

*January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month at the Department of Juvenile Justice*

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

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*Spread the word!*

In partnership with local, federal and state law enforcement agencies, Avery D. Niles, Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), has announced that DJJ will observe Human Trafficking Awareness Month during January 2017. Human Trafficking is defined as “modern day slavery” because it controls a person through force, fraud or coercion - - physical or psychological - - to exploit the person for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or both.

“Human trafficking is the most extreme violation of a person’s civil rights,” said Commissioner Avery Niles. “...And yet it still afflicts humanity in this century through the profitable business of sex trafficking or disguised in the form of domestic labor hiding human servitude.”

Every year, up to 300,000 children are at risk for becoming victims of Human Trafficking. One of the most shocking statistics of our lifetime is that more than 80% of youth who run away from home are fated to become new victims of Human Trafficking.

It’s an international crime that’s become known as Commercial Sexual Exploitation. The average age of child exploitation victims is just 12 years old. Sadder still, the longer and more often our children are left vulnerable on the streets, the higher the risk that they will be victimized.

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, through its Office of Victim Services provides statewide leadership and outreach services in collaboration with law enforcement, government, private agencies and other concerned community stakeholders.

## WHAT DOES SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN THE UNITED STATES LOOK LIKE?

- At least 100,000 to 300,000 youth are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC) annually in the U.S.
- The average age of entry into the commercial sex industry in the U.S. is 12-14 years old.
- Atlanta has been identified by the FBI as one of 14 cities with the highest incidence of sex trafficking activity in the nation

## RISK FACTORS FOR OUR YOUTH

- Pre-teen and adolescent females and males
- History of abuse and neglect
- Socioeconomically marginalized youth
- History of running away

## MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING:

- Children and youth choose to enter the sex trade
- It occurs only to “BAD KIDS”
- Children and youth like to have sex
- All sex trafficking youth are drug addicts
- It is a job
- CSEC youth have power and control
- It’s not a big problem in the U.S.
- All pimps are males
- Children and youth lure and prey on unsuspected men
- Youths make lots of money
- Only girls are involved
- The life is exciting and glamorous
- Victimless crime



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## IF YOU NEED HELP

For more information or to get help, please call:  
DJJ Office of Victim Services 1-866-922-6360

Email: [victimservices@djj.state.ga.us](mailto:victimservices@djj.state.ga.us)  
Georgia Cares 404-602-0068

The National Runaway Hotline at 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929)

The National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Helpline 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373)