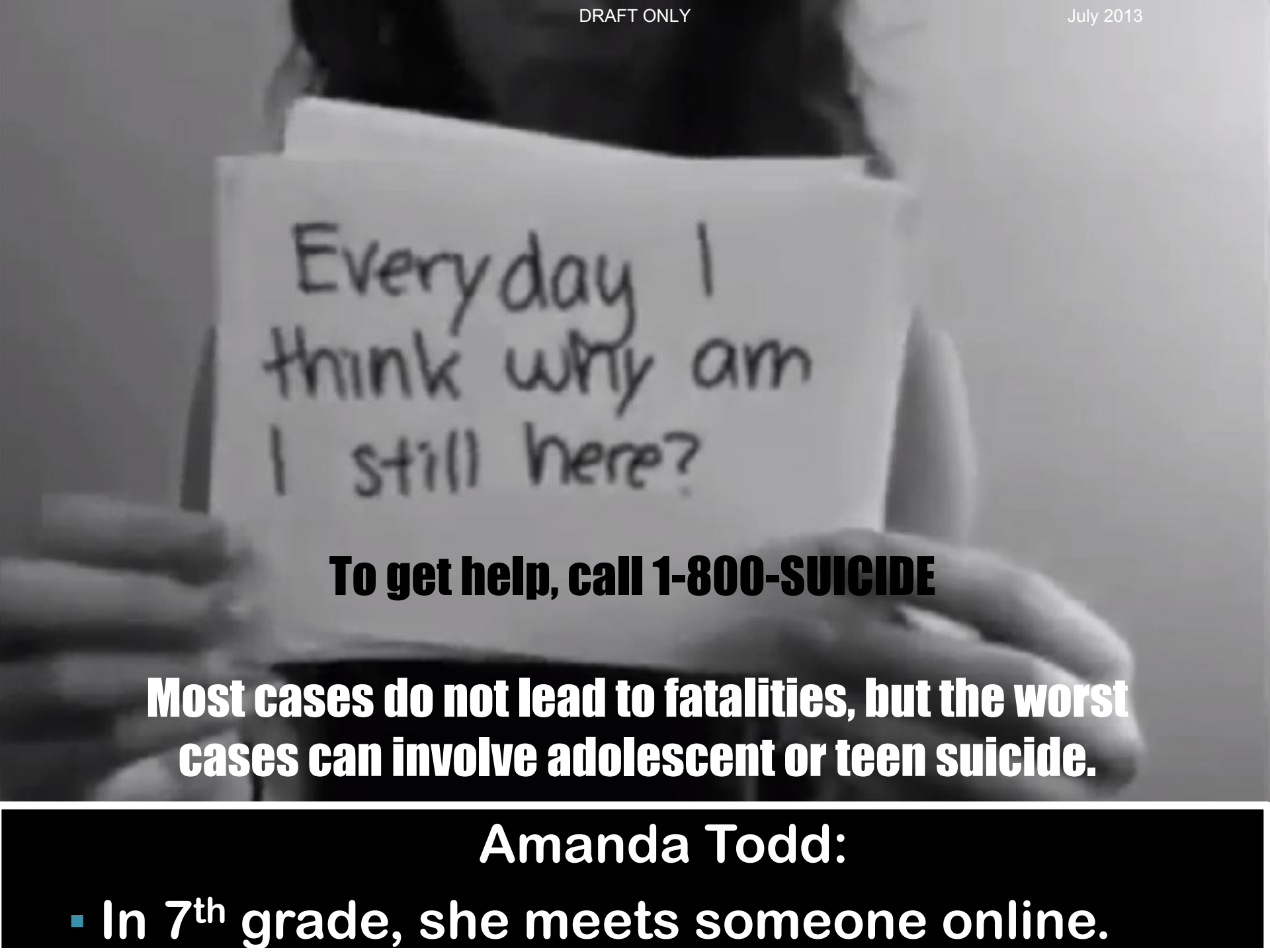
- depression, 71% 68%
- anxiety, 45% 55%
- posttraumatic stress, and
- suicidal ideation or attempt 27% 10%

- Externalizing the abuse:

- oppositional behavior,
- aggression, 23% 32%
- substance abuse, 14% 26%
- and
- impulsivity

Signs of Grooming

- Parent-child conflicts, 83% 81%
- School disciplinary problems, 30% 45%
- Failing grades, 47% 35%
- Running away, 22% 35%
- Sexual acting out, 35% 48%
- Bullying others. 6% 19%

A black and white photograph of a person holding a sign. The sign has handwritten text in a cursive-like font. The person's hands are visible at the bottom of the sign, and their face is partially visible at the top, looking down at the sign. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Everyday I
think why am
I still here?

To get help, call 1-800-SUICIDE

Most cases do not lead to fatalities, but the worst cases can involve adolescent or teen suicide.

