

Human Trafficking



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Labor Trafficking vs. Sex Trafficking

- Labor Trafficking
 - Labor traffickers use violence, threats, lies, and other forms of coercion to force people to work against their will in many different industries
 - Common types of labor trafficking include people forced to work in homes as domestic servants, farm workers coerced through violence as they harvest crops, or factory workers held in inhumane conditions with little to no pay
- Sex Trafficking
 - Sex trafficking occurs when people are forced or coerced into the commercial sex trade against their will. Child sex trafficking includes any child involved in commercial sex.
 - Sex traffickers frequently target vulnerable people with histories of abuse and then use violence, threats, lies, false promises, debt bondage, or other forms of control and manipulation to keep victims involved in the sex industry

AMERICA'S CHILDREN
ARE NOT FOR SALE



Started in 2003



National Initiative targeting Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking



Joint initiative with Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation



Mission = Recover children and prosecute those responsible for exploiting them



Targets organizations involved in the commercial sexual exploitation of child through prostitution

National Statistics (as of June 2013):

Over 2,700 Children Recovered

Over \$3.1 million Seizures

Over 1,300 Convictions

66 Task Forces/Working Groups

Sex Trafficking definition:

(Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, 2005, 2008)

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery; OR

Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age

The three elements of sex trafficking

🔒 Action

🔒 Recruiting OR Harboring OR Moving OR Obtaining OR Maintaining a person

🔒 Means

🔒 By Force OR Fraud OR Coercion

🔒 Purpose

🔒 Labor Services or Commercial Sex Acts



\$60,000,000

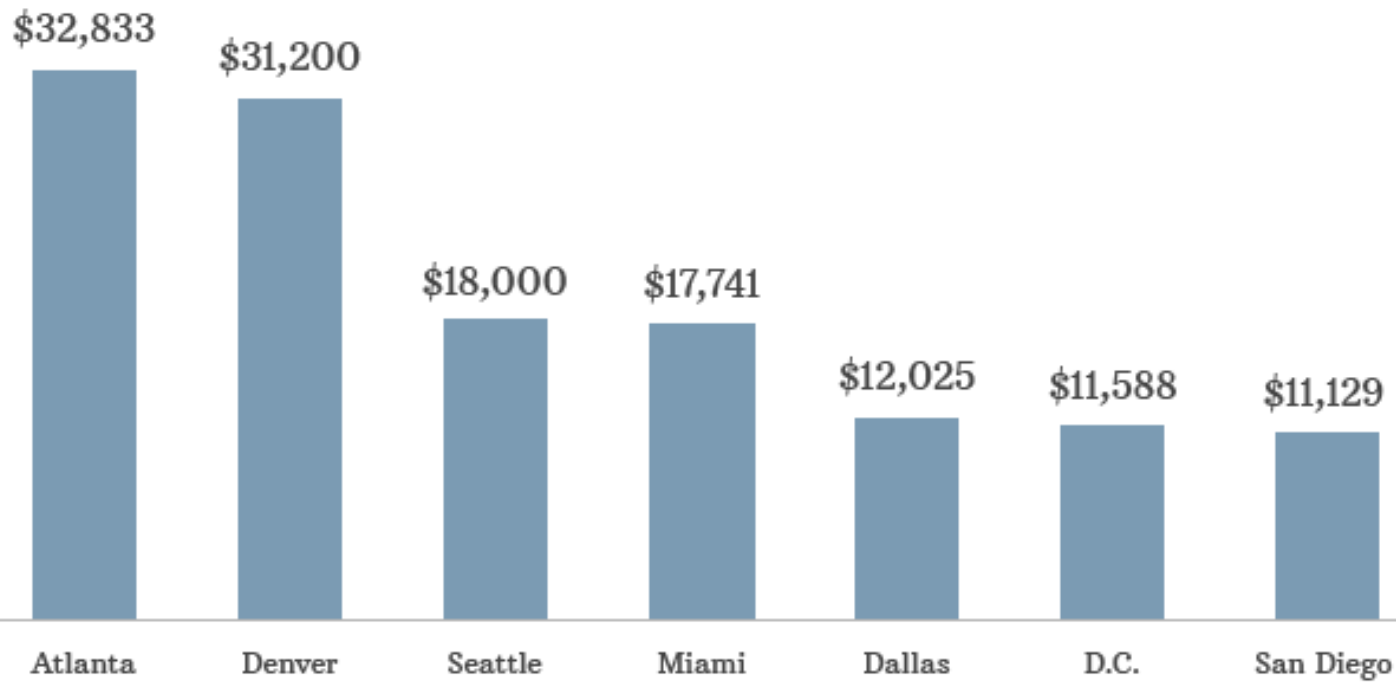
The amount of money spent on organized prostitution in the Denver Metropolitan area annually.

