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.

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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

Sources:
