

Overview of Human Trafficking and The Role of Gangs

San Diego County Combat Model

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Why is Human Trafficking a Priority for Prosecutors

- It is a violation of human rights
- It is a violation of International U.S. law and CA Law- A priority for the US and CA Departments of Justice
- It is a form of modern-day slavery where perpetrators profit from the sexual exploitation or forced labor of men, women and children
- It is one of the most profitable criminal enterprises and most difficult to detect

High Intensity Child Prostitution Areas (HICPA)



Chicago
Dallas
Detroit
Las Vegas
Los Angeles
Miami
Minneapolis
New York
San Diego
San Francisco Bay Area
St. Louis
Tampa
Washington, D.C.

What are we doing about it in the United States?

- 2000 Congress passed Trafficking Victims Protection Act
- Victim centered law that defined severe forms of human trafficking and provided effective punishment and rights for victims

What are we doing about it in California?

(States have passed their own version of federal laws)

- 2005 California enacted a Human Trafficking law that was also victim centered
- Proposition 35 (2012) made CA State laws more similar to the Federal Laws

Mandated Reporting of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

- **Mandated Reporting of CSEC effective January 1, 2016:**
- Senate Bill 794 (new Penal Code section 11165.1(c)(1-3) adds a definition of “Commercial Sexual Exploitation” to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) - California Penal Code section 11165.1.
- **call the County of San Diego Child Abuse Hotline at: 858-560-2191 or at 1-800-344-6000 to file your report.**

New Laws Effective 2017

- Prostitution Statute separates buyers
- Minors and Prostitution



Out of the Shadows:


A Tool for the Identification of Victims of Human Trafficking

Vera Institute

One of the biggest obstacles to providing human trafficking victims with the services and support they need is the lack of an effective tool to identify them.

Current Research in the U.S. on Labor Trafficking

- Research by Urban Institute Oct. 2014: "Understanding the Organization, Operation, and Victimization Process of Labor Trafficking in the United States"
- *All were immigrants working in the U.S. 71% entering on a temporary Visa (H-2A, H-2B);
- By the time escaped 69% unauthorized



Groundbreaking NIJ 2015 Study: *“Measuring the Nature and Extent of Gang Involvement in Sex Trafficking in San Diego”*

- Dr. Ami Carpenter, University of San Diego and Dr. Jamie Gates, Point Loma Nazarene University
- National Institute of Justice Grant
- *The Next slides are adapted with some modifications from Power Point from Researchers Carpenter & Gates 2015*

Study: How Big is San Diego's Underground Sex Economy?

\$810 Million

\$536.000 per facilitator (Trafficker)