\$360,000,000

The amount of money spent on organized prostitution in places like Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Chicago and Las Vegas annually.



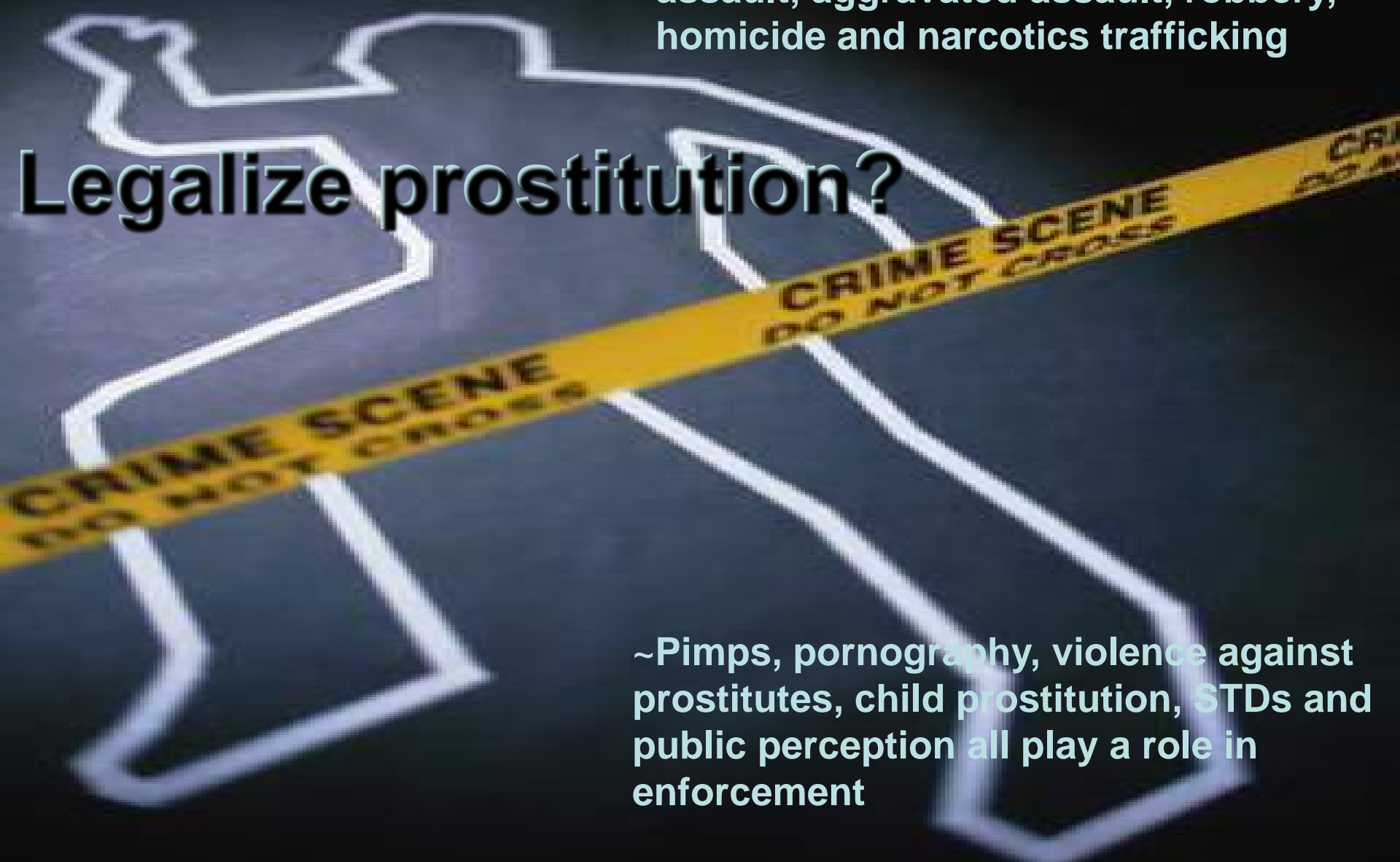
Pimps' weekly payday



*ESTIMATED MEAN WEEKLY GROSS CASH INTAKE POST-2005; SOURCE: URBAN INSTITUTE

~Prostitution relates to a wide variety of other crimes including: sexual assault, aggravated assault, robbery, homicide and narcotics trafficking

Legalize prostitution?



