IT’S HERE!

Child Sex Trafficking:
No longer just an international problem, it’s right here in OUR COMMUNITY!

MYTHS:
- Sex trafficking only happens in other countries like Thailand, Philippines, India, or Africa
- Only homeless and high-risk kids are vulnerable to sex trafficking
- Most girls “choose” to go into prostitution

REALITY:
- 1.2 MILLION children are trafficked worldwide, an estimated 300,000 victims within the U.S. each year. (Richard J. Estes and Neil Alan Weiner, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, University of Pennsylvania, Executive Summary at 11/12/2001)
- Good students from stable homes are being lured in by young men posing as caring boyfriends who promise an exciting future of money, glamour and freedom from parental rules...only to find a life of prostitution, pornography and extreme violence...even death.
- Children who are victims of sex trafficking are pulled in through deceptive, manipulative tactics designed by a well-crafted grooming process that young people NEED to be made AWARE of!

“A human trafficking is the third most profitable criminal activity, following only drugs and arms trafficking.”

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
ACF, Trafficking Fact Sheet, August 2010

DECEPTIONS
Exposing the Lures of Child Sex Trafficking & Internet Dangers

AWARE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

AWARE, Inc. reaches thousands of students in Washington and Oregon with evidence-based prevention programs addressing high-risk behaviors that include topics like early sexual activity, substance abuse, pornography and dating violence. In 2007 AWARE created the nationally acclaimed ILLUSIONS: Uncovering the Truth About Pornography program.

The success of Illusions prompted local law enforcement to create a prevention program on the growing problem of child sex trafficking.

DECEPTIONS: Exposing the Lures of Child Sex Trafficking and Internet Dangers was created to meet the growing need to inform teens and their parents of child sex trafficking in the own backyard along with internet dangers preying on our children.

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DECEPTIONS... MAKING YOUNG PEOPLE AWARE!

THE PROBLEM: Most of us have heard stories of child sex trafficking in other countries, but this multi-billion dollar business is here in the U.S. and growing in our own community. Why aren’t we more AWARE of it? Law enforcement is just now starting to understand the magnitude of this problem. The internet and new technology hides this appalling crime against young people. Many runaways who disappeared with a “boyfriend” are now being confirmed or suspected to have been coerced into sex trafficking.

“SEX TRAFFICKING” is a modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years.

Administration for Children and Families, Dept. of Health and Human Services
www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/fact_sex.pdf

THE SOLUTION: DECEPTIONS: Exposing the Lures of Child Sex Trafficking & Internet Dangers will help prevent this atrocity from happening to the youth in our community. This program provides young people with the awareness and tools they need to defeat child predators. Highlights of this hard-hitting program include:

- Understanding the scope of the problem
- How to recognize coercion and manipulation, and expose the “grooming” process
- Powerful real-life stories from victims who wish someone had told them about the dangers
- Understanding pornography’s link to demand
- The potentially addictive effects of pornography and how it can be harmful to normal intimacy
- Understanding the role of how human sexuality fits into a healthy, loving relationship
- Understanding the dangers of the internet and new technology
- Giving young people the resources to get help if they (or someone they know) is in danger

Child Sex Trafficking... in the LOCAL NEWS!

The Columbian, November, 2010. ... FBI finds 3 girls in a sex trafficking ring.

KGW 8 News, November, 2009. ... Portland police rescue teen girls from a sex trafficking ring.

Fox 12 News, November, 2010. ... 69 children and 99 pimps busted in a national sweep. 24 girls ranging in age from 12 to 17 found in and around the Seattle area.

KOIN 6 News Story, July, 2010. ... “Sex Trade in Our Schools” featured underage prostitutes from local high schools and junior highs, some being pimped by classmates.

Dan Rather, Nightline, May, 2010. ... Story featuring Portland as one of the largest hubs for child sex trafficking, with the notorious 82nd Ave. featured at the core of the business.

Fight Back NOW!

DECEPTIONS Exposing the Lures of Child Sex Trafficking & Internet Dangers

To learn more about how you can bring this program to the youth in YOUR community call:
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