

SEX TRAFFICKING

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Sex trafficking occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to force victims to engage in commercial sex acts for the benefit of someone else.

Average age of sex trafficking victims is between **14 -16** years old

COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS

Forced prostitution

Forced to engage in sex acts for the benefit of someone else

Forced or coerced to engage in pornography

Live-sex shows

Forced or coerced to engage in public sexual performances or stripping

Forced to trade sexual favors for rent, utilities, food, etc.

Sex tourism

84% of Native victims had been physically assaulted

92% of Native victims reported they had been raped

72% of Native victims suffered traumatic brain injuries

40% of individuals involved in sex trafficking identified themselves as American Indian, Alaskan Native or First Nations, according to a survey of four sites in the U.S. and Canada

More than **30%** of Native victims reported being in the foster care system as children

52% of Native victims had PTSD at a rate seen among combat veterans

79% of Native victims reported being sexually abused as children by an average of four perpetrators

BUYER (demand)

Fuels the market

TRAFFICKER / PIMP

Exploits victims
for self-benefit

NATIVE VICTIM

Exploited

LOOK FOR THE SIGNS

Drug and alcohol addiction
Concussions
STDs
Fearful, Anxious, Nervous/Paranoid
Avoids eye contact
Signs of sexual abuse/physical restraint
No personal possessions
Not allowed or able to speak for themselves
(third party might be present)
Loss of sense in time

WHERE IS SEX TRAFFICKING HAPPENING?

Strip Clubs
Casinos
Escort Services
Massage Parlors
Hotels
Shopping Malls
Truck Stops/Gas stations
Homes
Powwows
Internet (Craigslist, BackPage)
College campuses

CSVANW RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support programming that defers to cultural knowledge and practices rooted within early intervention and prevention through outreach and education.
- Support training for community workers, service providers, school counselors, teachers, law enforcement and tribal staff to identify trafficking and refer to services and support.
- Support community education and outreach to increase knowledge about trafficking and available resources in community for victims and survivors.

GET HELP

The LifeLink- Direct advocacy, shelter, support and long-term transition planning
505-GET-FREE • 505-438-3733
www.505getfree.org

ABQ Streetsafe – Street safety and outreach
505-280-0085
www.streetsafenm.org

First Nations-EAST Program – Medical Advocacy
505-515-3922/3921

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

StrongHearts Native Helpline
1-844-7NATIVE or 1-844-762-8483



COALITION to STOP
VIOLENCE AGAINST
NATIVE WOMEN

