

PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR LOVED ONES

- Know that traffickers recruit children with false promises of gifts, affection, and a boyfriend relationship. They are skilled at deception, often using other girls as recruits.
- Warn youth of the danger when alcohol and drugs and people they don't really know are mixed together.
- Be aware some traffickers offer lucrative employment in modeling, singing, or acting as enticements. Always check the company, talk to an adult about the offer, and always meet in public for interviews.
- Porn often fuels the demand for purchasing sex. There are 4.2 million pornographic websites (12% of total websites). There are 68 million pornographic search engine requests daily (25% of total search engine requests). *Monitor your child's Internet use. Keep computers in common areas. Instruct children not to friend strangers on any social media outlets.* Most children's first exposure is accidental. Talk about the problems and unintended consequences.
- Provide a home environment where kids know they are loved and protected.
- Develop a safety plan. Have a "code word" for your children to use if they are approached by a stranger who says they know you.
- After school hours (3-6 pm) weekdays are when children are most vulnerable to drug and crime-related activities.
- According to the Polaris Project, runaways are likely to be approached by traffickers within 48 hours.
- Help your children understand the danger of "covering" for a friend who skips school or sneaks out of the house to be with a significantly older boyfriend.

YOU CAN HELP!

- www.oregonmentors.org hosts many mentoring programs and can help match you with an appropriate program.
- Provide financial support for programs that support victims of sexual exploitation. Call the programs and see what they need (safe hotel lodging, dental, medical, or legal services).
- Volunteer in a community program. Call the program directly and ask about opportunities to volunteer.
- The youth victimized in CSEC are often hungry and poorly clothed when police and advocates initially make contact with them. Gift cards for fast food restaurants; Target, Fred Meyer, Walmart for clothing and toiletries (toothpaste and toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, shampoo, soap, hairbrushes, etc) are all greatly needed. Host a drive in your community or organization.
- Support federal and state laws to combat Human Trafficking by contacting your representatives.
- Work to end advertising and media that glorifies pimps and exploits children. Contact the company responsible for this type of advertising when you see it and share your feelings.
- Ask your legislators to write laws that will provide tougher penalties for convictions of Human Trafficking.
- Share your experiences with others on Facebook, Twitter, or a blog.
- Share your growing awareness through posters and speakers in organizations or churches where you are a member.
- Work to eliminate www.backpage.com and similar websites that promote CSEC.

PREVENTION

- Take action to prevent trafficking and to protect potential at-risk kids through education and mentoring. Mentor at-risk children through Boys and Girls Club - www.bgcportland.org - or Big Brother and Big Sister - www.bbsnorthwest.org. There are 2400 children currently on the waiting list for a mentor.
- Oregon Oath exists to prevent the exploitation of men, women, and youth by educating and promoting practical community engagement by Oregonians in order to end the tragedy of trafficking. <http://www.oregonoath.org>
- The EPIK Project (Everyman Protecting Innocent Kids) is a grass roots strategy created to bring "average" men to the fight against sex trafficking in America. <http://www.epikproject.org>
- GirlStrength and BoyStrength are free violence prevention programs for teens 10-17 years old. Volunteer instructors needed. Phone: 503.823.0239. Web (for boys and girls): girlstrengthpb@portlandoregon.gov <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/49818>

RESCUE

- Shared Hope International (Vancouver, WA) exists to rescue and restore women and children in crisis. They are leaders in the worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery through education and public awareness. <http://www.sharedhope.org>

SHELTER

- Janus Youth Programs (JYP) contracts with the City of Portland to provide shelter beds or CSES victims at its emergency shelter facility. JYP is responsible for the process to develop a comprehensive system of care for victims of child sex trafficking. <http://www.jyp.org/> or call 503.233.6090.

ADVOCACY & AFTERCARE

- SARC (Sexual Assault Resource Center) provides advocacy and support through programs specially designed for sexually exploited youth. For information, contact the volunteer manager at 503.626.9100 or visit www.SARCoregon.org.
- Lifeworks NW supports people who are working towards a better life, through recognized, culturally responsive prevention, mental health and addiction services, and delivering high quality counseling and group treatment. Call 503.710.1513 or visit www.lifeworksnw.org.

SIGNS A CHILD MAY BE BEING TRAFFICKED

- An older boyfriend.
- Child skips school and has unexplained absences from class.
- Dress is less appropriate than before and expresses sexual behavior.
- Shows signs of physical abuse.
- Seems overly tired in class.
- Seems withdrawn, depressed, distracted or checked out.
- Change in typical lifestyle, attire, a new tattoo, or access to cash.

IF YOU SUSPECT TRAFFICKING ...

- Do not confront the trafficker!
- Call 911 for an emergency or if there is immediate danger.
- Report all cases (non-emergency) to Portland Police Bureau Hotline at **503.823.3333**.

YOU CAN HELP!

Donations accepted at:
East Portland Rotary Foundation (501c3)
Attn: Human Trafficking
P.O. Box 14664
Portland, OR 97293-0664
www.eastportlandrotary.org

OR

GIVING CONNECTION
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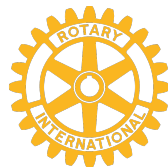
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Jeff Carlson and Laurie Carlson at **Fix Auto Portland** are proud to support the fight against Human Trafficking and those groups who are making a difference in helping to end this horrific exploitation of children.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Human Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, obtaining, or maintaining of a person by means of force, fraud or coercion, for purposes of servitude, debt bondage, slavery, or participation in the sex trade. **Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) are under the age of 18.**

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Each year, 1.2 million children are trafficked, making it a \$32 billion dollar a year industry.
- After drug dealing, human trafficking is the second largest growing crime in the world today.
- Nationally the average age of entry into trafficking is 12-14 years old.

A recent Portland State University study released in August 2013 included 469 trafficked youths in the report. 15.5 was the average age, and one child was as young as 8.

- It is estimated by law enforcement that 300-500 minor children were trafficked along the I-5 corridor in 2012.
- Recently an Internet ad for a “date” in Portland posted by law enforcement had 1800 hits in a 24-hour period.
- Most sexually trafficked girls and women in Portland come from within the metro area.
- Prostitution is not confined to a few small areas in our community.
- 76% of females involved in street prostitution have a pimp.