



# The Salvation Army, PROMISE Program

Combating the Sex Trafficking of children,  
CSEC(The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of our  
Children)

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# **Definition, Sex Trafficking**

- **The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) defines “sex trafficking” as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age**

# **CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children)**

- Sexual abuse and remuneration in money, goods and services or the promise of M.G.S.
- Defined by an element of organization in the context of the commercial sex industry
- The child is treated as a commercial sex object and it is a form of violence against children.

# United Nations International Statistics, all forms of trafficking

- **161 countries** are reported to be affected by human trafficking by being a source, transit or destination count.<sup>3</sup>
- Estimated global annual profits made from all forms of trafficking **US\$ 31.6 billion**.<sup>14</sup>

# Statistics in the United States

- Victims of human trafficking can be adults and children, male and female, U.S. citizens and foreign born nationals
- At least 100,000 to 300,000 youth are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation annually in the U.S.
- The average age of entry into the commercial sex industry in the U.S. is 12 years old.

# Statistics in the United States

## (2)

- The National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Thrownaway children estimate that 1.6 million children runaway from home each year in the U.S. One in three teens will be recruited by a pimp within 48 hours of leaving home and becoming homeless.
- Predators use instant messaging as a roadmap to find multiple victims. Once a child becomes a victim it is easy for the predators to reach the victim's friends.

# What we know in Illinois (1)

- the FBI designated Chicago as one of thirteen locations of “High Intensity Child Prostitution
- In metropolitan Chicago, in any given 24 hour period 16,000 to 25,000 women and girls are involved in the commercial sex trade

# **What we know in Illinois (2)**

## **N. H. T. Resource Center Data**

**Total Number of Calls Nationwide in 2012:  
20,652**

**Number of Calls Received from or  
regarding cases in Illinois:  
620**



# TSA History fighting sex slavery

- 1885 raised the age of consent from 13-16 in London
- Established central help and inquiry centers in London
- Established home of refuge and conducted midnight brigades
- Assisted in undercover investigations into trafficking of young girls in London

# **The Salvation Army PROMISE Program**

Since inception in January 2005, our mission has been to combat the sex trafficking of children through awareness, prevention, intervention, and service delivery. Our task force, comprised of 33 member organizations representing law enforcement, social services, medical and mental health care professionals are engaged in implementing all four provisions of the PROMISE plan.

# Awareness

PROMISE educates professionals about the commercial sexual exploitation of children by (1) offering specialized training and (2) organizing awareness events. We train law enforcement, legal professionals, social service providers, medical/mental health providers, community members and others. Together with our partners, TSA has trained over 13,000 professionals in 5 major cities across the country.

# Prevention

In order to prevent sex trafficking before it occurs, PROMISE has launched TraffickEd, A prevention curriculum being implemented in high school in Illinois. Communities in Schools of Chicago is assisting PROMISE in gaining access to high risk high schools that will benefit from the project.

# Intervention

In 2012 PROMISE launched ACT (Active Communities Against Trafficking)

Recruited and train volunteers to observe and report human trafficking in the Pullman and Roseland communities of Chicago

Established a secure website to report patterns of human trafficking

Collaborating with the CPD and Homeland Security

# Service Delivery

- In September 2012 TSA opened Anne's House.
- Long-term trauma based residential home for young women and girls ages 12-21
- Comprehensive services include: therapy, education, life skills training, vocational and spiritual support.
- Focus on breaking trauma bonds, PTSD
- Length of stay is contingent on the needs of the victim.