THE SIGNS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

**A LIFE OF SECRET KEEPING**
- Secretive about partner
- Unexplained expensive gifts
- Lying about age
- Second cell phone
- Multiple hotel keys
- Runs away often

**POOR HEALTH OR BEHAVIOR**
- Avoids eye contact
- Physical signs of abuse
- New tattoo/branding
- Fearful, anxious, depressed
- Signs of psychological abuse/brainwashing

**SHOWS A LACK OF CONTROL**
- Lack of personal belongings
- In presence of older boyfriend or girlfriend
- Location tracked constantly
- Unable to speak for oneself
- Unaware of surroundings

VITAL LEGISLATION

**THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PREVENTION ACT (TVPA)**
- The federal definition of "severe forms of sex trafficking" for minors includes: any commercial sex act, regardless of whether or not coercion is involved.
- *Translation*: *There is no such thing as a "child prostitute."

**SESTA & FOSTA**
- These bills made it illegal to knowingly assist, facilitate, or support sex trafficking.
- Designed after an investigation into Backpage.com, a website accused of facilitating the child sex trade.
- *Translation*: *Got rid of immunity on websites facilitating sex trafficking*
1 in 10 children are sexually abused. 100% of the thousands of survivors Selah Freedom has served were sexually abused as children.
- The average age of sexual abuse entering a child’s life is 2-4 years old.
- 300,000 American children are taken into sex trafficking every year.
- 2 million children are sold each year through sex trafficking.
- Child sex trafficking has been reported in all 50 states.
- Sexual abuse is the root issue for 100% of the survivors Selah Freedom serves.
- Average age of children running away and entering into sex trafficking is 15-17.
- Within 48 hours of leaving home, 1 out of 3 children are solicited for sex.
- Victims can be sold 15-40 times every 24 hours.
- It takes 7-8 touchpoints with a victim before she is ready to step into care.
- Pornography gets more visitors each month than Netflix, Amazon and Twitter combined.
- 1 in 9 children receive online sexual solicitation.
- Traffickers recruit children into sex trafficking through close relationships (“friending”).
- Traffickers have made up to $1.6 million per year off their victims.
- Sex Trafficking is a $99 billion dollar industry.
- Florida is in the top three states in the nation for sex trafficking.
- Chicago is in the top five cities in the nation for sex trafficking.
- Milwaukee has been deemed the “Harvard for Pimps”.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT 1-888-3737-888.