~Pimps, pornography, violence against prostitutes, child prostitution, STDs and public perception all play a role in enforcement

~Morality issues.

Violence Against Prostitutes

**1998:
ROBERT LEE
YATES
MURDERS 16
PROSTITUTES
IN TWO YEAR
SPAN**



**68% of
prostitutes
report being
raped while
working**

GREEN RIVER KILLER

**GARY RIDGWAY
BELIEVED TO HAVE
MURDERED 71 WOMEN
IN THE 1980'S AND 90'S.
VAST MAJORITY WERE
PROSTITUTES AND
RUNAWAYS.**



**The homicide rate
for female
prostitutes is
estimated to be
204 per 100,000**

**Prostitutes
report an
average of
58 beatings
at the hand
of a pimp
per year**

**83% OF
PROSTITUTES
ARE VICTIMS
OF ASSAULT
WITH A
DEADLY
WEAPON**

PROSTITUTION

1988 Colorado Springs study:

- Average length of a working “career” for a prostitute is estimated at a mean of 5 years.
- The number of sexual partners was estimated at 868 male sexual partners per prostitute per year of active sex work.
- Conclusion = in the average prostitutes five year “career” she will have 4,340 male sexual partners.

Within 72 hours, 30% of homeless youth will be approached for sexual exploitation

High Risk Victim Model
Sgt. Byron Fassett (Dallas PD)

Children (under 18) high risk if:

- ✓ They run more than two times (three or more) in one year –or–
- ✓ If they are under 12 years of age and run for more than 30 days.
- ✓ These cases are directed to the High Risk Runaway Program.
- ✓ All HR victims have social autopsy done: child welfare, arrests, family, past victimization.
- ✓ All HR victims are interviewed.
- ✓ Cases investigated where applicable.
- ✓ Children referred to appropriate victim resources.



FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO TEENAGE PROSTITUTION

RUNNING AWAY

STUDY: UP TO 77% OF TEENS INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION REPORT RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME AT LEAST ONCE BEFORE TURNING TO PROSTITUTION.

HOMELESSNESS

STUDY: BEING HOMELESS FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS IS THE SINGLE MOST DETERMINATIVE FACTOR CAUSING YOUTH TO TURN TO PROSTITUTION.

ABUSE & NEGLECT

STUDY: 90% OF GIRL PROSTITUTES HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY MOLESTED AT SOME POINT DURING THEIR LIVES.



TRUANCY

STUDY: 42% OF PROSTITUTED TEENS REPORT HIGH LEVELS OF TRUANCY BEFORE AND AFTER TURNING TO PROSTITUTION.

