

REPORT ON THE INCIDENCE OF SEX TRAFFICKING IN ARIZONA JUVENILE PROBATION

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Purpose of the Study

To continue to build new knowledge about sex trafficking in Arizona.

Provide a targeted training on sex trafficking to juvenile probation officers.

Survey attendees about sex trafficking victims on current caseloads.

Gather information and probation officer opinions on how to improve policy, programming and interventions targeted at sex trafficking victims.



Training

TVPA (2000)

Types of trafficking

Warning signs

Recruitment strategies

Factors that influence a juvenile either toward or away from a sex trafficking situation

A survivor's experience

Barriers to treatment

Elements to assist victims in successfully 'exiting the life'

Innovations in state policy and procedure currently in development

Online Survey Results

179 juvenile probation officers responded (36.2% of training participants).



103 (57.5%) of the respondents identified having at least one sex trafficking victim on their current caseload.



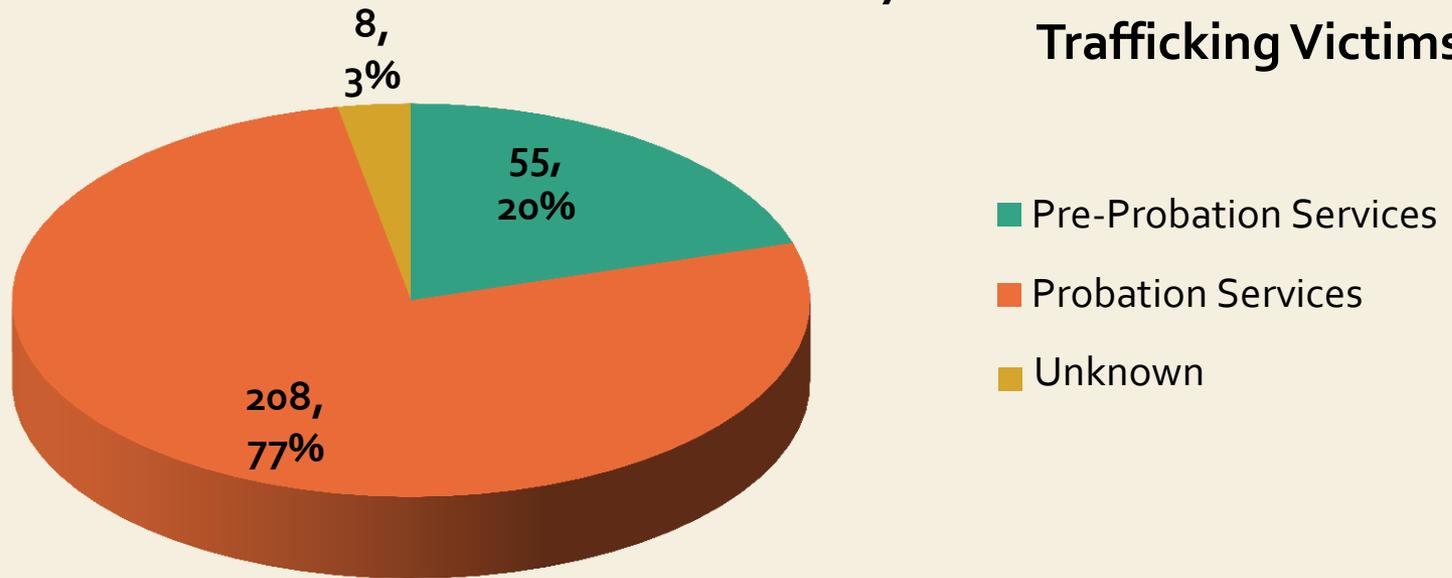
Identified **271** juvenile victims of sex trafficking in September 2015.



34 detailed cases were provided of juvenile sex trafficking victims

Probation Types of the 271 Identified Sex Trafficking Victims

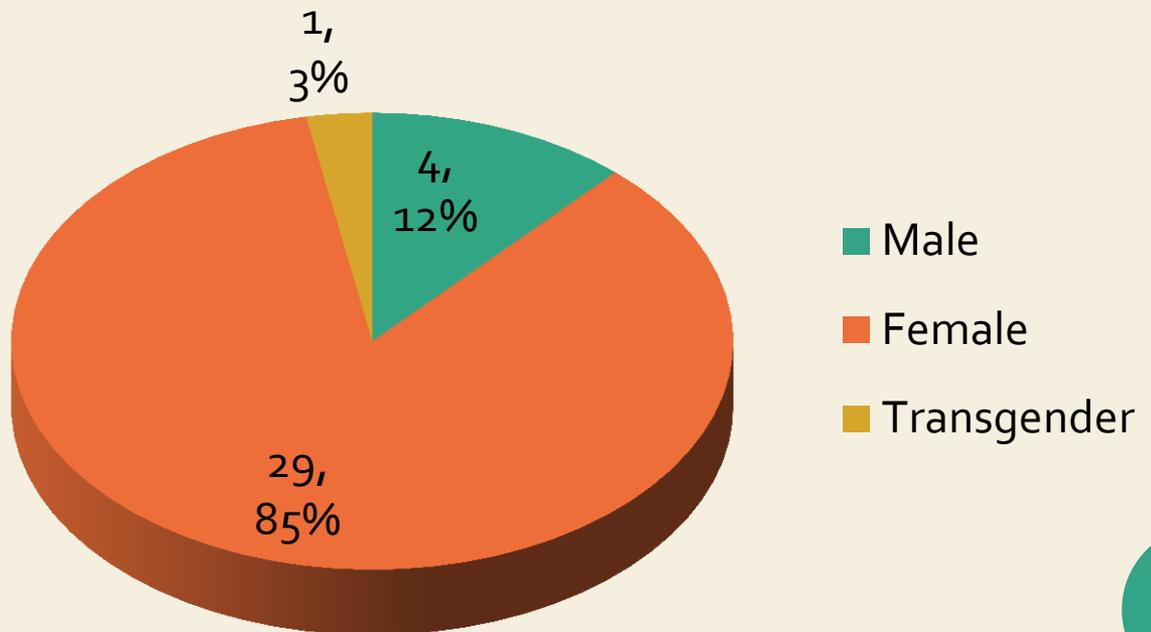
**Probation Service Types of the
271 Identified Juvenile Sex
Trafficking Victims**



