

It's not just a cause
It's HER LIFE

DMST
(Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking)
CSEC
(Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children)
&
RISE
(Restoring Identities after Sexual Exploitation)
Providing a Safe Home Where Healing Begins

Every 2 1/2 Minutes

- ▶ FBI: up to 100,000 children being sold for sex in America each year
- ▶ Average age into prostitution is 12-14 years old
- ▶ 1 out of 3 runaways are lured into prostitution within 48 hours
- ▶ Victims are sold on average 10-15 times/day, 6 days/week
- ▶ 1 out of 5 pornographic images are children - 100,000 websites offer child porn - 55% of internet child porn comes from the U. S.
- ▶ Average life span for victims is 3-7 years
- ▶ Nationally there are nearly 14,000 animal shelters - there are fewer than 750 beds for minor victims of trafficking

*those who deny freedom to others
deserve it not for themselves.*
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Trafficking Right Here
Where We Live

How Does it Happen?

- Traffickers exploit their victims and find them through their social network, home neighborhoods, clubs/bars, school, INTERNET (let's talk snapchat)
- Plenty of Fish, Kik, Hot or Not, Tinder – Others
- Traffickers lure victims with promises of protection, adventure, home, opportunity, love
- Traffickers use fear, violence, intimidation, threats to ensure compliance – some use drugs



21 APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

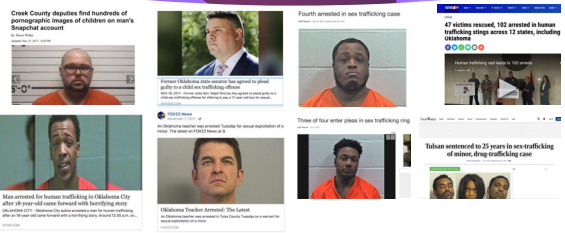


TWENTY-FOUR APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



Apps Where Our Kids Are Being Targeted

From Every Walk of Life



Identifying Victims

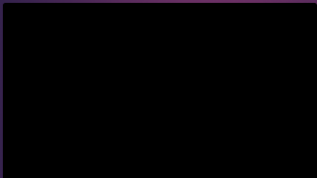
- ▶ Evidence of being controlled / regularly in presence of unknown adults
- ▶ Inability to move/leave job
- ▶ Bruises/other signs of physical abuse
- ▶ Poor physical health
- ▶ Fear or depression
- ▶ No passport or other identification
- ▶ Avoids eye contact
- ▶ In possession of hotel/motel room keys
- ▶ In possession of material goods they cannot afford
- ▶ In possession of unexplained cell phone



Advice from a Survivor


- ▶ Bad explanations for older injuries – “Fell in the shower” “Horse kicked her”
- ▶ Where on body are there visible bruises? Not covered by clothing, etc., because abuser didn’t care if bruises would be obvious after a beating...bruises around neck; handprints on the arms
- ▶ Explanations of who they’re with don’t make sense – I was just with friends; never talking about being around men – even though you’ve been called out to a dirty motel
- ▶ Underage girl in possession of hotel/motel room keys Can’t tell you pertinent information: address, phone number, names/contact info for significant support people to call in case of an emergency
- ▶ In possession of burner phone

Pain & Trauma




RISE (Restoring Identities after Sexual Exploitation)

- ▶ A Home for adolescent girls who have experienced sex trafficking and/or commercial sexual exploitation; RISE accepts girls as young as 12.
- ▶ Residents receive comprehensive and individualized services to permanently escape the world of the sex trade and become strong, independent, responsible adults.
- ▶ Shelter – Medical Care – Counseling – Substance Abuse Treatment – Education – Skills Training – Unique Therapies – Fitness – Responsibility Development – Mentoring & Advocacy



Referral Processes – How Girls Come to RISE

- ▶ Contracted with DHS Child Welfare to Accept Young Ladies in the Foster Care system
- ▶ Contracted with OJA to Accept young ladies in their Custody
- ▶ Placement Resources with the National Human Trafficking Hotline, National Center for Missing & Exploited Shelter, Shared Hope, All My Relationships Trafficking Shelter Alliance
- ▶ Cooperative Relationships with Dropoff Home, The Demand Project (FBI), Oklahoma State Attorney's Offices, Department of Health and Security
- ▶ Private Placement



Trafficking Consequences RISE Girls Experience

No human being has the right to own, buy, sell or trade another human being; it is inhumane.