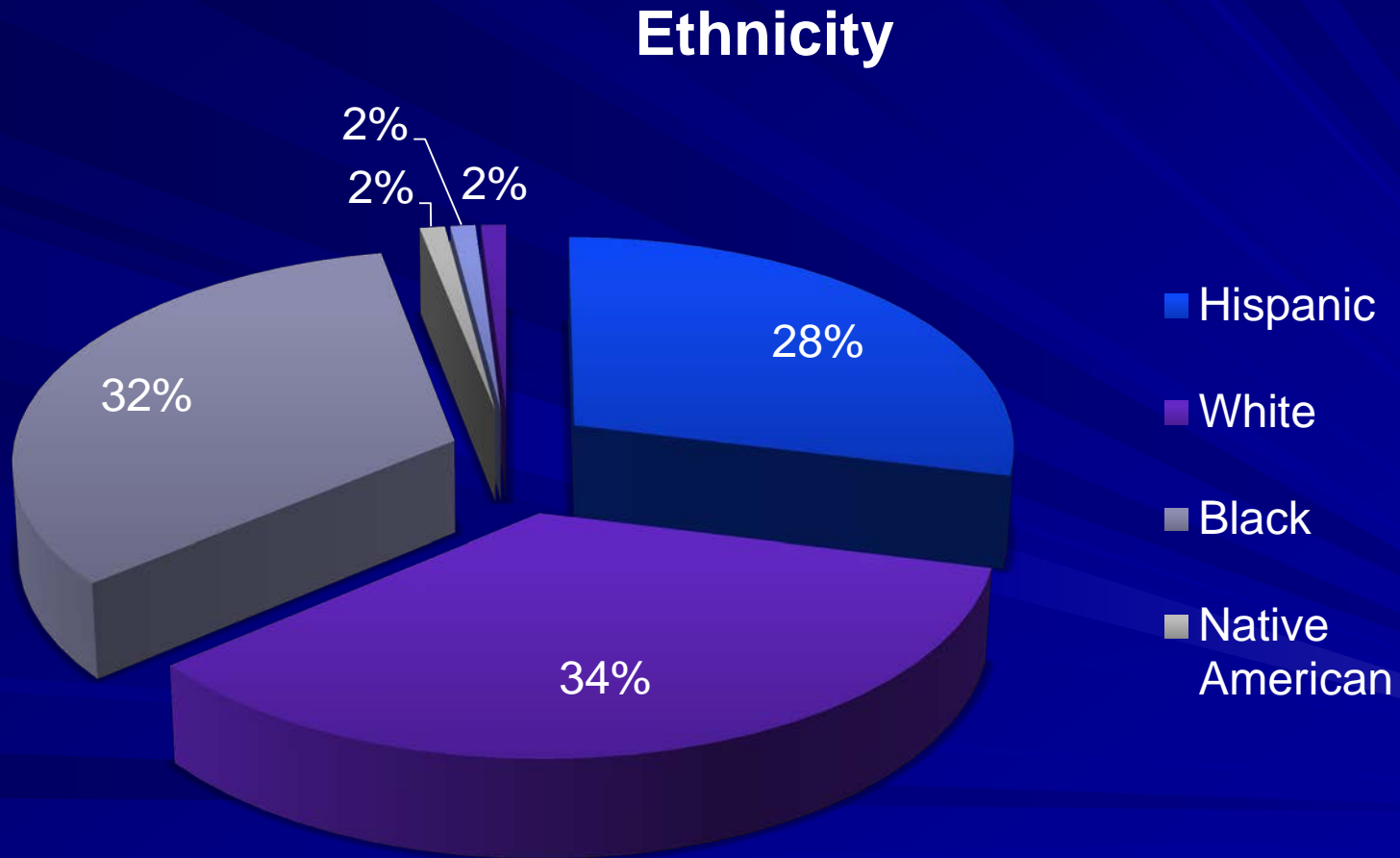
- San Diego Padres:
\$800 million

Study: Gang Members Involvement

- 85% of facilitators were gang-affiliated
- 110 gangs involved in underground sex economy



Study: Gang Ethnicity



Study: Victim Ethnicity and Nationality

Country Of Origin	Percentage
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United States:	80%
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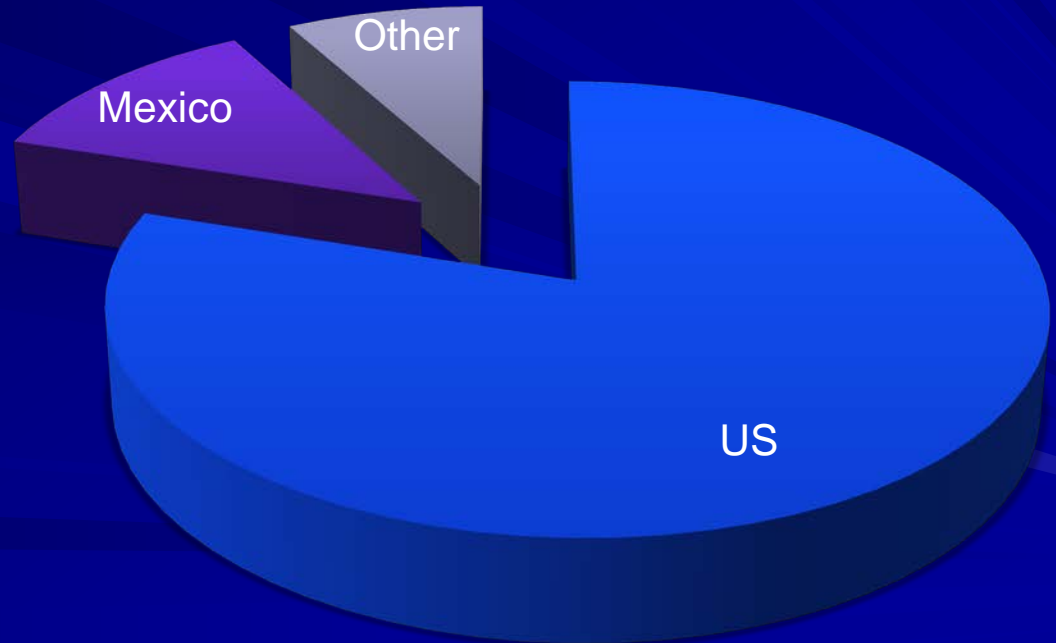
Mexico:	12%
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Other:	8%
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Including:
Taiwan, Russia,
China, Korea
Philippines,
Honduras,
Germany,
Puerto Rico,
Colombia,
Cameroon

