



Faith Coalition Against Sex Trafficking

- Create awareness in our communities
- Keep our children safe
- Address demand
- Support victim transition and healing



Waukesha County Anti-Human
Trafficking Task Force

A close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. The person is wearing a dark blue and white vertically striped button-down shirt. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hands and the keyboard, and deep shadows on the shirt and the background. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Why Talk About Sex Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation of Children

- It's happening in our Waukesha County
- It's exploiting our children as victims
- It's connected to addictions, our culture, & social media
- It's a white-collar crime fed by demand
- It's contrary to Christian belief: treat all people with dignity, care, and love

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Social Media – Pornography – Drugs Pandemic



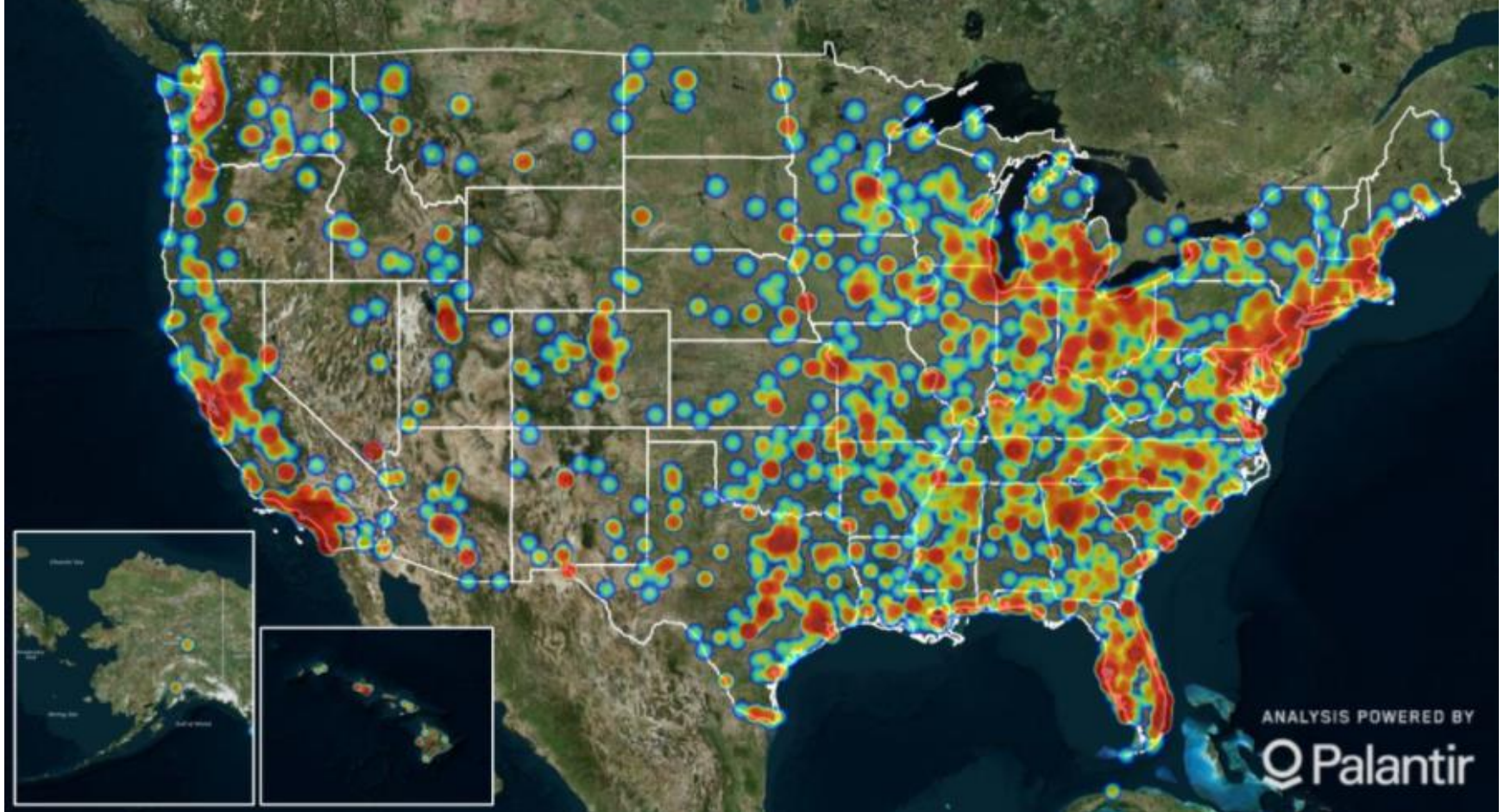
Sex trafficking occurs when a person is induced to perform a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud or coercion,
or
in which the person induced to perform the act is under 18.

Why Is Sex Trafficking So Prevalent?

\$\$\$ & Demand

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- \$80,000 / victim / year
- Billions of dollars annually in the U.S.
- Est. 9000 illicit massage parlors in U.S. est. \$2.5 billion annually
- Believe prostitution, no matter what age, is a choice, not a victim



Human Trafficking Survivor Data 2019

PolarisProject.org

DEMAND

- Truck stops, sport events, strip clubs, resorts
- Historically 80% middle class, white, suburban, married, professional
- Increasingly younger & broader range of ethnicity
- Pornography is normal sexuality

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It Happens Here | How It Happens



Wisconsin Department of
Children and Families

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How Do Predators Work Online?

Grooming can take place quickly or over an extended period of time

Predators will...

