

Victims of Child Sexual Exploitation

Peeling Back the Layers of Risk Factors

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About Today

Hoping you get a better
understanding of
how and why youth are victimized



About Me

Girl Power

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Some other stuff....



HT Defined

The US Department of Justice defines Human Trafficking as a crime that involves exploiting a person for labor, services, or commercial sex. Traffickers use various forms of FORCE, FRAUD, and COERCION to control and exploit victims.



Be Clear.....

Any person under the age
of 18 is a VICTIM!



Human Trafficking is referred to as
modern day slavery.



Some Facts...



Risk Factors.....

- Youth Missing from care
- Exposure to trauma in childhood- High ACE scores
- History of abuse and/or neglect
- System Involved
- DV through direct experience and/or exposure
- Lack of educational, employment and economic opportunities
- Untreated mental health struggles
- Addiction
- Unique to the Individual- Community and Societal



Grooming

- Predators prey on vulnerable youth
- It is intentional
- There is a strategy to recruit and retain



Methods of Control

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Shame and Exploitation can become
normal and a strong emotional
connection can result in:

TRAUMA BONDING



So, why don't victims self
identify?????



Why don't victims leave????



CSE is devastating for a child



What to be aware of.....

Possible RED FLAGS



So, What Can You Do?



Relationships are the primary
agent of change!



Report!

DHS

1-866-800-1409

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888



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Thank you!!!