80% of sex-trafficking
victim/survivors
are **domestically trafficked**

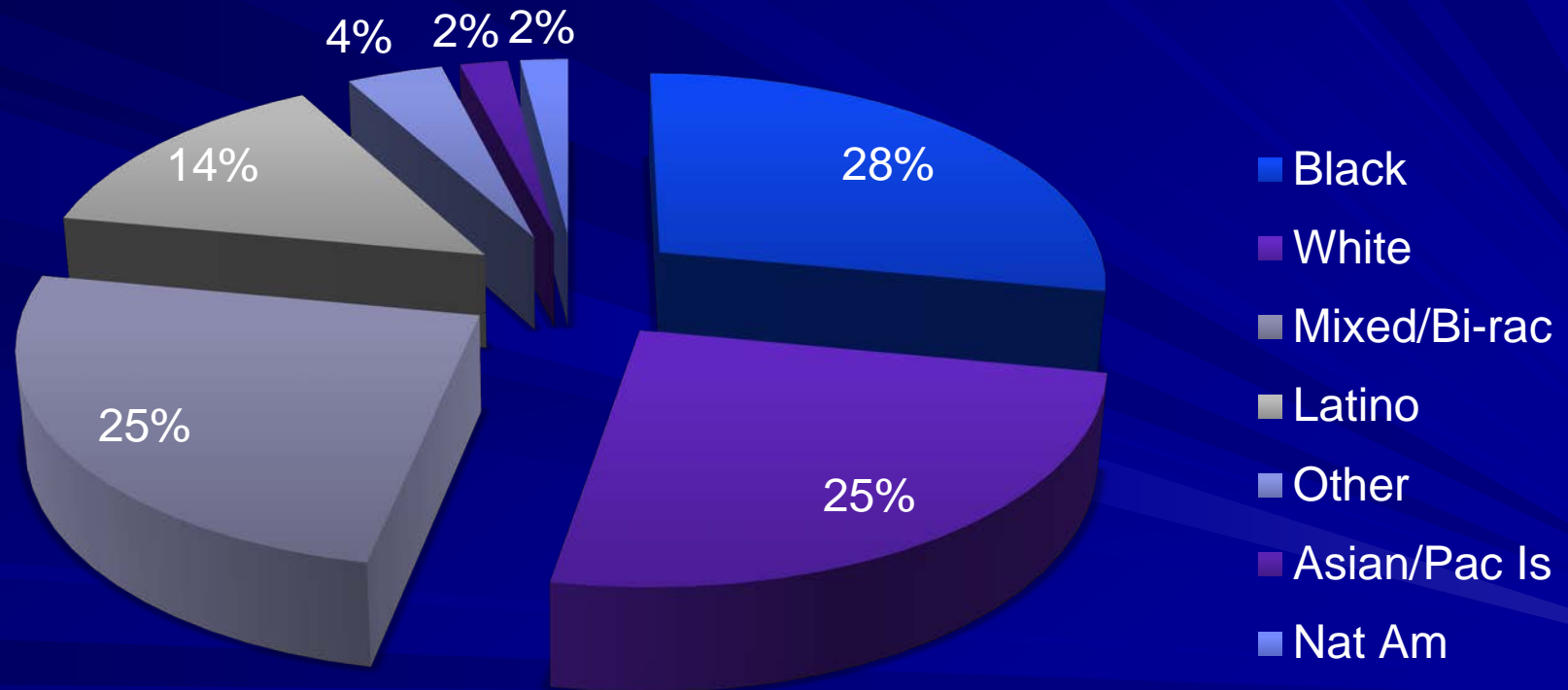
20% are foreign born



Study: Ethnicity of Victims

The majority are Black, White and mixed ethnicity

Ethnicity of Victims



