## SEX TRAFFICKING IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

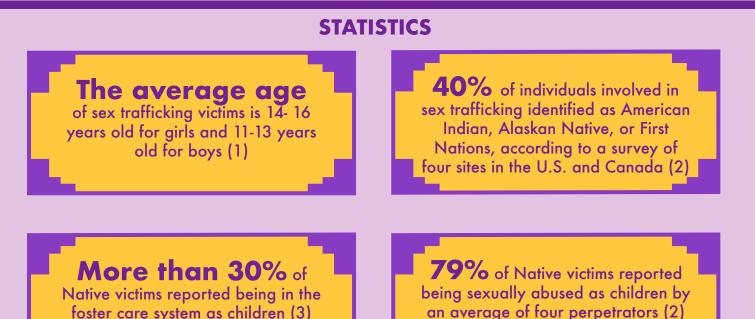


#### SEX TRAFFICKING OCCURS WHEN

a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to sexually exploit victims for benefit or profit. Sexually exploited people under the age of 18 are automatically considered trafficking victims

#### SEX TRAFFICKING MAY LOOK LIKE:

Showing signs of physical/sexual abuse, torture, confinement Forced or coerced to engage in sex work or pornography Forced to trade sexual favors for rent, utilities, food, etc.



#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Increased funding that supports trafficking survivors and works to help victims exit the industry safely

Implement training for Tribal gaming staff, direct service providers, school counselors, teachers, law enforcement, and Tribal staff to identify and address trafficking

#### Support community education and outreach to increase knowledge about trafficking and available resources in communities for victims and survivors.

Make clear the direct connection between the missing and murdered crisis as it relates to sex trafficking



### SOURCES

U.S. Department of Justice, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1) Human Trafficking: Trends and Responses across Indian Country. NCAI Policy Research Center, 2016. (2) Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition and Prostitution Research & Education, 2011 (3) DC Office of the Attorney General: Human Trafficking Fact Sheet (4) Running away from home

Signs of gang affiliation

Signs of physical abuse

New tattoos (traffickers

often use tattoos as a form

such as burn marks,

bruises, or cuts

of branding)

Truancy/not attending school

Possessing cell phones that they did not purchase on their own

Making purchases with credit cards that do not belong to them

LOOK FOR THE SIGNS

> Making purchases with credit cards that do not belong to them

# WHERE SEX TRAFFICKING OR RECRUITING OF SUBJECTS HAPPEN

|  | Tribal Communities | <b>Escort services</b>   | Casinos |  | icit massage  |  |
|--|--------------------|--|---------|--|---|--|
|  | Powwows            | Man Camps  | Homes   | Sha  | opping Malls  |  |
|  | State/Tribal Fairs | Truck Stops/Gas stations   |         | s  | Internet/<br>ocial Media  |  |
| RESOURCES  |                    |  |         |  |   |  |
| <b>The Lifelink</b><br>Direct advocacy, shelter, long<br>term transition planning<br>505-GET- FREE/505-438-3733<br>www.thelifelink.org |                    | <b>First Nations</b><br><b>CARES Program</b><br>Case management, free &<br>confidential services<br>505-697-0039 |         | <b>&amp; Ex</b><br>https://                                | National Center for Missing<br>& Exploited Children<br>https://www.missingkids.org/<br>703-224-2150 |  |
| Strong Hearts<br>Native Helpline<br>1-877-7NATIVE/<br>1-844-762-8483   |                    | New Mexico Human<br>Trafficking Unit of<br>New Mexico<br>505-717-3500  |         | National Human<br>Trafficking<br>Hotline<br>1-888-373-7888 |   |  |