Characteristics of the 34 Profiled Sex Trafficking Victims

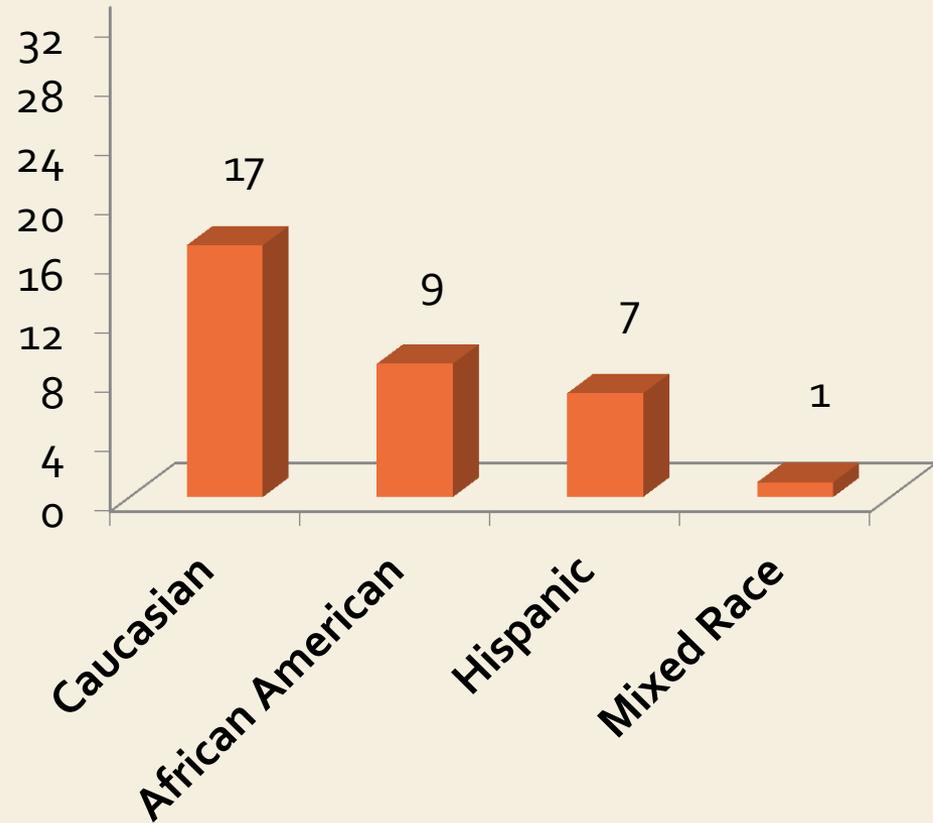
- The current age of the 34 profiled victims ranged from 14 to 17 years old.
- The 34 profiled victims age of first trafficking experience ranged from 4 to 17 years old.

**Gender of the 34
Profiled Juvenile
Sex Trafficking Victims**



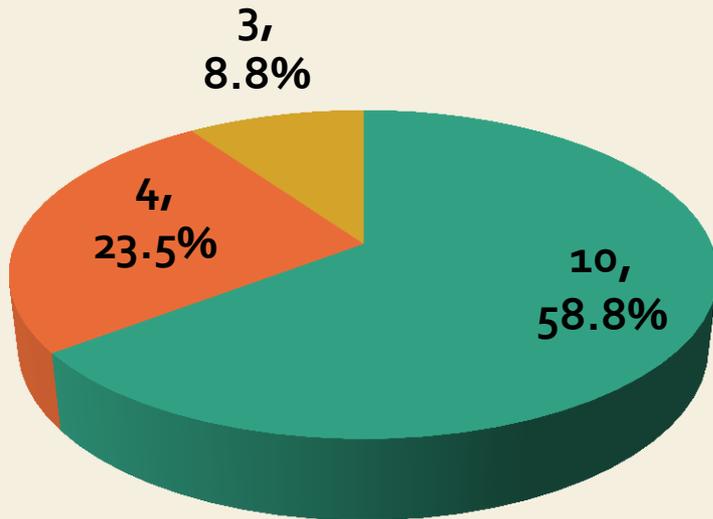
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**Ethnicity of the 34 Profiled
Juvenile Sex Trafficking
Victims**



Multi-System Involvement of the 34 Profiled Sex Trafficking Victims

Half (n=17, 50%) of the sex trafficking victims were reported to also be involved with the Arizona Department of Child Safety (AZDCS) and are called 'crossover youth'.



Type of AZDCS Involvement

- Child Custody
- Family Services
- Unknown

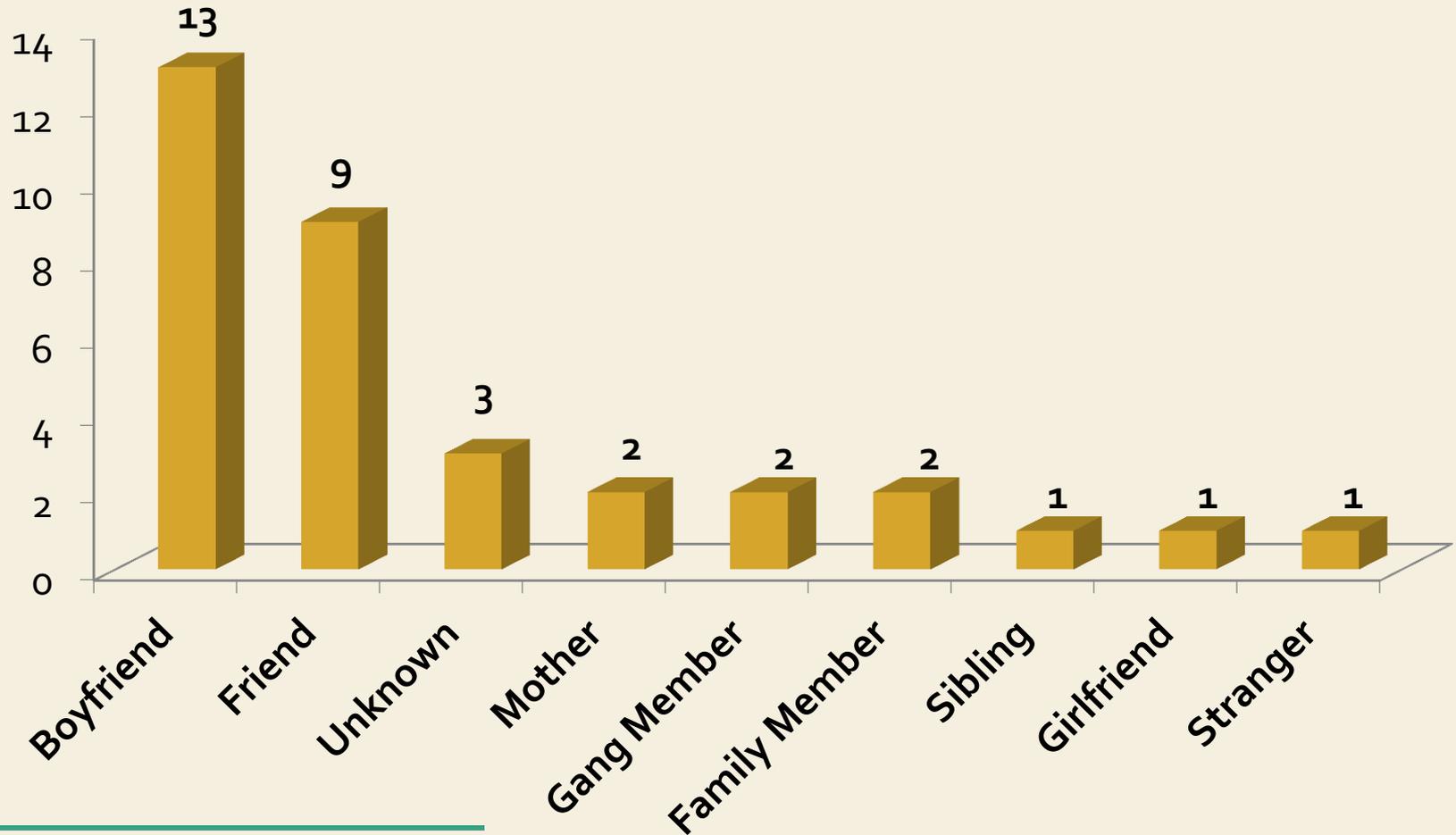
Risk Factors of the 34 Profiled Sex Trafficking Victims