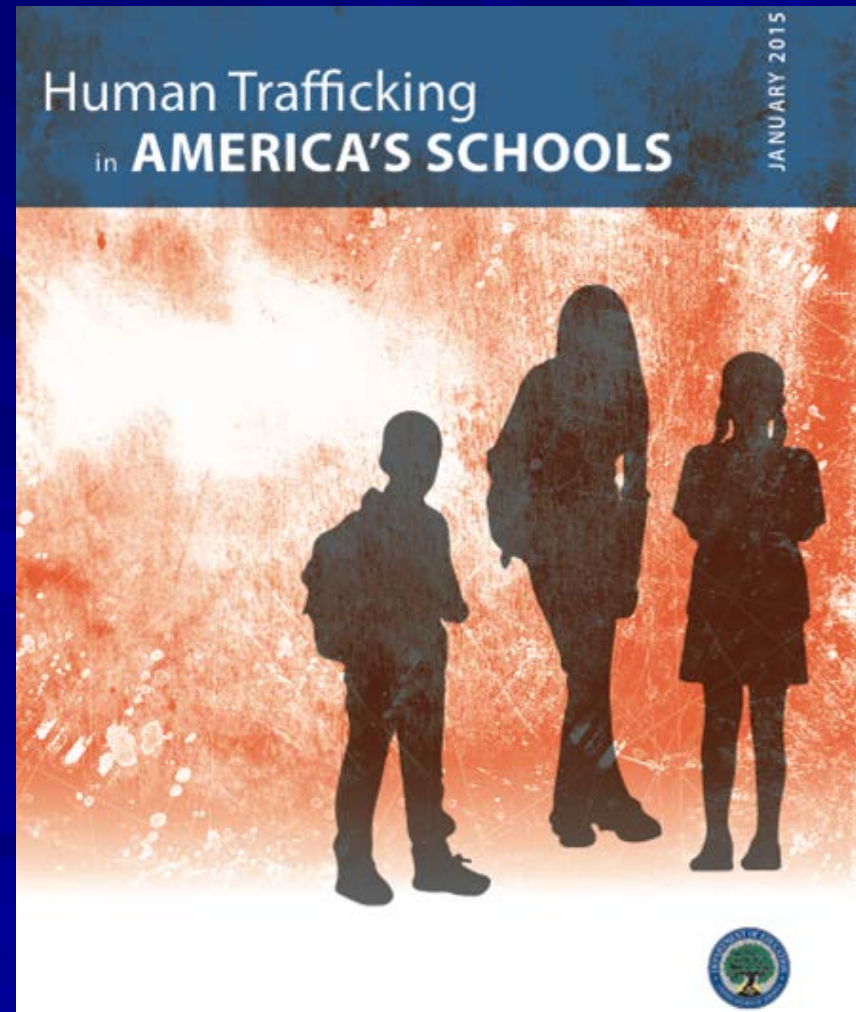
Study: Average Age of Entry into Sex Trafficking: 16

- Victims in our schools
- Average entry into sex trafficking High School Age 15-16 average entry so some younger and some older

