



# Project Archangel

Northeast Texas  
Child Abduction Response Team  
CART

# What is Project Archangel

- Project Archangel is a Northeast Texas CART program providing subject matter experts in alliance with existing agencies across our region to educate families in the following areas:
  - Human Trafficking
  - Mental Health
  - Spiritual Health
  - Physical Health

# Facts

- 800,000 children are reported missing each year
- Runaways are the primary source for traffickers
- Large numbers of victims cross our borders led by traffickers claiming to be parents or relatives
- 1 in 5 are girls and 1 in 10 boys will be sexually victimized before age 18, only 1 in 3 will tell anyone
- Abusive home life and foster home environment is the leading cause of runaways

# Facts

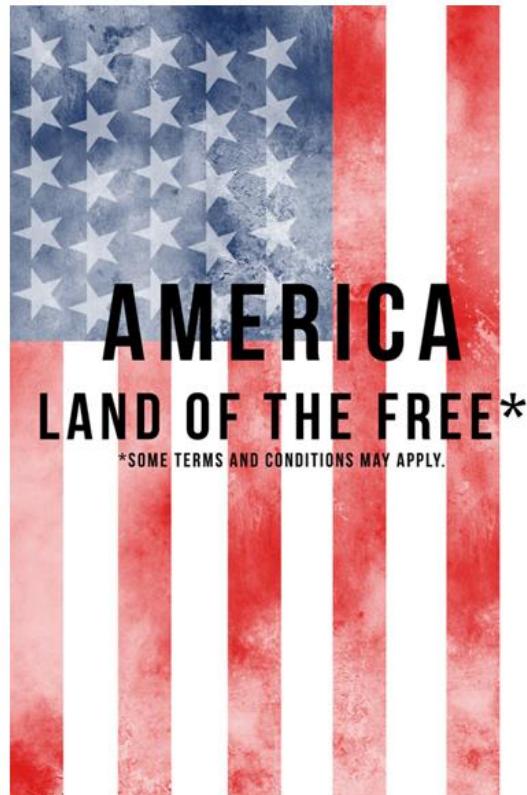
- 47% of will die within a half hour
- 76% will die within three hours
- 40% are dead before reported missing
- Child physical, mental and sexual abuse are the majority causes
- Victims are enticed with clothing, money, drugs, promise of a better life, more freedom...

# Facts

- 2nd most profitable form of illegal activity
- Child Prostitution / Child Pornography
- 1.32 Billion dollar per year industry
- **TEXAS, CA, FL** top destinations
- MN, MI, ME, WI top origin states
- 70% are females, 50% are children between 13-15 years of age
- Many are children

# Human Trafficking

A well-hidden American epidemic



**Hundreds of thousands  
of victims each year**

Average age of entry  
**12-16**

Average life expectancy  
**7 years**

# Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining a person for labor/services through force, fraud or coercion.

Sex Trafficking

Trafficking into servitude

Forced labor

Involuntary Servitude

- Who are the traffickers
  - Cartels
  - Gangs
  - People you may know or trust
  - Massage parlors, tattoo parlors, nail salons and brothels
- Indicators of a trafficker
  - Pre-paid Credit Cards
  - Multiple Hotel Room Key Cards
  - Condoms
  - Baby Wipes
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Lubricant
  - Sex toys
  - Ledgers or other lists/notes documenting locations, Johns, brothels, etc.

# Human Trafficking

- How and Where are traffickers enticing our children
  - Internet and Phone Apps
  - Seen as “boyfriend” or “girlfriend”
  - Chat Rooms
  - “Grooming”, provide drugs, thrills and alcohol
  - Gaming
  - Promise of freedom to do as they please, no rules
  - Schools
  - Streets
  - Malls

# Human Trafficking

- What can parents do to recognize the threat
  - Find out where they are chatting, gaming and cruising – Become internet and phone smart!
  - Most Dangerous APPS!
    - Tinder – Allows predators to easily find kids
    - Snapchat - #1 sexting app tied to “snap porn”
    - Blendr - Kids using the app for sexting and sending nude selfies
    - Whisper - Sexual predators also use the app to locate kids and establish a relationship
    - Ask.fm – Cyber- bullying site associated with nine documented cases of suicide in the U.S. and the U.K.
    - Poof - Allows users to make other apps “disappear” on their phone
    - Omegle - Sexual predators use this app to find kids to collect personal information from in order to track them down more easily in person
    - Others to watch for: “Down”, “Kik Messenger”, “Audio Manager”, “Calculator%”, “Vaulty”, “Burn Note”, “Line”, “Yik Yak”

# Human Trafficking

- What can parents do to recognize the threat
  - Find out who they are communicating with on the internet and smart phone
  - Invest in a Wi-Fi trap to record chat room discussions and internet activity
  - Meet their friends and talk with their friends parents
  - Look for changes in behavior, attentiveness, withdrawn, more secretive, anger, cleanliness, new friends you haven't met, sneaking out at night, frequent Mall activity

