

# **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 is 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: Protection, Love, Adventure, Home, Opportunity.

**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 naïve to realize what's happening.

Society may call it **PROSTITUTION**, but Federal Law calls it **SEX TRAFFICKING**.

Because of social stigma or misinformation, victims go:

**UNIDENTIFIED** (silenced by fear and the control of the trafficker),

**MISIDENTIFIED** (pigeonholed into treatment for only surface issues).

**So**

Sex trafficked children are instead treated for:

drug abuse, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, delinquency, teenage pregnancy, STDS, abortion...all masking the true need...FREEDOM.