Study: Human Trafficking in San Diego's Schools

County-wide recruitment in middle schools and high schools

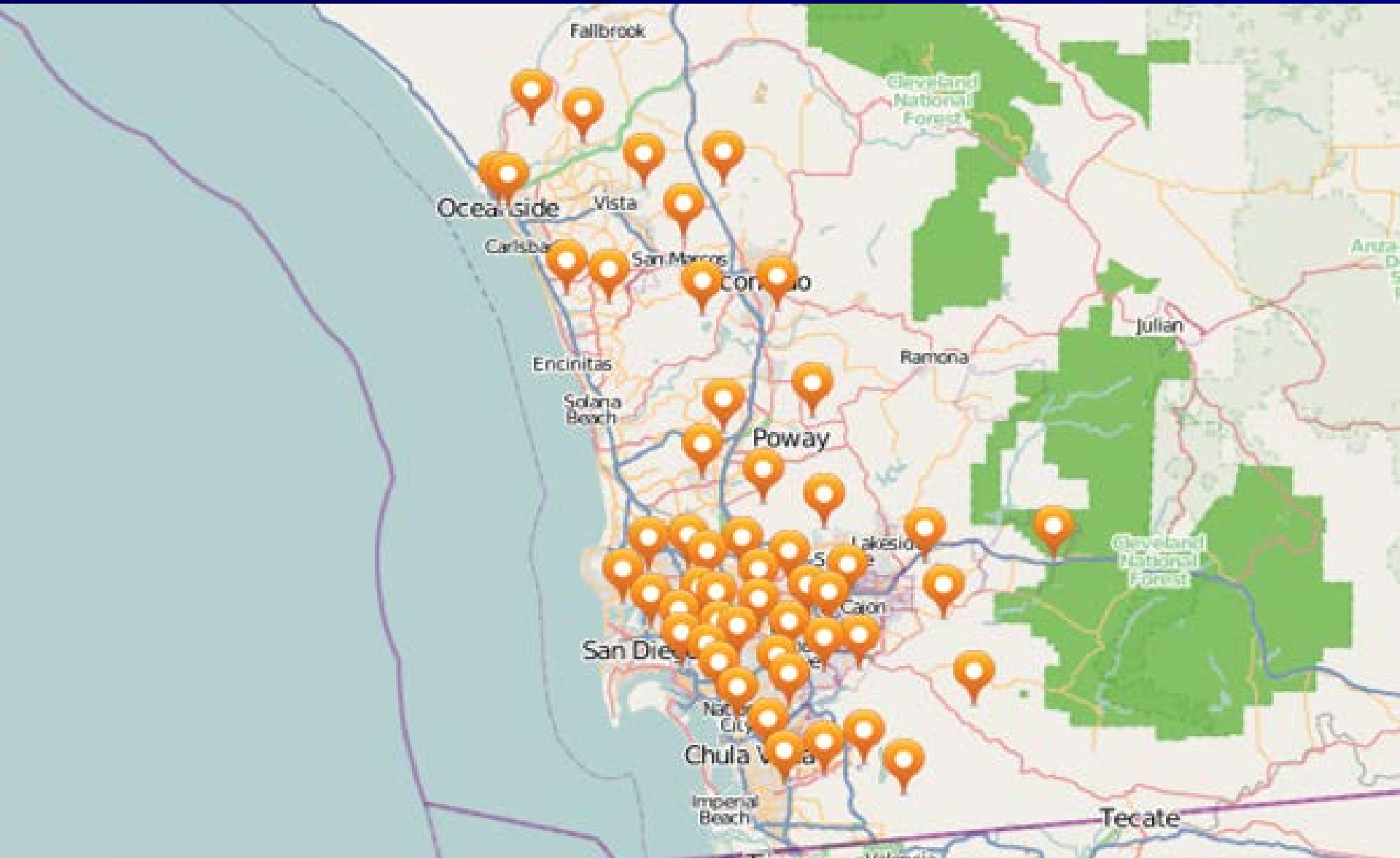
- Focus groups from all 20 schools identified suspected victims; 90% confirmed CSEC cases
- 30% of facilitators witnessed or participated in sex trafficking recruitment related to schools