# Human Trafficking

- How can parents prepare or help prevent for possible trafficking
  - Prepare a Personal ID Kit for each child , teen or adult with evidence bag (See handout for missing child, teen or adults at risk)
  - All kids and adults need to be grounded with positive, stable non-threatening home life
  - Talk about their wants, fears, desires and needs
  - Have rules, guidelines and consequences
  - Set behavioral expectations
  - Talk to your Police Department, learn about trafficking in your area
  - Be aware of registered sex offenders in your area
  - Pray, Pray, Pray

# Human Trafficking

- How can parents prepare or help prevent for possible trafficking
- Be Prepared:
  - Have a search plan with a time clock running:
    - Indoor- 5 Minutes: closets, under beds, piles of laundry, inside washer's/dryers, under cabinets, attics, behind furniture, attached garages
    - Outdoors – 10 Minutes: vehicles, garages, out-buildings, trees, ponds, immediate neighbors backyards
    - Calling parents of close friends – 10 Minutes
    - Calling 9-1-1 takes 1.5 seconds!
    - Have a Personal ID Kit readily available for the responding Police Officer

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## Overall Health and Risk



# Mental Health

- Mental or emotional child abuse is any attitude, behavior, or failure to act that interferes with a child's mental health or social development.
- Mental abuse can have more long-lasting negative psychiatric effects than either physical abuse or sexual abuse.
- Mental child abuse can come from adults or from other children:
  - Parents or caregivers
  - Teachers or athletic coaches
  - Siblings
  - Bullies at school or elsewhere
  - Middle- and high-school girls in social cliques

# Mental Health

- Kids are kids, Teens are Teens, and Grampa (Ma) is Crazy
  - What are the signs of depression and anxiety
    - Frequent sadness, tearfulness, crying.
    - Hopelessness and mood swings.
    - Decreased interest in activities; or inability to enjoy previously favorite activities.
    - Persistent boredom; low energy.
    - Social isolation, poor communication, difficulty with relationships.
    - Low self esteem and guilt.

# Mental Health

- What are the signs of depression and anxiety
  - Change in grades, getting into trouble at school, or refusing to go to school
  - Change in eating habits
  - Feeling angry or irritable
  - Frequent complaints of physical illnesses such as headaches and stomachaches.
  - Frequent absences from school or poor performance in school.

# Mental Health

- What can you do to help a loved one or friend
  - Practice compassionate listening
    - Be positive, offer support, listen do not tell
    - Be helpful with tasks, take care grocery shopping, offer to take walk, help around the house
    - The risk of suicide exists at all times during major depressive episodes. If you believe your loved one is at risk of suicide, do not leave that person alone. Dial 9-1-1 and stay with your loved one.
  - Be there for them
  - Create a supportive home environment
  - Focus on small goals
  - Know the warning signs of suicide
  - The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): 1-800-950-6264, [info@nami.org](mailto:info@nami.org)

# Spiritual Health

- We all need a belief system
  - Growing breakdown of family structure and communication
  - Parent and caregiver responsibilities often neglected:
    - Development of a belief system
    - Social and interactive skills
    - Stable home life, free of fear
    - Moral values
  - Positive social integration and activities are paramount to build esteem
- There are unlimited resources available in Texas

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# Spiritual Health

- What can a parent or caregiver do?
  - Limit internet and cell phone use
  - Enroll in a minor school sport activity
  - Participate in sponsored group activity

# Physical Health

- Abuse of any kind leads to runaways which leads to trafficking!
  - Forms of physical abuse
    - Forced or coercion to perform a sex act
    - Pushing, punching, scratching, strangling, kicking, pulling hair..
    - Using something to threaten or hit

# Physical Health

- Signs of physical abuse
  - Withdrawal from friends or usual activities
  - Changes in behavior — such as aggression, anger, hostility or hyperactivity — or changes in school performance
  - Depression, anxiety or unusual fears, or a sudden loss of self-confidence
  - Reluctance to leave school activities, as if he or she doesn't want to go home
  - Attempts at running away
  - Rebellious or defiant behavior
  - Wear clothing that doesn't match the weather -- such as long sleeves on hot days -- to cover up bruises

# Physical Health

- Signs of physical abuse
  - Self-harm or attempts at suicide
  - Eating more than usual at a meal or saving food for later
  - Sexual behavior or knowledge that's inappropriate for the child's age
  - Inappropriate sexual contact with other children
  - Blood in the child's underwear
  - Unexplained injuries, such as bruises, fractures or burns
  - Injuries that don't match the given explanation

# Physical Health

- Signs of physical/sexual abuse
  - Your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night.
  - You find pornography on your child's computer.
  - Your child receives phone calls from men you don't know, or is making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you don't recognize.
  - Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you don't know.
  - Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen on the monitor when you come into the room.
  - Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.
  - Your child is using an online account belonging to

# Physical Health

- What can you do
  - Call local police or sheriff's department administrative number tell them why you are calling.
  - Wait for an investigator to call you, provide pertinent facts, and then back off, let law enforcement do their job.
  - Do Not ruin a persons life by gossiping or spreading factious rumors!

# Handouts

- Missing Person Profile Kit Checklist
- Some of the Apps Parents Should Know About
- Safety Kit
  - Fingerprint ink
  - Data keeper envelope
  - Medical & dental record keeper

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