

## Fast Facts on Human Trafficking

### **What is Human Trafficking?**

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act and is a human rights violation.

### **Why should we care about human trafficking?**

- San Diego is identified by the FBI as one of the top 13 US cities with the highest intensity of child prostitution.
- Human trafficking generates approximately \$810 million in annual revenue and it is the fastest growing illegal business, second only to drugs.
- 80% of victims in San Diego are domestic.
- Traffickers can earn as much as \$650,000 in a year exploiting as few as four children.
- There are about 3,417 to 8,108 trafficking victims here in San Diego County.
- The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the US is 12 to 14 years old.
- Significant recruitment occurs on middle and high school campuses.
- The average victim will be trafficked for 3 years before drawing the attention of law enforcement.
- Those who are vulnerable to fall victims of sex trafficking are homeless (55%) and those in the foster care system (28%).
- About 110 gangs are involved here in San Diego in the exploitation of people.

### **Source:**

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## Fast Facts on TAY

### **What is TAY?**

TAY is the acronym for Transition-Age Youth which encompasses youth between the ages of 16-24. It is often used to refer to the select group of foster youth; however, foster youth would not recognize this term as describing themselves.

### **Why should we care about TAY?**

In San Diego County, there are approximately 2,858 foster youth, with approximately 10% aging out of the foster care system each year with very few resources available to them.

Of those identified as foster youth:

- 24% struggle with disabilities
- 52% attend schools that rank in the lowest 30% across the country
- They are 15% less likely to complete high school on time
- Only 71% will receive a high school diploma by age 19
- They are 2x as likely to develop PTSD as war veterans

During their first two years of aging-out:

- 50% are unemployed
- 33% of males (25% of overall) are incarcerated
- 1 in 3 are homeless
- 84% will be parents themselves, 60% of females will become pregnant and 40% will have a second child by the age of 21
- 55% will attend college but less than 8% graduate from college
- 33% receive public assistance

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