

# WHY IS TRAFFICKING PREVENTION IMPORTANT?

Youth as young as 12-14 years old (and sometimes even younger) are often recruited into the sex trade. While any child can be targeted, some children face particular obstacles or fall into certain groups that can expose them to a greater risk of harm. Some of these factors include:



Abuse or Neglect



Poverty



Homelessness



Domestic Violence

Some groups that are also frequently targeted are:



Foster Children



Children of Sex Workers



Runaways



Immigrants & Refugees



LGBTQ Youth

Youth have a strong desire for connection and a sense of belonging. Traffickers use this desire to coerce them into exploitation by posing as a friend or boyfriend. But by knowing traffickers' strategies, we can go upstream and help empower youth to be advocates rather than victims.



We believe prevention is possible through mentorship. Through mentorship we can foster healthy adult-youth relationships, create a safe space of belonging, and teach trafficking warning signs, all while demonstrating the love of Jesus.



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