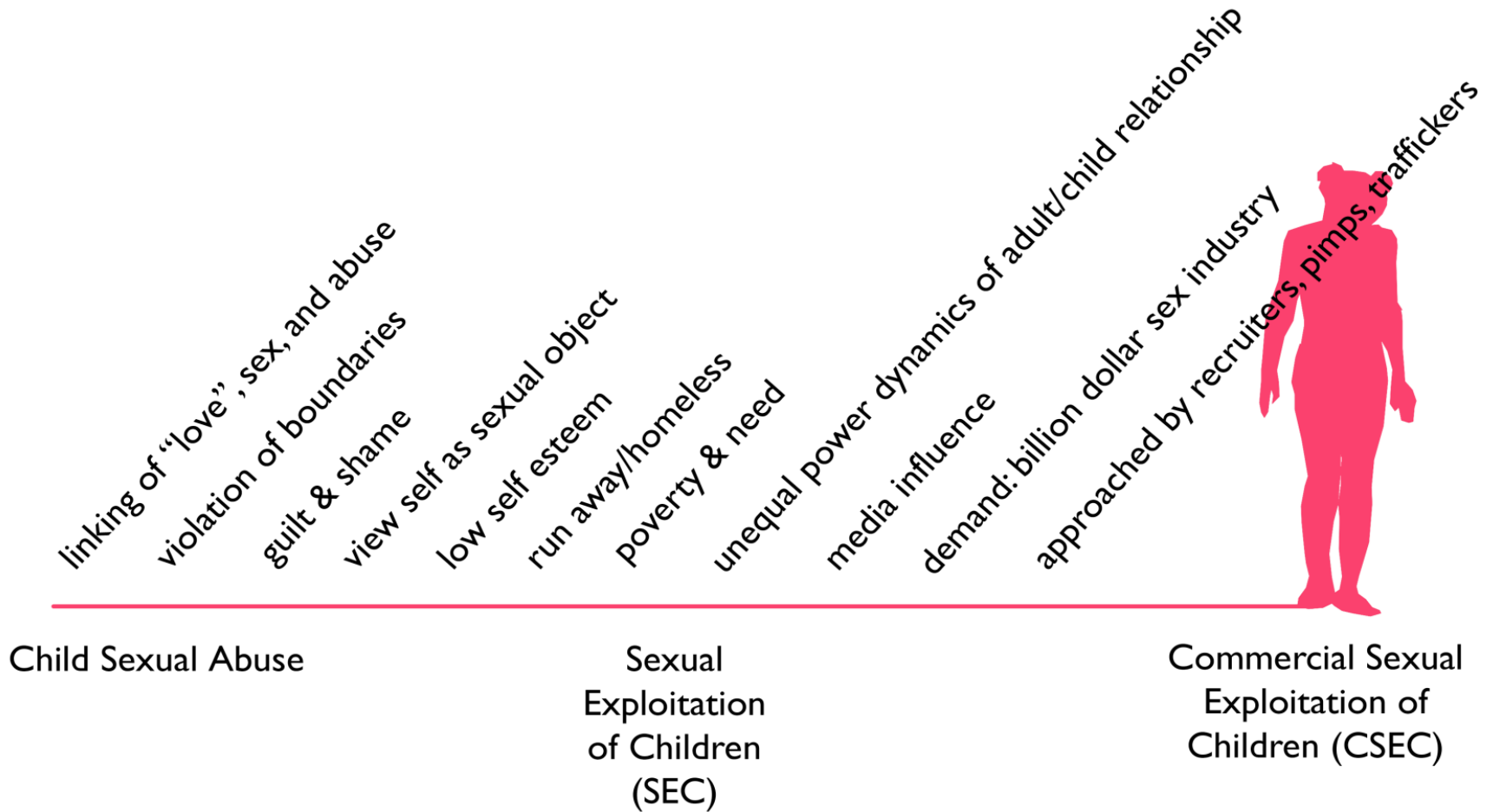
DELINQUENCY

STUDY: PROSTITUTED YOUTH REPORT HAVING ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF ACTS OF DELINQUENCY INCLUDING DRUG USE (54%), GANG INVOLVEMENT (32%) AND VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (42%).

FAMILY DYSFUNCTION

STUDY: 64% OF CHILD PROSTITUTES REPORTED SEVERE CONFLICT WITH THEIR PARENTS AND 41% REPORTED FAMILY SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE HOME.

Continuum of Sexual Abuse, SEC, & CSEC



Why Colorado?

- Colorado is centrally located in the US with major Interstates going thru it and like Drug Trafficking, HT is no different
- Many large scale sporting events, conventions etc held in region regularly.
- Large region of agricultural and tourism based industries.
- Connected to Pacific Track
- Connected to Midwest Track
- Connected to Southwest Track
- Colorado is a destination state
- Colorado is a victim source state

State	2009	Forcible rape	Prostitution and commercialized vice	Sex offenses (except forcible rape and prostitution)	Offenses against the family and children	Runaways	2009 estimated population
CALIFORNIA	Under 18	235	429	1,958	2	3,522	36,772,788
	Total all ages	2,044	12,904	13,831	272	3,522	
COLORADO	Under 18	67	13	214	76	4,227	4,524,405
	Total all ages	421	651	921	2,855	4,227	
GEORGIA	Under 18	50	48	568	146	2,108	6,766,841
	Total all ages	339	1,702	3,700	3,195	2,108	
NEVADA	Under 18	16	76	101	7	1,040	2,546,856
	Total all ages	194	4,561	1,555	1,209	1,040	
OREGON	Under 18	21	26	186	13	1,571	3,612,440
	Total all ages	245	660	1,226	602	1,571	
TENNESSEE	Under 18	61	19	158	38	1,831	4,889,352
	Total all ages	313	2,531	708	2,004	1,831	
TEXAS	Under 18	246	124	642	57	12,162	24,280,041
	Total all ages	1,908	8,604	4,139	5,271	12,162	
WASHINGTON	Under 18	91	57	165	14	1,446	4,880,479
	Total all ages	620	795	988	702	1,446	

Human Trafficking is huge
problem in our community

So, how do we solve it?