Study: 20 schools visited represent sites from the entire San Diego County region



Study: County-Wide Problem Residence of Victims/Survivors

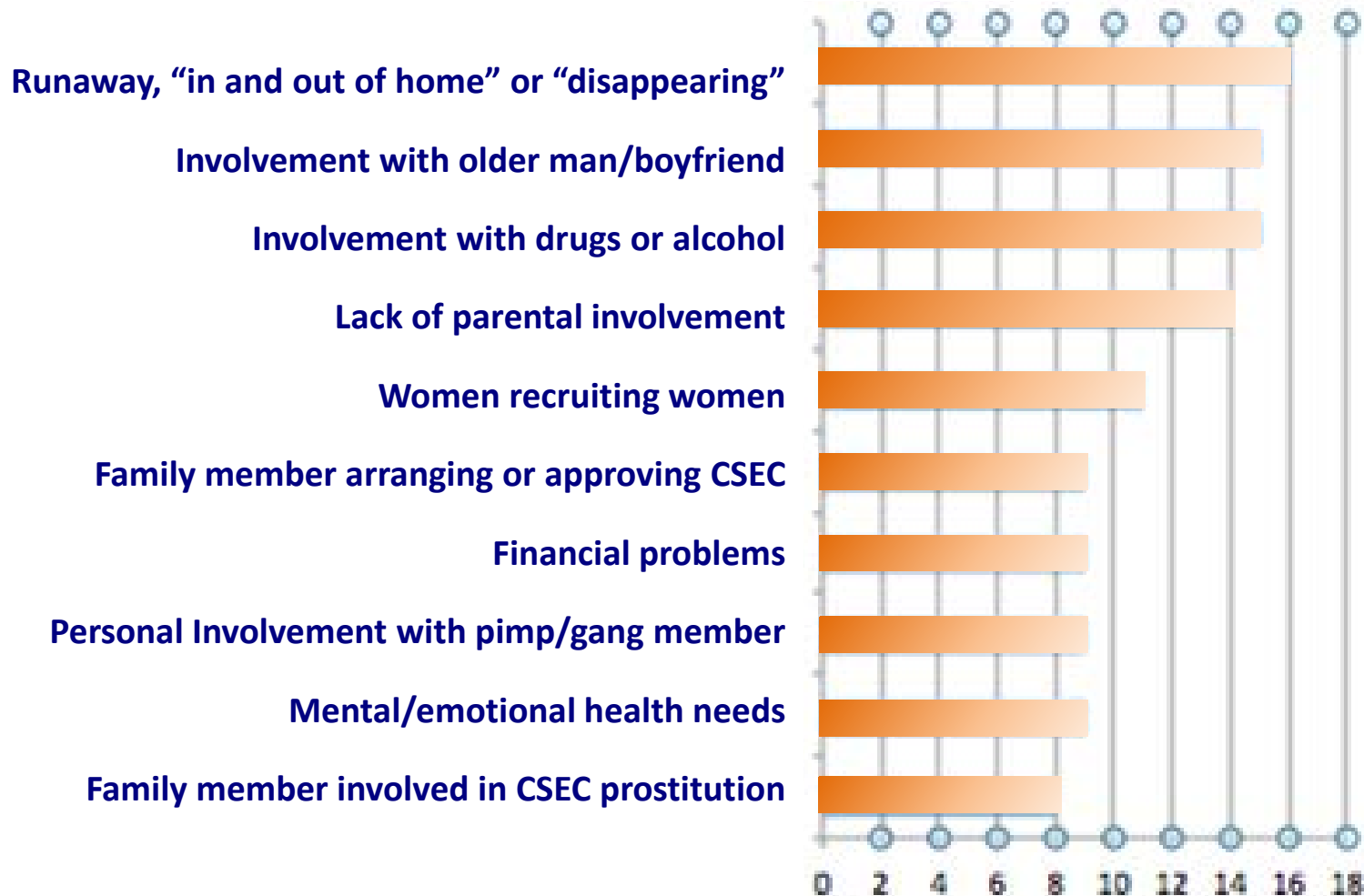


Study: Annual Number of Victim/Survivors

3417-8108 victims annually

- Available long term shelter is a huge gap: 33 total beds available specific for human trafficking survivors especially minors