Risk factors of Sex Trafficking Victims	#	%
Running Away	30	88.2%
Substance abuse	22	64.7%
Previous Involvement in Juvenile Justice System	21	61.8%
History of sexual abuse	17	50%
Absent Parent	15	44.1%
Older boyfriend/girlfriend	14	41.2%
Moving Frequently	9	26.5%
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	8	23.5%
Homelessness	7	20.6%
Signs of violence	6	17.6%
Incarcerated Parent	4	11.8%
Gang affiliation (trafficker)	4	11.8%
Tattoos/branding	2	5.9%

Pathway into Sex Trafficking for the 34 Profiled Sex Trafficking Victims

Recruitment Category	# of Sex Trafficking Victims	Example Descriptions
Boyfriend	11	"Juvenile had a 38 year old boyfriend"
Runaway	11	"Needed a place to stay as he was a runaway"
Friends	5	"By older friends (males) that she stayed with while on runaway"
Drug addiction	4	"She was a meth/heroin addict"
Family	3	"Trafficked by parent"
Absent/Neglectful Parent	2	"The parents neglected the juvenile"

Trafficker Relationship to Victim



Recommendations from Probation Officers Based on Trainings

- ❖ Create a **sex trafficking-specific protocol** to follow for any cases they suspect have been or are being sex trafficked. The protocol should include how to best develop a multi-agency collaboration.
 - ❖ **Develop diagnostic tools** to include survey questions and AZYAS interviews
 - ❖ The development of **sex trafficking-specific caseloads**.
 - ❖ Create **specific interventions** for the sex trafficked youth as they have different needs than youth who are just committing criminal acts.
 - ❖ **Continuing training** and details about resources for these clients.
 - ❖ Additional **therapeutic services**.
 - ❖ **Sex trafficking training** for detention staff, guardian ad litem, county attorneys and defense attorneys.
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*The Juvenile
Division of the
Administrative
Office of the
Courts Plan to
Address*

- ❖ **Ongoing training opportunities** on this issue for juvenile probation officers is recommended.
 - ❖ A **trafficking specific questionnaire** should be developed and standardized for use with every juvenile on probation, regardless of age, gender identity, or ethnicity.
 - ❖ **Education and awareness** about sex trafficking victimization should be offered for juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system
 - ❖ **Continued research** is encouraged to better understand the scope and characteristics of juvenile sex trafficking in the state of Arizona.
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*THANK YOU.
QUESTIONS?*

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COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Strategies for Successful Intervention
and Collaboration



CALIFORNIA'S LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

SB 855 (2014)

- Clarified Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) § 300
 - *CSEC may be served through child welfare system as victims of child abuse and neglect*
- **Created the optional CSEC Program**
 - **Requirements:**
 - **Interagency Protocol**
 - **Utilizing Multidisciplinary Approach “to provide coordinated case management, service planning, and services to children”**

FEDERAL MANDATES: HR 4980 IMPLEMENTATION

HR 4980 (2014)/SB 794 (enrolled):

- **CSEC provisions requiring policies and procedures (P&Ps) to:**
 - **Identify** children who are, or are at risk of becoming, CSEC
 - **Document** these individuals in CWS/CMS
 - **Determine appropriate services** for the child
 - **Receive relevant training**
- **Missing children provisions requiring P&Ps to:**
 - **Expediently locate** child missing from care
 - **Document:** primary *factors* contributing to absence, experiences while absent, determination whether child is a possible CSEC
 - **Report to NCMEC**
 - **Apply identified *factors* to decision-making for future placement**

ROLE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

Catherine Pratt

STAR COURT

STAR: “Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience”

Specialized CSEC Juvenile Delinquency Court

Frequent Court Appearance

Weekly MDT Meetings – decisions made by collaborative team

- **Dedicated CSEC Public Defender & District Attorney**
- **Probation Officers from specialized CSEC unit**
- **CSEC Advocate**
- **Education Advocate**

Specially Trained Court Staff

Consistent & Non-Adversarial

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?

- ❑ Have worked with over 350 youth since 2011;
- ❑ All on probation; Almost 50% on probation for non-prostitution charges;
- ❑ Reduced average number of days in custody from 35 to 25 / year;
- ❑ Over 50% of 18 year olds graduated from high school last year;
- ❑ 73% not re-arrested as juvenile or as an adult;
- ❑ Approximately 30% voluntarily remain in contact;

REMAINING CHALLENGES

- ❑ Looking for missing children
- ❑ More consistent treatment throughout the system
- ❑ Prevention strategies
- ❑ Long-term support / Transition-Aged Youth
- ❑ Jobs: training and retention
- ❑ Full engagement of Child Welfare system/Schools/Public Health
- ❑ Expectations / accommodations in adult criminal court proceedings against traffickers
- ❑ Effective Public / Private partnerships

WHERE DO YOU START?



School

Medical

Mental
Health

Law Enforcement

Adult
Court

Non- Profits

Community
/Churches

**COLLABORATION OF COUNTY
AGENCIES**

PREVENTION CURRICULUM

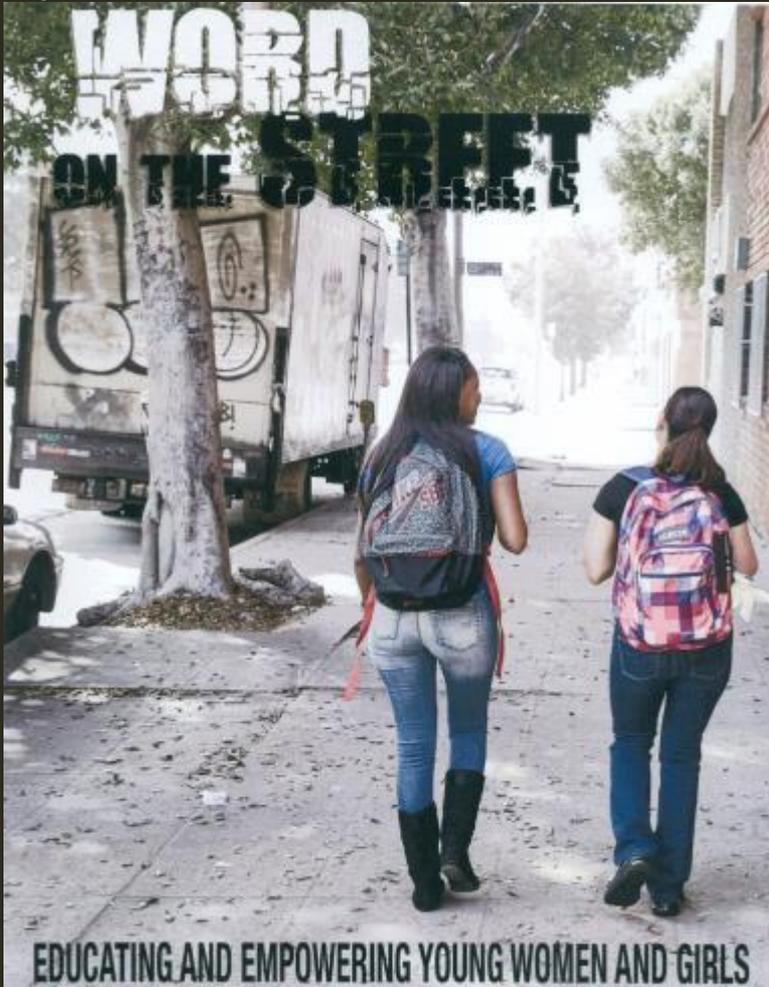
Workgroup:

- Probation Officers / DCFS
- Survivor-Advocates
- Advocacy Agency
- Foster Care Providers
- Alliance for Children's Rights

Kick-off: January 24, 2015

Curriculum options...