Amanda Todd:

- **In 7th grade, she meets someone online.**

Tips to Share with Parents & Communities

Preventing Abductions

- **Take the child on a walking tour of the neighborhood. Teach your child**
 - **Surrounding streets**
 - **To stay on main roads and never take shortcuts**
 - **Safe places to go if needing help**
 - **Other trusted adults who could help**



Know Where They Are

- **Know their friends**
- **Check in with them**
- **Have them check in with you**
- **Be clear about places and homes they may visit – point out safe places to seek out if in trouble.**
- **Make sure they are supervised at all times**



Listen and Observe

- **Where don't they want to go?**
- **Who don't they want to see?**
- **Is someone showing them too much attention?**
- **Has their behavior or attitude changed?**
- **Does an adult (like a coach or volunteer) have private, unsupervised access to your child?**
- **Is an adult grooming YOU?**



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Stranger-Danger Myth

- **Do not confuse children with the concept of stranger danger**
 - Statistically incorrect
 - Kids don't "get it"
 - Adults don't practice it
 - Inability to access help



Remember most children are victimized by someone they know, love or trust.

Most child pornography is made by someone with legitimate access to a child.

Teaching Basic Safety Rules

- **Check first (ask an adult before you do it)**
- **Take a friend (when going places)**
- **Tell someone “NO” (it’s okay to tell an adult no)**
- **Tell your parents, guardians, or other trusted adults if anything makes you sad, scared or confused.**

Internet Safety

- **Younger children should**
 - **Use developmentally appropriate websites/programs**
 - **Use the computer with parents/guardians, teachers, and classmates**
 - **Use computer-safety rules just as they use bike-safety rules**



Internet Safety

- **Tell Parents: Let the children in your home show you what they like to do online.**
- **Remind them to be careful not to reveal personal information about themselves in photos, videos or text.**
- **Teach children never to arrange a face-to-face meeting with anyone they first meet online.**
- **Teach children the people they interact with online may not really be who they say they are.**
- **Share reasons people trick you: meanness, money, blackmail, etc...**

Internet Safety

- **Be aware of other computers child may be using on/at**
 - Cell phones, wireless devices (gaming), friends' houses, libraries
- **Learn online acronyms such as**
 - POS = Parent Over Shoulder
 - A/S/L = Age, Sex, Location
- **Make sure screennames are not too revealing or give inappropriate impression.**



Sample Acronyms

A/S/L/P

Age sex location photo

AITR

Adult in the Room

BDSM

Bondage Dominance Submission Masochism

CD9

Code 9 – Parents around

CU46

See You For Sex

DWPKOTL

Deep Wet Passionate Kiss on the Lips

GAP

Got A Picture?

GNOC

Get Naked on Camera

IWSN

I Want Sex Now

KPC

Keeping Parents Clueless

L?^

Let's Hook Up

Sample Acronyms

LHOS

Let's Have Online Sex

PAL or PAW or PRW

Parents Are Listening or Watching

PA

Parent Alert

PBB

Parent Behind Back

PIR

Parents In Room

PLO or PWOMS

Parents Looking/Watching Over (My)
Shoulder

RUMORF

Are You Male or Female?

RU\18

Are You Under 18?

WLMIRL

Would Like to Meet in Real Life

WYRN

What's Your Real Name?

Internet Safety

- For younger children, keep computers in a supervised area of the home
- Set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use (but be aware that gaming devices also offer easy access).
- Research the sites your older child uses or wants to use and learn the privacy settings they allow.
- **But remember: Bans or strict rules are not enough. Children must have safe internet skills because they will find other ways to get online.**



Advice for Parents/Guardians

- **Become sensitive to child's behavior changes.**
- **Know the adults who have access to your child (therapists, tutors, medical, coaches, etc...).**
- **Check the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website at www.nsopw.gov for **FREE**.**

Foster Parents:

- **Maintain regular contact with the caseworker (record their personal information).**
- **Request photo identification prior to releasing the children or divulging information to anyone.**
- **Insist on and understand the visitation plan.**

Advice for Parents/Guardians

- **Have clear ground rules for outside activities & friends.**
- **Build a relationship on trust and respect. Teach life skills.**
- **Encourage participation in school activities or other structured programs.**
- **Active Listening: Keep the lines of communication open**
- **Encourage children to express their fears & concerns.**
- **Teach never to hitchhike or accept a ride from someone they don't know.**



Advice for Parents: Child ID Kits

Have this information ready for law enforcement:

- Recent photo
- Full name & nicknames
- Age and date of birth
- Clothing last wearing
- Any scars, piercings, tattoos, or birthmarks
- Locations of activities
- Child's friends
- Location of birth family & relatives¹
- Any history of running away²
- Medical needs & conditions (special needs background)

Note on Special Needs Children

Sexual Exploitation

- **Increased risk for sexual exploitation due to specific vulnerabilities**
 - › **Can be harder to disclose abuse & predators know this!**
- **A review of studies found that children with disabilities are **2 to 4 times** more likely to be sexually abused than children without disabilities.**

Note on Special Needs Children

Sexual Exploitation

When Missing

If missing: Be sure that law enforcement knows:

Children with Autism can be attracted to hazards like bodies of water, traffic & machinery.

