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**

**84%** of Native victims had been physically assaulted

**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

**92%** of Native victims reported they had been raped

**72%** of Native victims suffered traumatic brain injuries

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

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

Source:
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