



TRAFFICKING FAQs

- Human trafficking is the world's 2nd largest and fastest growing illegal trafficking activity with an annual value of \$32+ billion. (UN Office on Drugs and Crime, 2008)
- 80% of trafficking victims are women and 50% are children. 70% of the females are forced into sex slavery. (*Trafficking in Persons Report 2007*, US Dept. of State)
- Globally, 1.8 million children are forced to work as sex slaves every year. (UNICEF)
- It is estimated that 100,000 children are trapped in sex slavery in the U.S. (Ibid)
- 1.6 – 2.8 million youth run away each year in the U.S. – over 2,000 in Pima County alone. Half are girls, 80% of whom have been sexually or physically abused. A third of the girls are approached by traffickers within 48 hours. (National Runaway Switchboard)
- 96,000 – 168,000 of runaway girls spend at least one night on the streets, 55% of whom engage in prostitution. (US Dept. of Justice, Child Exploitation & Obscenity Section, 2007)
- **The average age of entry into sex slavery in the U.S. is 13.** (Ibid)
- In the U.S., pimps make \$100,000 or more a year, per child. Child sex slaves serve from 100 to 1500 clients a year per child. (Ibid)
- Fewer than 1,000 victims of child sex trafficking have been assisted by federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies since 2001. (Ibid)
- Child pornography is a \$3 billion industry and among the fastest growing criminal segments on the Internet. Child pornography fuels child sex abuse and exploitation. (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children)
- 10% of trafficked children were kidnapped. (*Citizen Magazine*, 3/10) Children have been kidnapped in broad daylight, in Tucson.
- Local law enforcement officers working with Internet Crimes Against Children report that finding adult men who agree to pay for sex with a minor is like “shooting fish in a barrel”
- Six to ten minor girls are arrested each year for prostitution in Tucson. Under both federal and state law, these are cases of sex trafficking.
- You can buy a teenager for sex today . . . in Pima County . . . on the Internet.