Be aware of certain noises or people that could scare the child – inform search & rescue.

Likely reactions of the child.

Medical needs & conditions.

Many more aspects addressed in new search protocols.

Note on Special Needs Children

Sexual Exploitation

When Missing

New Protocols

- › **New, free resources are available from National Center for Missing & Exploited Children including:**
 - **Missing Children with Special Needs Questionnaire**
 - **Investigative Checklist for Law Enforcement and First Responders**
 - **Water areas need to be secured immediately. There are unique, brand-new search protocols for children with Autism due high level of tragic cases involving hazards.**

What to Do if Child is Missing

Children with special needs

- **Be sure that law enforcement knows:**
 - Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder can be attracted to hazards like bodies of water, traffic & machinery.
 - **These areas need to be secured immediately.**



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Resources for Law Enforcement & Social Services

Report - Suspicions

- “Cause to believe”
- Child abuse or neglect
- Immediate Obligation
 - All persons

Statewide Intake: 1-800-252-5400

www.txabusehotline.org



Texas DPS
Missing Persons Clearinghouse

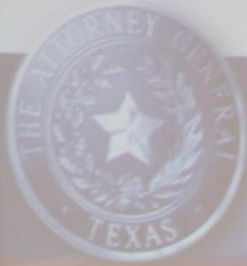
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Helpline: 800-346-3243

Online Exploitation - Reporting

- If a child is being stalked, harassed, or threatened in any way
 - Report the incident to your Internet Service Provider, school & local law-enforcement agency
 - If materials received are lewd, obscene, or illegal also report it to NCMEC's CyberTipline® at www.cybertipline.com or 1-800-843-5678

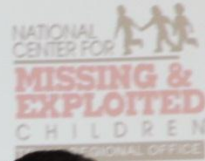




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Make time to talk
about child safety.

Take 25 Campaign (every May)

May 25

National Missing Children's Day



A program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, **Take 25** aims to heighten awareness of children's personal safety issues.

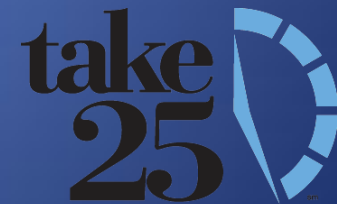
With a focus on prevention, the campaign encourages parents, guardians, and other role models to spend 25 minutes talking to kids to teach them ways to be safer.

Additional Resources

- If a child is missing or has been exploited...
 - Call Law Enforcement Immediately
 - Call **1-800-THE-LOST** (24hr Hotline)
 - Online exploitation:
 - Make a report at www.cybertipline.com

- Internet Safety: **NetSmartz® Workshop**
 - www.NetSmartz.org

- Annual Safety Campaign: www.Take25.org
www.missingkids.com



EXERCISES

**Images of minors
is against Texas law**



Senate Bill 407 addresses minors.

Legal Consequences in Texas

Class C misdemeanor: A fine of up to \$500.00.

- first-time offense,
- **minor who is 17 or younger**

Class B misdemeanor: A fine up to \$2,000.00, 180 days in jail, or both.

- **For minors who:**
 - › **Promoted with intent to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend someone**
 - › **Previous conviction**

Class A misdemeanor: A fine up to \$4,000.00, one year in jail, or both.

- **For minors who have:**
 - › **Previous Class B conviction or**
 - › **2+ prior Class C convictions**

Texas Legal Consequences for Adults – Child Pornography

Third degree felony:

- › \$10,000.00 and 2-10 years in prison
- › Can charge if **at least 18 years old.**

Second degree felony (promotion of child pornography):

- › \$10,000.00 and 2-20 years in prison
- › Can be charged as either **a minor or as an adult.**



Information Acceleration

27 years old



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Friend Requests

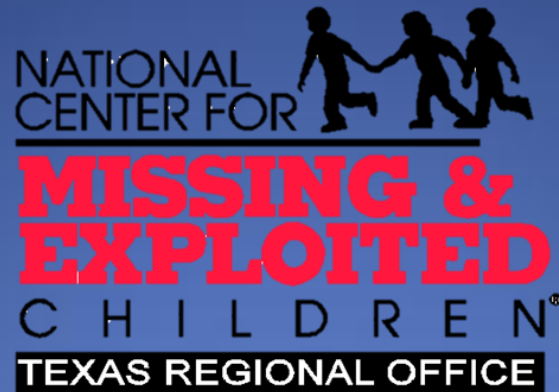
Find Friends

	Joanna Cruz 7 mutual friends	Confirm	Not Now
	Kevin Howard 9 mutual friends	Confirm	Not Now
	John Smith 8 mutual friends	Confirm	Not Now

See All Friends



1. Talk to family about safe routes home.
2. Walk with a friend.
3. Know where to go for help.



Thank You!

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Current Topics: Internet safety, child sexual abuse, mandated reporting, foster care risks, special needs children, abduction prevention, and more!

Also contact the office to schedule a staff, teacher or volunteer training.