- work to appear familiar
- develop a sense of trust
- shower victims with complements
- send electronic gifts
- appeal to a young person's emotional state like loneliness or understanding
- make promises for a better life
- request pictures and sexual content

Ultimately Predators will...

Seek to isolate their victim from others, establish secrecy, create dependance, seek to erode boundaries and inhibitions, then use blackmail and shame to obtain power and control over their victim.



Internet Safety 101

John Pizzuro, MA, CFE, Internet Crimes
Against Children Commander, New Jersey
State Police

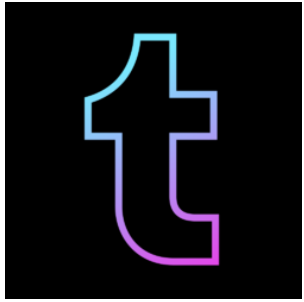
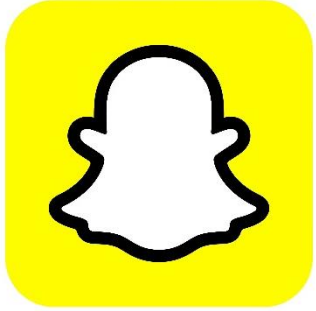


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Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Who Is at Risk?

- Any ethnicity, race, or religion, or socioeconomic class - urban, suburban, rural
- Girls, boys, LGBTQ
- History of prior sexual abuse
- Runaways
- Drug addiction – seeking drugs
- Stressed family - Low self esteem
- Young people on the internet & using social media
- Young people looking for acceptance

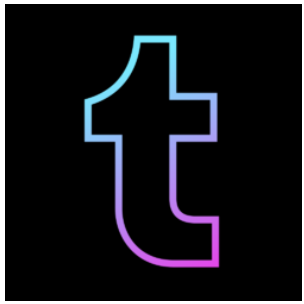
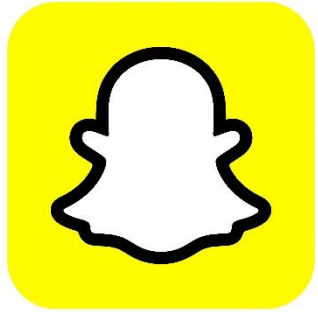


SOCIAL MEDIA YOUTH

- Use a stock photo not your image
- If you are not friends in real life, they are not your real friend. Don't agree to meet them in person.
- Turn off geo-locators inside your apps. Do not share address, school, or exact whereabouts
- Turn on privacy – "public" means global access to you and your friends
- Don't send images you wouldn't post on your locker or share with your parents
- Offers of online gifts are a "red flag"
- If the situation doesn't feel right, tell your parents, SRO, teacher, or trusted adult
- Stand by your friends

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SOCIAL MEDIA

PARENTS

- Build positive healthy relationships with your kids
- Teach healthy Christian relationships
- You are the parent
- Talk about apps and app safety in advance
- Ensure your kid's apps are set to private and geo locators are turned off within each app
- One word clue for "come pick me up" no questions asked
- Ask your kids to teach you how to use their apps
- Encourage getting outdoors and other activities
- Pause the Internet after 9pm
- RESPOND WITH EMPATHY

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Identifying Victims

Red Flags

CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR

Absences from home/school, drop in grades, dress, attitude, constantly checking for messages

CHANGES IN FRIENDS

New boyfriend, new friends, parties, drugs, alcohol, signs of gang affiliation, repeated texts from “Boyfriend” or “Daddy”

CHANGES IN LIFESTYLE

Money, material possessions, tattoos

CHANGES IN PERSONALITY

Demonstrating fear, anxiety, depression, submission, or paranoia

PHYSICAL CHANGES

bruises, black eyes, cuts, or other visible signs of abuse

SOCIAL CHANGES

In the presence of unrelated adults or multiple minors with a single adult male

Misidentification of Victims

- Most minor victims remain unidentified
- They are often mislabeled or charged with delinquent offenses
- Common perceptions:
 - Prostitute/slut/promiscuous
 - Gang member/juvenile delinquent
 - Runaway/truant
 - Always female
- Don't understand what is happening to them
- Hide what is happening – shame, fear, protecting others



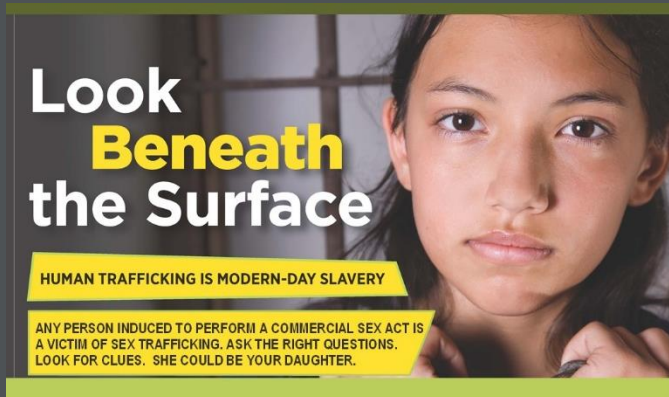
If You Suspect Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation

SAY SOMETHING

Waukesha County: The Women's Center 24-Hour Hotline 262.542.3828, Your Local Law Enforcement, or Child Protective Services at "211"

Youth: Tell your parents, School Resource Officer, counselor, teacher, or trusted adult.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center



Look Beneath the Surface

The person you have encountered may be a victim of human trafficking. If you think someone is a victim of human trafficking, call to report a tip or request help.

Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888

or Text "info" to 233733