

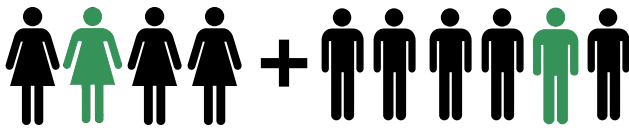


# DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

IN THE UNITED STATES & TENNESSEE

DMST is the commercial sexual exploitation of children within the borders of the United States. It involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act where that person is a citizen of the United States or a lawful resident under 18 years of age.

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1 IN 4 GIRLS & 1 IN 6 BOYS WILL HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED



AT LEAST 70% OF VICTIMS OF DMST WERE FIRST VICTIMIZED IN THEIR OWN HOME!

**1.68 MILLION** AMERICAN CHILDREN RUN AWAY EACH YEAR



1 IN 3 RUNAWAY CHILDREN WILL BE APPROACHED BY TRAFFICKER IN THE FIRST 48 HOURS

**600 - 900 KIDS**

ARE REPORTED MISSING IN TN EACH MONTH. MANY RAN AWAY DUE TO TROUBLE AT HOME.



**AT LEAST**

**2400**

KIDS IN TN ARE AT RISK OF BECOMING VICTIMS OF DMST EACH YEAR

EVERY **2** MINUTES A CHILD IS **SOLD** FOR SEX IN THE U.S.

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IS THE AVERAGE AGE A CHILD BECOMES A VICTIM OF DMST

- + 2011 TBI report found an average of 94 DMST victims per month in TN - 90 were through internet classifieds
- + 72% of counties in TN reported the presence of DMST - more than reported gang activity
- + TN Highway systems make transit of victims easy between major trafficking cities like Atlanta, Houston & Detroit

## SIGNS OF DMST

- + LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH
- + SUDDEN WITHDRAWAL OR ISOLATION
- + POOR PERSONAL HYGIENE
- + RUNAWAY INCIDENTS
- + DRUG OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- + TRUANCY PATTERNS
- + LACK OF SUPERVISION
- + EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL TRAUMA
- + OLDER ONLINE CONNECTIONS

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