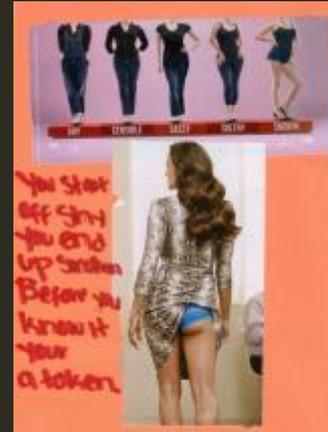
- ❖ 5-6 Week sessions
- ❖ 1-day Conference
- ❖ 90-minute (in-custody/shelter, etc)
- ❖ Case management / youth workbook



EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS

PREVENTION TOPICS

- **It's NOT a game!**
CSEC Overview
- **Could this happen to me?**
Risk Factors
- **Promises, Promises**
Recruitment
- **Love is Blind**
Healthy Relationships
- **Me, Myself, and I**
Empowerment



"No one talks about the abuse. All you hear about is how fun and exciting the sex and attention are and how your 'boyfriend' will take you shopping and get your hair and nails done. No one talk s about the abuse."
- Workshop Participant

ROMEO/BOYFRIEND

- disrespectful
- selfish
- liar
- could start online
- only cares about his needs
- persuasive/manipulative
- common with teens

TACTICS

- Sweet talk
- romance
- love
- being cute
- affectionate
- understanding
- makes you feel special
- promises
- easy to fall for
- easy to trust

SCRIPT

today I learned about what a prostitute really is. She/he is a kid or someone I think is crazy. all the things I didn't know about pimp's and victims that are not prostitutes. I didn't did not choose they like they chose

OBJECTIVES

1. Avoid arrest and detention
2. Engage youth immediately and intensively
3. Alert child welfare system
4. Connect child with specialized advocate
5. Provide temporary housing, if necessary
6. Complete medical evaluation



LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL FOR CSEC

- Create a coordinated response for CSEC in LA when law enforcement identifies youth they suspect are trafficked or at risk of being trafficked.
- Ensure the response is victim-centered, strengths-based, and accounts for the trauma and violence these young children have experienced.
- Multidisciplinary Nature of Protocol
 - MDT – youth included in placement decision
 - Safety Planning – contract among providers and youth on steps to take in event the youth is triggered
 - Minimum of 90 days of intensive case management

VICTIM WITNESS PROTOCOL



Interagency Juvenile Hall Protocol

Dept. of Health
Services

Law
Enforcement

JH Custodial
Officers

Dept. of Public
Health

CSEC Youth

Probation Child
Trafficking Unit

Child Welfare

Dept. of Mental
Health

Advocates

Identification

Notification

Assessment

Programming

Supervision
Recs

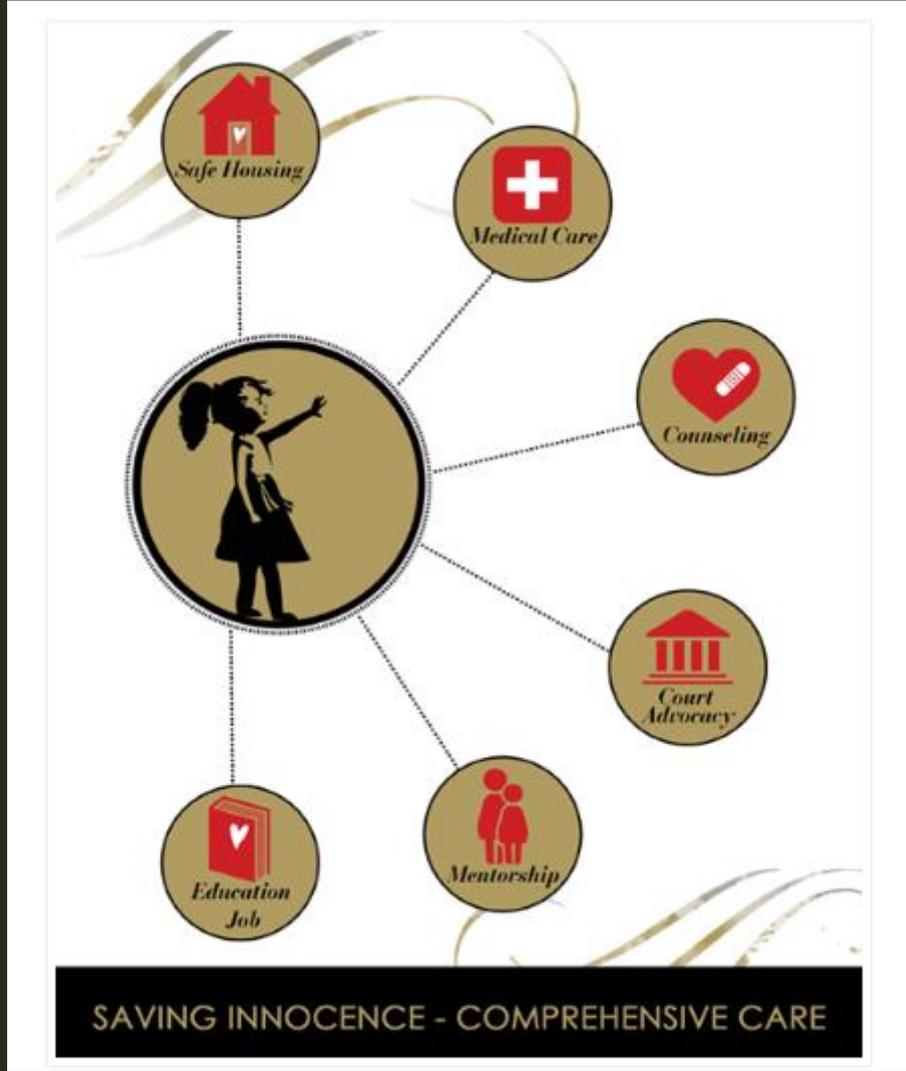
OUTSIDE ADVOCACY |

About Saving Innocence

Saving innocence's vision is to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children and restore the cultural values of innocence and human worth.

Mission

To rescue and restore child victims of sex trafficking through strategic partnerships with local law enforcement, social service providers, and schools, while mobilizing communities to prevent abuse and increase neighborhood safety.



