

# PRESENTATION NOTES

## TRAFFICKING FACTS

**ANY MINOR** being used in the commercial sex industry is automatically considered a victim of human trafficking whether or not there is proof of force, fraud or coercion.

There are an estimated **313,000 VICTIMS** of human trafficking in Texas.

An estimated **79,000 MINORS** and young adults are victims of sex trafficking in Texas. Of these, 90% are U.S. citizens.

**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** are the target market for traffickers and kids who are in Child Protective Services, homeless or runaways – but the recruiting grounds are widening.

Minors can meet traffickers at parties, malls, bus stops, through **SCHOOL FRIENDS AND ONLINE**.

**750,000 PREDATORS** are online at any given moment looking for vulnerable children to target.

**83% OF MISSING CHILDREN WILLINGLY LEAVE** with someone they know, less than 1% are abducted.

**15-20% OF MEN IN THE U.S.** have paid to have sex in a hotel room. Buyers of commercial sex are typically college educated, married men with children.

Less than **1% ARE RESCUED**. The average lifespan of a trafficked teen is 7 years if they are not recovered.

For those recovered, **HEALING MUST BE LONG-TERM** and multi-disciplinary.

## PARENTAL TOOLS

### MONITORING TIPS

Enough.org, Netsmartz, BraveParenting.net, Facebook page: [Parenting in a Tech World](#)

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Bark.us, Circle, Norton App Lock, Mspy.org, Qustodio, Kaspersky

### PORNOGRAPHY CONTROLS

[Covenanteyes.com](#), [X3watch.com](#)

Visit our website to access our complete list of resources: [ransomedlifetexas.org/research](https://ransomedlifetexas.org/research)

## PARENT CHECKLIST

### CONVERSATIONS

- Have ongoing age-appropriate, two-way conversations with your child about: real love, secret relationships, age differences, online friendships and romances, sextortion, pornography and sex for money
- Help your child establish self-confidence and self-worth
- Establish that you love them unconditionally
- Be clear on your boundaries and rules
- Discuss how to handle mistakes

### DEVICES

- Establish who has ownership/control of devices
- Create and maintain passwords
- Use remote monitoring and parental controls
- Do random checks that enable you to monitor who is communicating with your child
- Set evening shut down times
- Contact anyone contacting your child
- Report any interaction you are concerned about

### FRIENDS & SOCIAL NETWORKS

- Be intentional about knowing your child's friends and the parents of those friends
- Be alert to changes with your child and your child's friends
- Limit your child to 1-2 social media apps; monitor their social media contacts and content

# IF YOU ENCOUNTER A TRAFFICKING VICTIM

Do you know a survivor who needs aftercare services or a minor who is at risk and would benefit from our mentor and counseling programs? [Submit a referral](https://ransomedlifetexas.org) on [ransomedlifetexas.org](https://ransomedlifetexas.org).

Contact your local law enforcement and the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-3737-888.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Ransomed Life's mission is not possible without volunteers, donors and those who raise awareness.

### VOLUNTEER

[Sign up](https://ransomedlifetexas.org/volunteer) to help with mentoring, community engagement, the prayer team, fundraising, event planning, transportation and more at [ransomedlifetexas.org/volunteer](https://ransomedlifetexas.org/volunteer).

### DONATE

Donate to support counseling, mentorship, visitation, community outreach and education. Contributions go directly to support the survivors we serve. Please consider a monthly or one-time donation to restore and heal trafficking survivors at [ransomedlifetexas.org/donate](https://ransomedlifetexas.org/donate).

### CREATE AWARENESS



Help prevent trafficking by educating your local community, especially youth ages 11-17 through our Lures & Lies presentation.

[Request a speaker](#). Ransomed Life has presentations specific to communities, parents, school staff and healthcare providers.

Educate others on trafficking by [becoming a representative](#) of Ransomed Life.

Get your church leadership involved through our Ransomed Life [ministry luncheons](#).

## ABOUT RANSOMED LIFE

OUR MISSION IS TO REDEEM AND RESTORE EXPLOITED YOUTH THROUGH:



### MENTORING

Since trauma happens through toxic relationships, we believe healing should come through new and healthy relationships. We offer group and one-on-one mentoring as we walk through life with survivors.



### COUNSELING

We offer individual, family and group trauma-specific counseling through licensed professional counselors that are trained to work with sexual trauma and trafficking survivors.



### PREVENTION

Awareness through community engagement is key to fighting trafficking. Our presentations educate the community and empower youth on the dangers of trafficking.