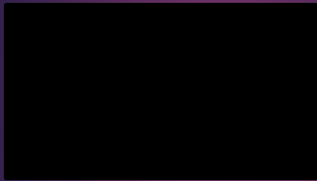


- ▶ Sleeping & Eating Disorders
- ▶ Sexually Transmitted Diseases, including HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Pelvic Pain, Rectal Trauma, Urinary Difficulties
- ▶ Drug Addiction
- ▶ Fear & Anxiety
- ▶ Depression, Mood Changes, Suicidal Tendencies
- ▶ Guilt & Shame
- ▶ PTSD
- ▶ Traumatic Bonding with Trafficker
- ▶ Anger

You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know.
William Wilberforce



Who We Are,
What We Believe



The Details

- ▶ Long-Term Residence -We admit girls beginning at age 12. Minimum stay is a suggested 4 – 9 months – there is no true minimum or maximum stay.
- ▶ Each girl has her own, private bedroom
- ▶ Girls work on their education: traditional high school diploma through Montague Public Schools, or GED if more appropriate for an individual resident
- ▶ Traditional, family, psychosocial rehabilitation and substance abuse therapies are provided with clinicians who partner with us from a local counseling agency.
- ▶ Other therapeutic activities are provided: painting, jewelry making, crochet, fitness, cooking classes, Bible studies (as requested by residents), sewing. These activities encourage hobby development, therapeutic outlets and life skills. Most of these are offered by vetted, background checked, trained volunteers.
- ▶ Life skills & job skills activities are required as part of treatment planning: budgeting, money management, adult living preparation, responsibility development activities (keeping bedroom clean, assisting with meal prep and clean up, some household chores/laundry)
- ▶ Normalization activities: outings to area attractions (zoo, museums, movies) in order to provide learning opportunities through activities that "normal" teen girls participate in
- ▶ Pet Therapy

Not a Shelter, A Home

- ▶ RISE staff is awake staff, 24/7
- ▶ All staff members are trained in trauma-informed, victim-centered care
- ▶ All staff members are trained and certified in CPR and first aid
- ▶ All staff members are trained in the MAB (Managing Aggressive Behavior) techniques
- ▶ Staff members pour into each resident and create therapeutic relationships with each girl to mentor them, advocate for them and teach them how to advocate for themselves
- ▶ We maintain contact with our residents once they have left RISE and girls can receive support services on an outpatient basis even after leaving RISE
- ▶ Each resident participates in their treatment planning and goal setting from the minute of admission. Girls are empowered and encouraged to practice the behaviors and skills they are learning by making choices. Sometimes practice means making wrong choices and both natural and enforced consequences are utilized.
- ▶ We are extremely vigilant and intentional about the girls' safety and confidentiality. Located in Muskogee, we utilize a Post Office box in Fort Gibson. We do not disclose our physical location, have no signage at our facility, require confidentiality agreements to be signed by all visitors (including parents & guardians), require identification to be shown by visitors, and **do not allow the use of ANY social media by the residents while living at RISE**

Our residents do not live in our workplace, we work in their home

In Her Own Words


I am 15, I like RISE because they are here to help me be a new me. They are here not to judge or anything, but here to help. They will accept your ups, downs, and all arounds. For that, I am thankful. Thank you RISE it is like my second home. All the girls and staff are my family. We all can relate and I am glad I have met them. RISE will be forever in my heart and my home!

Thank you for letting me come here. I love you and thank you for not giving up on me!



I am 16 and I am originally from Oklahoma city, I feel like my story is as basic as they come, you fall for the older guy, you discover he loves you etc. If it's basic, really it's just as bad as anyone's. Where I am today, I would have never dreamed of being here 4 months ago. I love RISE. I love the woman with the plan for RISE. She is so amazing. The staff she has hired to be here with us, outstanding. You get to jump on so many opportunities, your tuition, college, rotation, and even moving out into the world all alone, they prepare us for the real world.

The women here treat and love us like their own children. We always have everything we need and even most of what we want, for working towards it, of course.

RISE is the perfect home for girls like me.

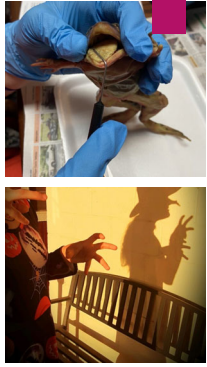


In Her Own Words

How are Partnership Funds Used?

- ▶ School/Education - Pays for school supplies, dissection kits, study aids, GED prep materials, Vo-Tech classes
- ▶ Normalization/Recreation - Pays for costs associated with off campus activities - skating, bowling, movies, water parks, holiday events, vehicle fuel to get to those activities
- ▶ Therapeutic Activities - Pays for supplies - canvases, paints, paint brushes, scrapbooking supplies, glue, markers, beading supplies, sewing supplies, crochet supplies
- ▶ Skills Classes - Pays for materials for life skills classes - sex education (condoms, etc.), baking supplies, financial classes



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There is no force equal to a woman determined to RISE