SAVING INNOCENCE - COMPREHENSIVE CARE

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

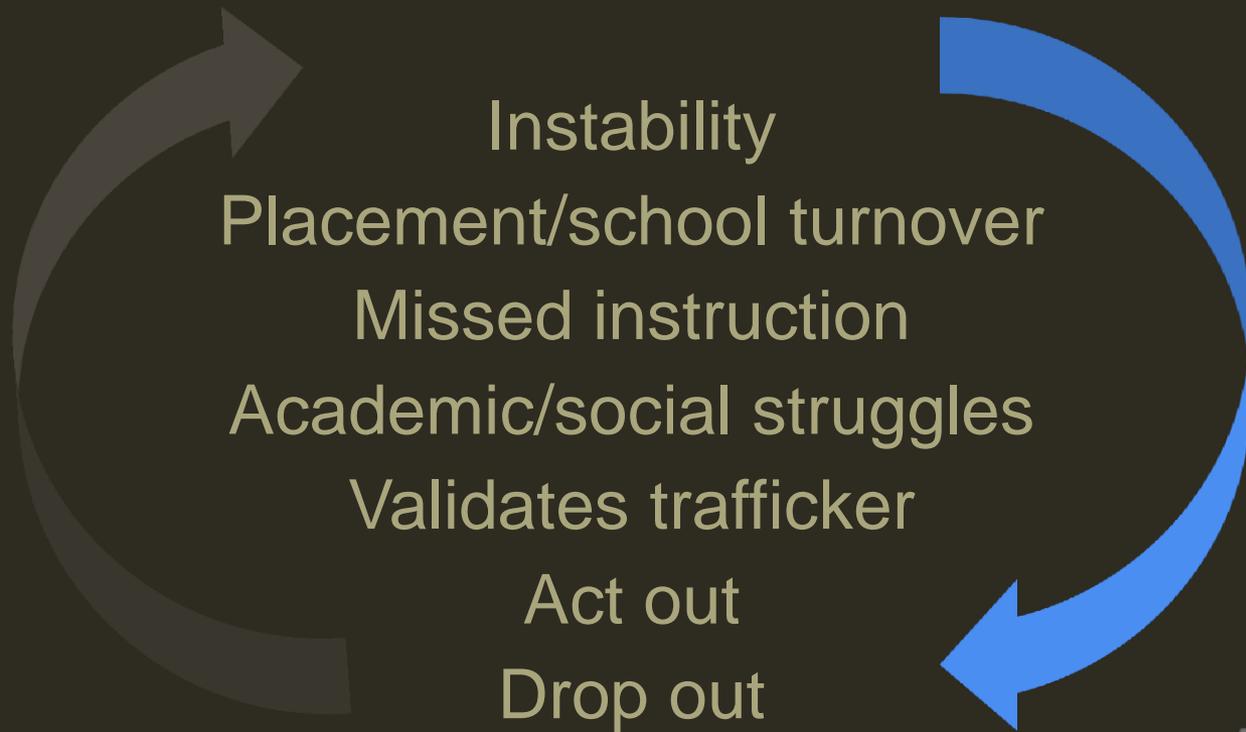
Free legal aid to children in out of home care/foster care, and youth who have aged out of foster care

Programs

- Adoptions
- Guardianship
- Benefits
- Health Care
- Education
- Transitioning Youth



IMPACTS OF EXPLOITATION ON EDUCATION



BREAKING THE CYCLE

Enforce education rights, ensure safety and support academic achievement

Services:

- Special Education Advocacy
- School Enrollment, Partial Credits
- School Discipline
- Graduation Rights

Results:

- 2015: 60% of STAR Court youth graduated
 - Compare: 40% graduation rate for foster youth

HOLISTIC ADVOCACY FOR CSEC

Medical Legal Partnership (MLP)

Pregnant and Parenting Teens (PPT) Program

NextStep Program for Transition-Aged Youth

Los Angeles Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC)

IT'S ALL IN THE BALANCE



RULES and STRATEGY

Goal:

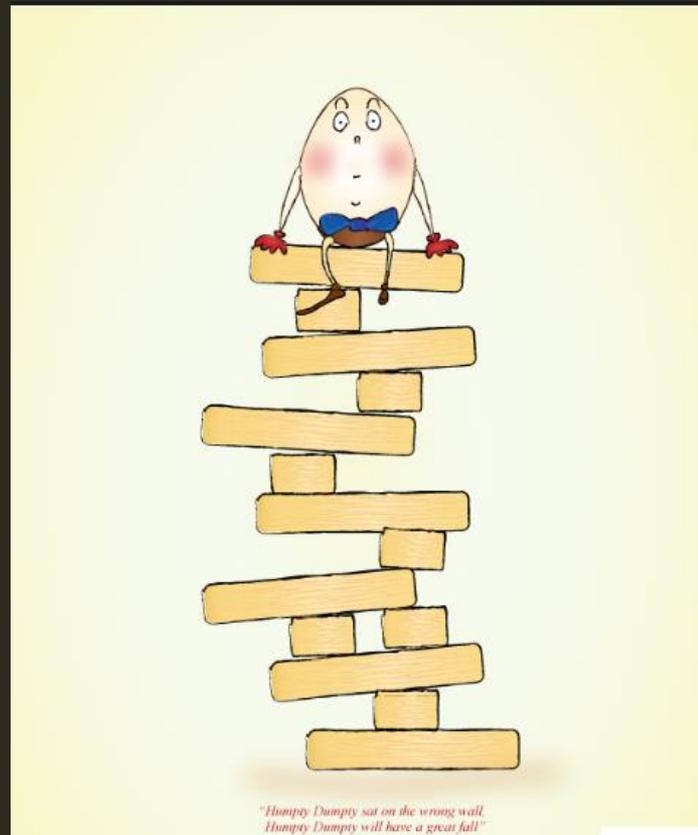
“Jenga (the Swahili word for “build”) is a game that involves building a stable tower with 54 wooden blocks, stacked alternatively in a vertical and horizontal manner. Each player takes turns to eliminate blocks from any level of the tower and place it on the top to create a taller tower. **The player who causes the tower to collapse is the loser.”**

Strategy:

“Between your current move and the next move you have planned in your head, the game will change drastically, as your opponent shifts and eliminates blocks for the tower. NO two Jenga towers are the same . . . It is not guaranteed that the strategy you applied during your last win will ensure a victory again.”

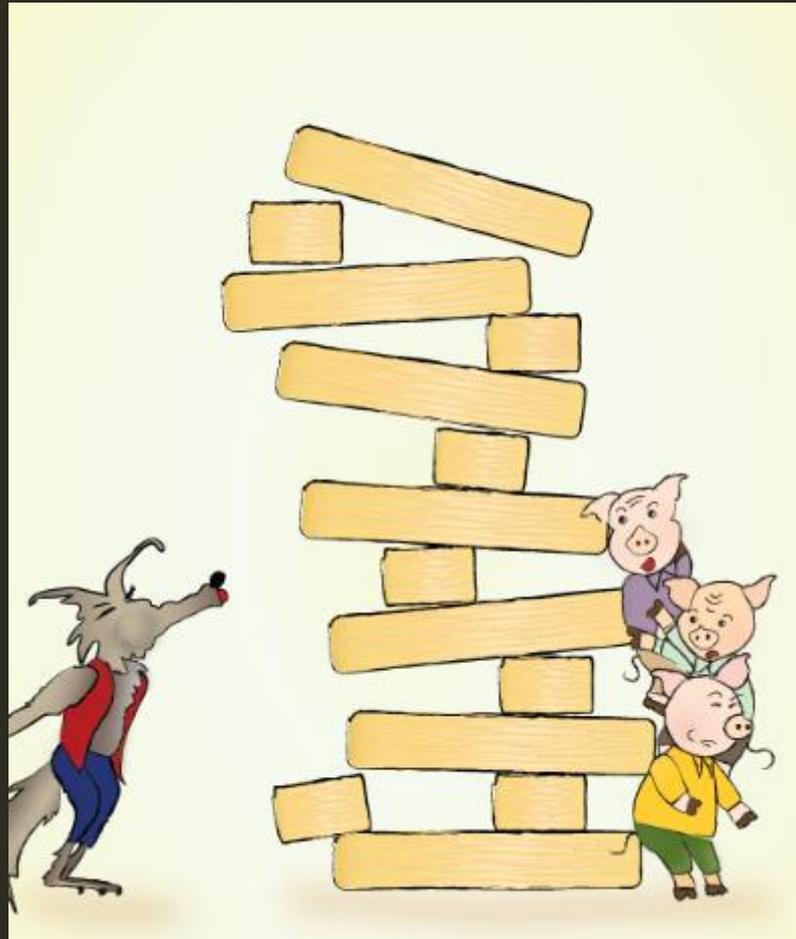
Be flexible; be creative.

