FACT SHEET

What is Nameless?

- *Nameless* is a documentary about child sex trafficking in Washington, DC.
- The film includes expert testimony from 15 interviewees and offers insights and strategies of on-the-ground service providers and experts, identifies gaps that still need to be addressed, and explores prevention and intervention approaches.
- The film focuses on how the trafficking occurs, who is most impacted and vulnerable to being trafficked, and what the community can do to stop and prevent children from being trafficked.

What is Child Sex Trafficking?

- According to the U.S. Department of Justice, “Child sex trafficking refers to the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a minor for the purpose of a commercial sex act. Offenders of this crime who are commonly referred to as traffickers, or pimps, target vulnerable children and gain control over them using a variety of manipulative methods.”
- According to the human rights organization, Rights4Girls, child sex trafficking survivors are disproportionately girls of color.
- Risk and protective factors that make children more vulnerable to sexual exploitation include a history of sexual and/or physical abuse, community or family instability, child welfare involvement, housing instability, and disconnection from the education system.

How to Get Involved

- *Nameless* includes tips for parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members. To learn more about the services available in the District visit [www.askdc.org](http://www.askdc.org).
- You can provide key information about any type of trafficking that you become aware of by calling the 24-Hour MPD Command Information Center at 202-727-9099 or by texting tips to MPD at 50411.
- You can also make reports to the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.
- If you need support, call the DC Rape Crisis Center Confidential Hotline at 202-333-RAPE or the DC Victim Hotline at 1-844-4HELPDC.

About the Film

- *Nameless* is a project of Men Can Stop Rape (MCSR) in partnership with the DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence (DCCESV).
- MCSR seeks to mobilize men to use their strength for creating cultures free from violence, especially men’s violence against women and girls.
- Handles: TW/IG @MenCanStopRape @DCCESV FB @MCSRape @DCCESV
- Hashtags: #Nameless #ASKDC #MCSR #DCCESV #HealthyMasculinity

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Types of Child Sex Trafficking

- The federal definition of sex trafficking for minors includes any commercial sex act performed by a minor, regardless of whether or not coercion is involved.
- There are four types of sex trafficking:
  - Family Controlled
  - “Survival Sex”
  - Gang Controlled
  - Pimp Controlled

Perpetrators of Child Sex Trafficking

- Grooming is a process whereby traffickers target vulnerable children to prime them to be trafficked, gaining their trust for the purposes of manipulation and exploitation.
- Trauma bonding occurs when a victim identifies or feels attached to their exploiter or abuser, and may not identify their abuser as such.

Trafficking of Vulnerable Populations

- The vast majority of trafficked individuals in the US are American citizens. Four-fifths of victims (83%) in confirmed sex trafficking incidents were American citizens.
- Prostitution and sex trafficking are directly related to systems of oppression. Victims of child sex trafficking are disproportionately Black girls.
- Of all trafficking cases reported in the District of Columbia in 2018, 74% were sex trafficking cases.
- Buyers of sex are disproportionately white, middle-aged men with means.
- Boys are typically sold for the first time between the ages of 11-13; girls are sold for the first time between the ages of 12-14.
- Children who have been sexually abused have a higher likelihood of being trafficked, and exploitation is repetitive. In a study of trafficked children, 46% had returned to a medical provider for suspected sexual exploitation within two months of their previous visit.

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