## 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.

COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS

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

### Forced prostitution

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

Forced or coerced to engage in pornography

84% of Native victims had been physically assaulted

*Live-sex shows* 

Sex tourism

Forced or coerced to engage in public sexual performances or stripping

Forced to trade sexual favors for rent, utilities, food, etc. 92% of Native victims reported they had been raped

72% of Native victims suffered traumatic brain injuries

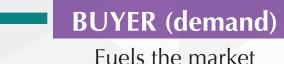
40% of individuals involved in sex trafficking identified themselves as American Indian, Alaskan Native or First Nations, according to a survey of four sites in the U.S. and Canada

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

SOURCE NCAI Policy Research Center. 2016. Human Trafficking: Trends And Responses across Indian Country.





# 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