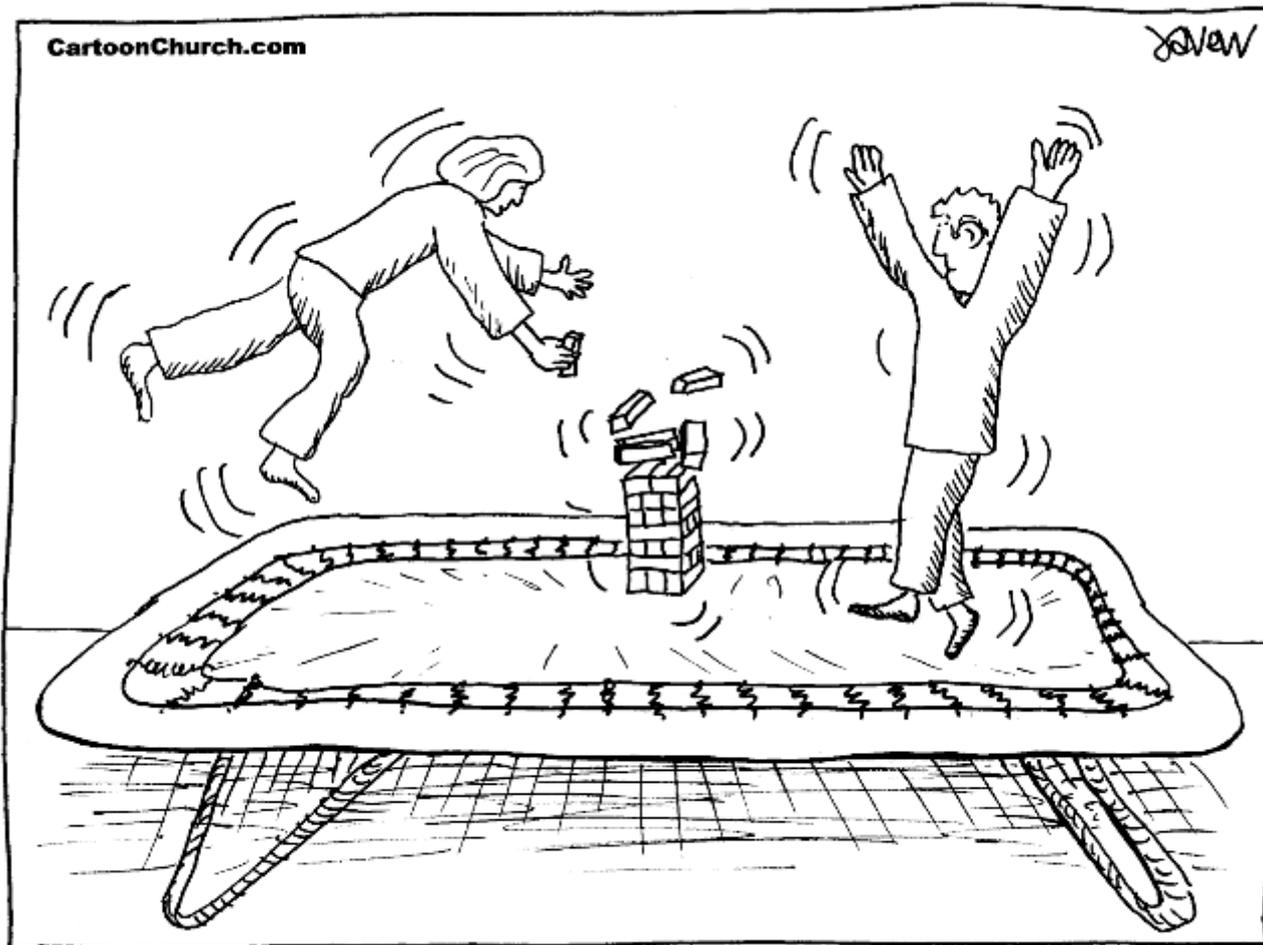
SUPPORTING HUMPTY DUMPTY



*"Humpty Dumpty sat on the wrong wall,
Humpty Dumpty will have a great fall!"*

DEFENDING AGAINST THE **BIG BAD WOLF** WITH
TEAMWORK





Trampoline Jenga

TAKEAWAYS TO SHARE WITH COLLEAGUES

Children in the foster care system are at increased risk of being recruited into the commercial sex industry

Be prepared to engage youth regardless of how they enter “the system”

Relationship and trust building are paramount to successfully engaging CSEC

Involving survivors in direct service and policy reform is essential to success

QUOTES FROM STAR COURT GRADUATES

“Thank you so much for all you've done. And thanks for never leavin me.”

“Thank you so much for everything...You have done more for me than anyone and no one made you do it. That's why you hold a special place in my heart.”

“Thank you for fighting for me and believing in me. You have uplifted me and pushed me in the right direction and you have helped me overcome my flaws with your kind words and beautiful smile.”

“Just the simple security of knowing you all have my back helps me get through.” “I never would have graduated without you.”

“No one, in my entire life, has ever treated me so nicely.”

“That court has a big heart.”

YES

Youth Experiences Survey

Year 2



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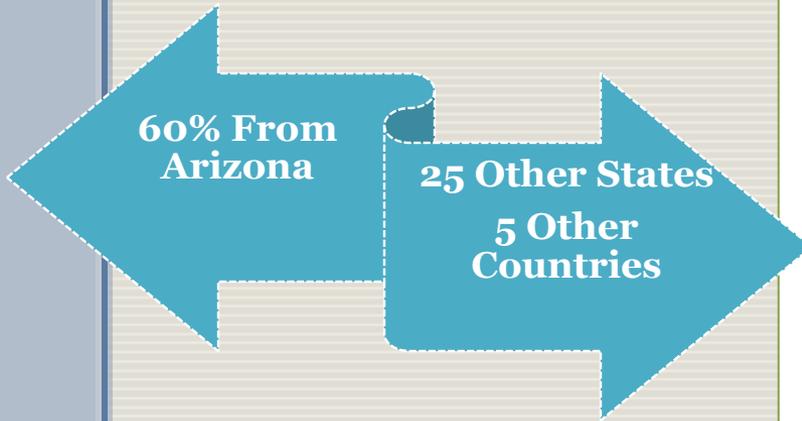
PURPOSE, METHOD & RESPONDENTS



To understand the scope and complexity of sex trafficking among homeless young adults in Arizona.

Through surveying homeless young people about their experiences including sex trafficking victimization.

