Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, and it’s happening in Indiana.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Human trafficking is the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the world, generating roughly $150.2 billion worldwide.

According to the Trafficking in Persons Report produced by the State Department, approximately 27 million men, women and children are victims of some form of human trafficking.

Many victims do NOT identify with the terms “human trafficking,” “pimp,” or “victim.” They believe themselves to be in control of the situation or believe that the people who victimize them truly love them. They often have no concept of a loving, reciprocal relationship.
Human Trafficking reaches every culture and demographic, but common risk factors include

- Marginalized youth
- Family backgrounds with violence
- Homelessness
- Desperation
- A need to be loved
- Immigration status
- Poverty
- Drug use
- Lack of self-esteem
- Mental illness
- Sexual identity and “branding”

TWO TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

There are two types of human trafficking: (1) sex trafficking and (2) labor trafficking.

Human trafficking is a crime that involves recruiting individuals to engage in and perform sexual acts or provide services through the use of force, fraud or coercion. Victims under the age of 18 are recognized as victims of human trafficking regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion is present.

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