Study: Top 10 Recruitment Risk Factors



Particularly vulnerable populations

- 55% had experienced **homelessness**
 - 28% had been in the **Foster Care system**
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Factors Promoting Exploitation (CSEC):

- Victims often from homes where they experienced child abuse and domestic violence
- Minors who are in foster care or group homes
- Being a runaway teen is one of the highest risk factor for being exploited by a trafficker
- Truancy from school, learning disabilities, emotional and mental health issues and substance abuse
- No family is immune from this public safety epidemic because of the use of social media that²³

The Internet Hides the Crime in Plain Sight

- Hotels are the top location where the crime of sexually based human trafficking occurs
- The DEMAND: Buyers that drives sex trafficking: 98 Unique criminal purchasers “Johns” responded to 4 ads on Backpage in a 24 hour period
- Approximately 70% of the transactions utilize social media

Warning Signs

- ✓ Are there bruises, tattoos or other signs
- ✓ Are there new items that are not accounted for? purse, nails, hair, clothes, jewelry
- ✓ Are there signs of psychological abuse?
Isolation, loss of contact with family, friends, lack of interest in school, sports
- ✓ Is the person being controlled? Appears hypervigilant and secretive?
- ✓ Is there weight loss or signs of poor health?
- ✓ Is the person a minor engaged in commercial sex?
- ✓ Does a minor appear to be in a relationship with an older person?

COMBAT PLAN

Prevention

Protection

Prosecution

Partnerships

Combat Strategies

- **SD County Human Trafficking and Commercial Child Sexual Exploitation Advisory Council**

(Multi disciplinary: Child Welfare, Prosecution, Law Enforcement, Education, Victim Services, Survivor-Leader, Research and Data, Community + Medical pending)

- ✓ *Strategic blueprint presented to Board of Supervisors and adopted 2014*
- ✓ *Update Outcomes Report presented and adopted by Board of Supervisors 2016*

Combat Strategies

- **Vertical Prosecution- SD Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division**
- **San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force** (State, Federal and Local Law Enforcement): Dismantle organized human trafficking with a victim centered approach

Combat Strategies :

- Child Welfare Steering Committee
- CEASE Network: Demand Abolition
- Prevention and Protection
Awareness Campaigns and innovative
partnerships
- ❖ *Similar collaborations exist in other counties*

DA's Office Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Unit

- *aka: (SVU Law and Order Special Victims Unit)*
- Established in 2003 by DA Bonnie Dumanis with specialized DA team
- Sex Crimes including sexually based homicides and late report child molestation
- Sex Offender Registration - SAFE
- Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)
- Human Trafficking and related crimes of Pimping and Pandering

Partnerships with Hotels-Motels to Combat Sex Trafficking

Training on warning signs:

- A young looking girl (mostly) with an older male
- Appears to lack knowledge of current/past whereabouts or orientation to time
- Does not have the usual suitcase/travel belongings
- Dressed inappropriately for weather and conditions

Education Prevention- Intervention Strategies

- Training of professional school staff: High School focus currently
- Training of students
- Training of parents
- Training of medical staff
- Law enforcement training
- Legal, Judicial and Community training

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Similar considerations as studies outline but in a simple tool with a scoring system that includes 10 categories including, Stability in living situation, health, trauma, exploitation, relationships, technology in Residential Status & Life Functioning

Recruitment of Boys

- Girls Only Program in 4 Boys and Girls Clubs (8-12)
- Developing Boys Only Program

VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING



CALL - 1-888-373-7888
TEXT - BeFree or 233733

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave - whether it is commercial sex (prostitution), housework, farm work, construction, factory, retail, or restaurant work, or any other activity - **CALL** to access help and services the

National Human Trafficking
 Resource Center
 at 1-888-373-7888 or
 TEXT: Be Free or 233733

or the California Coalition to
 Abolish Slavery and Trafficking
 (CAST) at 1-888-KEY-2FRE(EDOM)
 or 1-888-539-2373