100,000
to
300,000

number of children
SEXUALLY EXPLOITED
in the United States

2 sex
trafficking
is the
nd
largest
source

of profits for international
organized crime, behind drugs

GIRLS AS YOUNG AS AGE
FIVE

ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN
TRAFFICKED AND SOLD INTO
CHILD PROSTITUTION

14

AVERAGE AGE
of a trafficked
VICTIM
in the United States

32

BILLION
dollar industry

27

MILLION
people are
enslaved today
worldwide

800
THOUSAND

people are TRAFFICKED each year

less than
ONE
HUNDRED

dollars a girl is sold
into a brothel

14,500
to
17,500

victims are TRAFFICKED
into the US each year

The 4 P's Model

- Prevention
- Protection
- Prosecution
- Partnerships



The history of the 4 P's

- In the late 1990's, the President's Interagency Council on Women developed a policy to combat human trafficking. This policy was based on the 3 P's of Prevention, Protection of Victims and Prosecution of Traffickers
- In 2009, the U.S. State Department added the 4th P of Partnership

What would it take to end Human Trafficking in Your Community?



Prevention

Decrease the number of people being trafficked

- Awareness
- Advocacy
- Training
- Programs

♥ JANUARY 11, 2010

National Global Human Trafficking Awareness Day

A resolution passed by the US Senate on June 22, 2007 has forever made January 11th a day of awareness and action for the countless victims of modern day slavery around the world.

Responses to High Risk Victims

- Defining High Risk Victim (chronic run away, prior abuse, drugs, etc)
- Recognizing pathway to victimization (family conflict, school problems, chronic runaway, street life)
 - Rule – children are not running to something, they are running from something
- Reactive or proactive response?

Jefferson County HRV Identification Tool

- ▣ Purpose: To ensure prevention, recovery and ongoing monitoring to the youth of Jefferson County who are at high risk for CSEC/Human Trafficking.
- ▣ Procedure: In the Pilot Phase (beginning in 7/2014) the Tool will be used by Lakewood PD, Arvada PD, the DA's office, The Juvenile Assessment Center, Probation and Human Services.
- ▣ Youth will be added to the High Risk Victim list once the Tool has been completed by one of the pilot agencies.
- ▣ A database is in the process of being developed to house the High Risk Victim list. All of the agencies will have access to the database.

Goal:

- If a youth is identified as a High Risk Victim (has at least one identifier) and is added to the HRV list they will be referred for a forensic interview.

Identifiers

- Three plus runs in 12 months
- First run at the age of 12 or younger
- Longest run more than 30 days
- Credible report of commercial sexual exploitation
- Charges for prostitution
- Picked up at a motel or known area of prostitution with an adult other than a family member.

Enhancers

- ▣ Drug charges/substance abuse
- ▣ Tattoos/Brands
- ▣ Truancy
- ▣ Relationships with or found in presence of adult men
- ▣ Possession of expensive items (cell phones, jewelry, clothes, etc)
- ▣ Giving false info/no ID/lying about age
- ▣ Allegations of Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse, or Neglect
- ▣ Homeless

Additional Red Flags

- ▣ Involvement in chat rooms (ie. Backpage)
- ▣ Sexually explicit online profile
- ▣ Not in control his/her money
- ▣ Using lingo associated to the "life"
- ▣ Unable to make eye contact/afraid to speak
- ▣ STD's, pregnancy, abortions
- ▣ In controlling relationship with older partner
- ▣ Cannot identify address or residence
- ▣ Family dysfunction
- ▣ Bruises/unexplained marks

The preventative response

To effectively bring an end to or curb the victimization of children through prostitution, law enforcement and the juvenile justice system must first deal with children who are repeat runaways

Protection



Increase protection and support to victims and survivors

Protection

- Case management
- Shelter
- Mental Health
- Other services (life skills, education, etc)
- Legal services

Prosecution

Investigate and prosecute traffickers

Strengthen laws and legal response

- Resources
- Awareness/Training
- Presence in partnership
- NGO/VA partnerships
- Legislation



Partnerships

Bring together diverse experiences and leverage resources

- Membership
- Skills
- Leadership
- Sustainability
- Communication



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