215 Homeless Young Adults Responded



Average Age:
21.2 Years Old

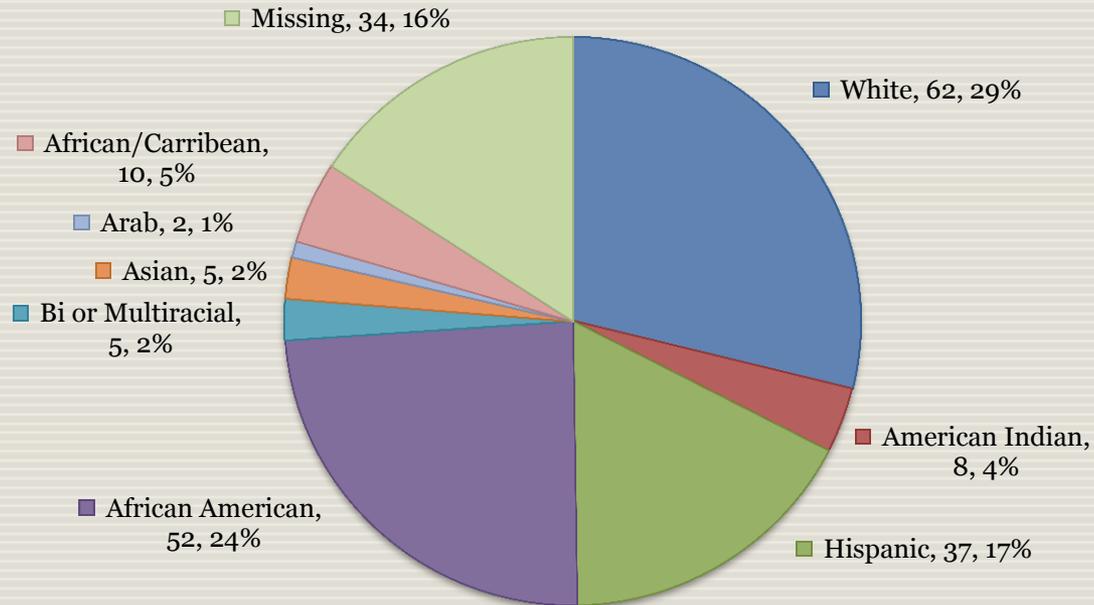
GENDER & ETHNICITY



51.6%
Male

43.7%
Female

4.7%
Transgender /
Other Gender



HOUSING



24.7%
Couch Surfing

23.7%
Shelter

16.7%
Transitional
Housing

13.5%
Street

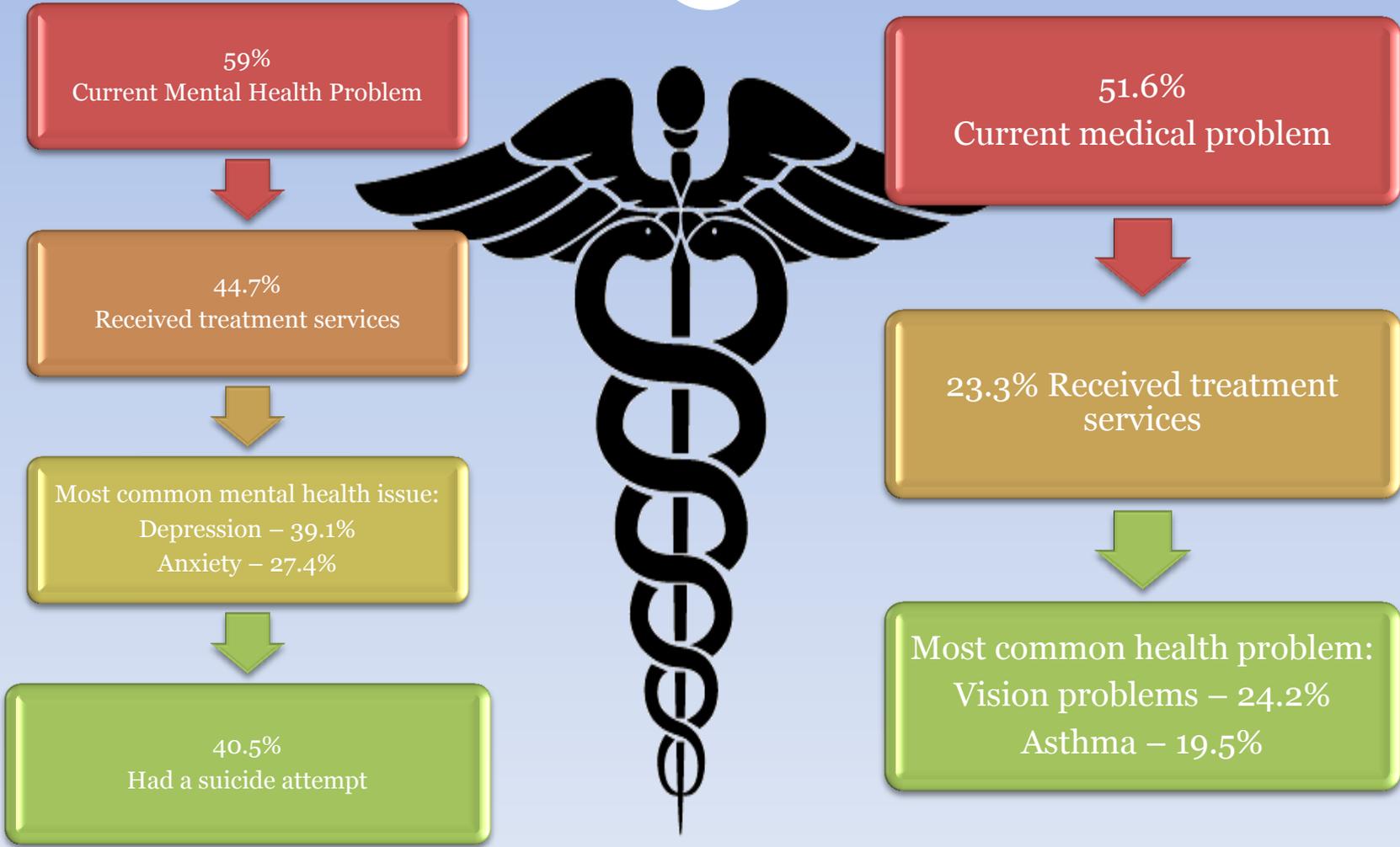
12.6%
Hotel

3.7%
Own Place





MENTAL HEALTH & MEDICAL ISSUES



ALCOHOL & DRUGS



14.9%
Believed
they have an
addiction to
drugs

7%
Believed
they have an
addiction to
alcohol

2/3
Reported
using drugs
or alcohol

Most
common
drug used:
Marijuana
45.1%



NEGATIVE LIFE EXPERIENCES

47.5%
Dating violence

44.2%
**Negative
experience with
law enforcement**

40.9%
**Bullied by school
peers**

35.8% **Been sex
trafficked**

31.2% reported
limited, but positive
contact with family



45.6% would like to
be more connected
to family

66.5%
Sexual abuse

47%
Ran away

46.5%
**Emotional
abuse by parent
or guardian**

33.5%
**group or foster
home**

POSITIVE LIFE EXPERIENCES

66%
reported
practicing
safe sex

39.1% said
NO when
they felt
they were
being forced
to have sex

63.3%
said no when
offered
drugs/alcohol

50.7%
felt secure or safe
to stand up for
themselves

45.6%
had steady
employment

53%
had been in a
club or youth
organization

49.8%
reported having
a loving family
or group of
friends

48.8%
enrolled in school
or technical
program



EXPERIENCE OF SEX TRAFFICKING



Of the 215 homeless young adult respondents
35.8% Identified as being sex trafficked