The hotlines are:

- available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- toll-free
- operated by non-profit, non-governmental organizations
- anonymous and confidential
- accessible in more than 160 languages
- able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information

Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and California law

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está siendo forzado a participar en una actividad y no lo dejan ir—ya sea sexo comercial (prostitución), trabajo doméstico, trabajo agrícola, trabajo de construcción, fábrica, venta al por menor, o en restaurantes, o cualquier otra actividad - **LLAME** para obtener ayuda y servicios al

Centro Nacional de Recursos para la
 Trata de Personas
 al 1-888-373-7888 o
 Envíe el TEXTO: Be Free o 233733

O llame a la Coalición de California Para
 Abolir la Esclavitud y Trata de Personas
 (CAST) al 1-888-KEY-2FRE(EDOM) o
 1-888-539-2373

Las líneas telefónicas:

- Están disponibles las 24 horas del día, 7 días a la semana
- Son gratis
- Son manejadas por organizaciones sin fines de lucro, no gubernamentales
- Son anónimas y confidenciales
- Ofrecen servicio en más de 160 idiomas
- Pueden brindarle ayuda, remisión a servicios, capacitación e información

Las víctimas de esclavitud y
 trata de personas están
 protegidas bajo las leyes de Estados
 Unidos y California.

Kung ikaw o may kakilala na napipilitang sumali sa anumang gawain at hindi pinapayagang umalis — ito man ay komersyal na sex (prostitusyon), gawaing-bahay, pagsasaka, konstruksyon, pabrika, pagtitinda o trabaho sa restawran, o anumang iba pang gawain - **TUMAWAG** para humingi ng tulong at serbisyo sa

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 1-888-373-7888 o TEXT: Be Free
 or 233733

O sa California Coalition to Abolish
 Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) sa
 1-888-KEY-2-FRE(EDOM) o
 1-888-593-2373

Ang hotlines ay:

- Pwedeng tumawag anumang oras, buong linggo.
- Libreng Tawag
- Non-profit at organisasyon di-pampamahalaan ang nagpapakabo
- Anonymous at kompidensyal
- Magagamit sa higit sa 160 wika
- Makapagbibigay ng tulong, referral sa mga serbisyo, pagsasanay, a pangkalahatang impormasyon

Biktima ng pang-aalipin at
 trafficking ng tao ay protektado sa
 ilalim ng batas ng Estados Unidos
 at California

CLEAR CHANNEL

TEENS SOLD FOR SEX
AREN'T PROSTITUTES. THEY'RE
RAPE VICTIMS

come to a child's rescue ProtectSanDiegoKids.org 001106

The Ugly Truth

- Award winning Survivor based messages
- Radio, health clubs, bus-trolley, mobile, movie theatres
- Millions of impressions
- TheUglyTruthSD.org

THE FINEST OF THE FIFTH

**Sex
trafficking?
Not in
America's
Finest City.**

THE FUTURE

According to the FBI, traffickers are exploiting people here every day.

The collapsed service is the first signpost to suggest a global market will give way to a postwar boom, as within a short time, the world's economies will be struggling to re-emerge from the economic crisis. The global market is still in a state of flux, and the world's economies are still in a state of flux.



***Sex trafficking.
It's not just global.
It's local.***

Get the facts at TheUglyTruth50.org





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Helpful Links

San Diego District Attorney Web:

www.sdcda.org

www.FightHumanTraffickingSD.com

<http://www.sdcda.org/office/girlsonlytoolkit/index.html>

www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/overview

www.sdbbcc.org (Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition)

www.abolishhumantrafficking.com (Find research articles, documentaries & community events)

<http://www.safeactionproject.org/training/stop-sex-trafficking-toolkit/>

<http://theuglytruthsd.org/>

Helpful Links

Publications:

U.S. Dept of Education- Human Trafficking in
America's Schools

Knowledge is Power





“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good [people] to do nothing.”

Edmund Burke, English Philosopher