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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IS A LOCAL PROBLEM**



Get help.
Report a tip.
Find services.

Learn about your options.

Human Trafficking Hotline:
call 1.888.373.7888
text BEFREE (233733)

24 Hour Hotline
Toll-free

For all emergencies call 911.



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EXPLOITATION HUMAN TRAFFICKING

KERN COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

“The CSE (Commercial Sexual Exploitation) of children is defined as a commercial sex act where *anything of value* is given to the child, including the provision of food, shelter, or payment, in exchange for the performance of a sexual act.” CDSS 2018



KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Are you or someone you know...

- promised easy money?
- promised a job?
- promised new shoes, clothes, etc?
- asked to “party”, especially when partying in other cities?
- received a tattoo?
- promised a place to sleep?
- offered a modeling job?
- homeless or a foster youth?
- have sex for money or something of value?
- under 18 and engaging in commercial sex?
- being forced to work or perform services against your will?
- being controlled by threats?
- being threatened or blackmailed to send nude pictures/videos?
- fearful for their safety or that of loved ones?
- have bruises or showing other signs of abuse?
- being deprived of any of life’s necessities, food, medical care?
- suffering from anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, or intense fear?
- not in possession of own ID or documents?

A pimp can look like...

- a nice guy pretending to care.
- someone offering to take care of you.
- someone who promises travel to other cities.
- a boyfriend buying expensive gifts.
- a new boyfriend paying for nails, hair, and cell phones.

Pimps recruit from group homes, foster homes, shelters, schools and make other teens recruit for them.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Everyone can help stop Human Trafficking. So start learning about it and spread the word.

- Be a voice in helping others. Call in tips to the national hotline.
- Support anti-human trafficking efforts by becoming involved.
- Visit www.kcaht.org for more information.
- Talk to your family and friends about the warning signs.

HOW TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROTECT YOURSELF

- Know the definition of exploitation and human trafficking.
- Be aware of the warning signs.
- Do not socialize with people you don’t know on social media.
- Trust your judgment. If a situation/individual makes you uncomfortable, trust that feeling.
- Keep important numbers on your person at all times, including the number of someone you feel safe contacting if you are in trouble.
- Document any unwanted contact by your trafficker (calls, texts, emails, showing up at your work/home) and save any voicemails/texts/emails that are threatening in nature.

Sources to Call:

Child Abuse Hotline
(661) 631-6011

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

Text HELP to BeFree (233733)

Call 911

Talk to your social worker or probation officer