70%
Of transgender/Other
gender reported sex
trafficking

45.7%
Of females reported
sex trafficking

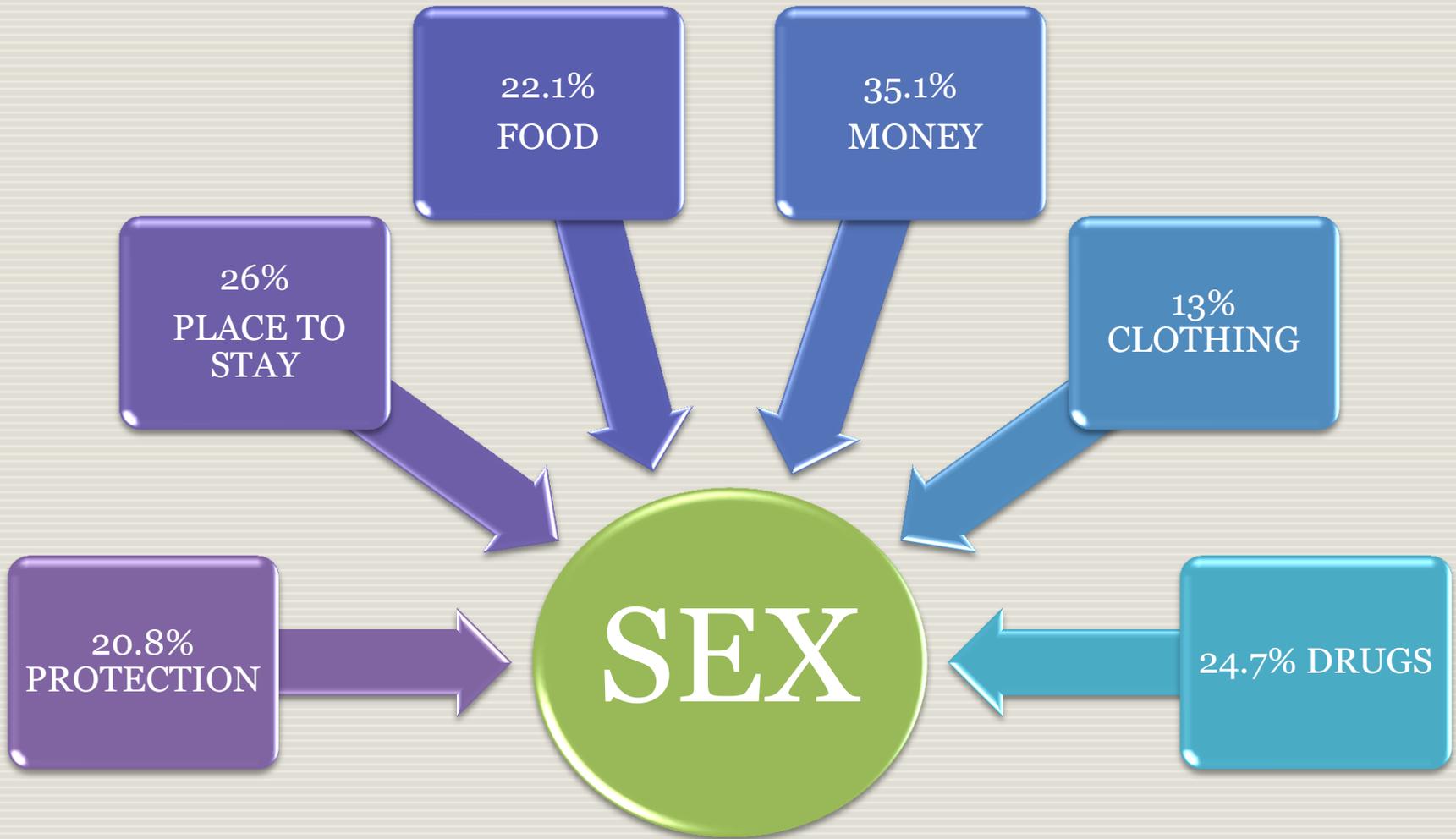
24.3%
Of males reported sex
trafficking

Average age of first
sex trafficking
experience:
15.6 years old

71.4%
Reported having a
sex trafficker

65.1%
Were sex
trafficked before
age 18

3.7%
Reported being
currently sex
trafficked



EXCHANGE OF SEX

COMPARING SEX TRAFFICKED YOUTH TO NON-SEX TRAFFICKED: SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY TO..



COMPARING SEX TRAFFICKED YOUTH TO NON-SEX TRAFFICKED: SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY TO..



Family Connection

Family living too far away

Different religion

Abuse

Emotional abuse by parent or caregiver

Childhood sexual abuse

Negative experiences

Dating violence

Running away from home

Negative experiences

Bullied or harassed by peers

Work in adult entertainment



COMPARISONS 2014 & 2015



Sex Trafficking

2014
25.6%

2015
35.85%

Gender Males

2014
21.8%

2015
24.3%

Gender Females

2014
24.8%

2015
45.7%

Gender Trans or Other

2014
80%

2015
70%

COMPARISON 2015 & 2014



% that was Sex Trafficked as a Minor

2014
54%

2015
65.1%

Average Age of Entry

2014
15 years old

2015
15 years old

Age Range

2014
5 -23 years old

2015
5-24 years old

Questions?



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Youth Experiences Survey- Year 2

Exploring Sex Trafficking Experiences
 of Homeless Young Adults in Arizona



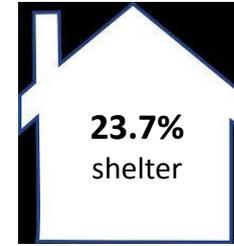
one.n.ten
 Today's Youth. Tomorrow's Future.



tumbleweed
 Homelessness has an address.



13% living on streets



23.7%
 shelter



24.7%
 Couch surfing

215
 study
 participants

Average age

21.2
 years
 old



60%
 Arizona
 born

35.8% =
 Sex trafficking
 victims

71% reported
 having a
 Sex trafficker

47% females

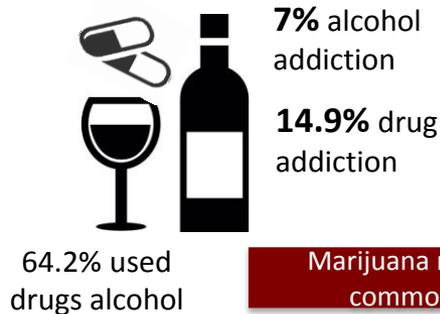
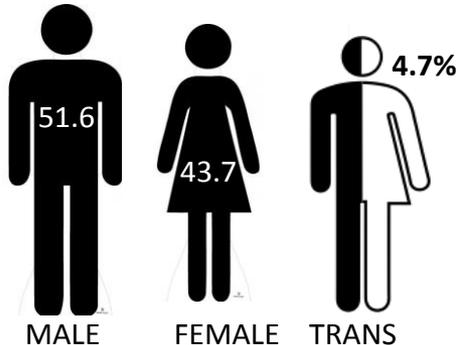
24% males



12.7% for money
9.3% place to stay



59% mental
 health problem
39% = depression



44.7% Treatment
 for mental health



40.5%
 Suicide attempt

45.1%



51.6% Health issues

23% received any
 medical treatment



24.2% Vision
 problems

19% asthma