

CHILD TRAFFICKING: SOME FACTS & STATS

25%

1. AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT, AN ESTIMATED 40.3 MILLION PEOPLE ARE BEING VICTIMIZED IN SITUATIONS OF TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION WORLDWIDE. 25% OF THESE ARE CHILDREN. (ILO)



TRAFFICKERS EXPLOIT VULNERABILITIES — AND BEING A CHILD IS AN INHERENT VULNERABILITY.



SEX TRAFFICKING IS RARELY THE FIRST THING TO GO WRONG IN A CHILD'S LIFE.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

IS DEFINED AS ANY SITUATION OF EXPLOITATION THAT A PERSON CANNOT REFUSE OR LEAVE BECAUSE OF THREATS, VIOLENCE, COERCION, DECEPTION, AND/OR ABUSE OF POWER. (ILO)

4X

IN THE UNITED STATES, CHILDREN OF COLOR ARE ABOUT 4X MORE LIKELY TO BE TRAFFICKED THAN WHITE CHILDREN.



TRAFFICKERS CAN LOOK LIKE ANYONE AND DON'T FIT ONE STEREOTYPE.



SOMETIMES YOUTH CONTINUE GOING TO SCHOOL, LIVING AT HOME, AND PARTICIPATING IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – EVEN WHILE THEY ARE BEING TRAFFICKED.



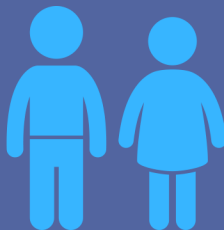
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YOU'LL OFTEN HEAR ABOUT TRAFFICKING "HOTSPOTS." RATHER THAN IN ONE "HOTSPOT," THE TRUTH IS THAT TRAFFICKING OCCURS WHEREVER THERE ARE PEOPLE.

15% BOYS

SEX TRAFFICKING IS NOT JUST A "WOMEN AND GIRLS ISSUE." ABOUT 15% OF THOSE IN OUR SURVIVOR CARE HAVE BEEN BOYS AND NONBINARY YOUTH.



OFTEN, A "RESCUE" ISN'T THE ONLY (OR BEST) WAY TO FREEDOM. TRAINING TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO TRAFFICKING, AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THERE ARE TRAUMA-INFORMED SPACES TO HEAL, HELP CREATE PATHWAYS FOR MORE VICTIMS TO EXIT EXPLOITATION.