What Are Some Potenial Signs That a Child is Being Groomed for, or Being Trafficked?

- He or she has an older boy or girlfriend, new friends with a different lifestyle or has become involved with a gang
- He or she appears to be controlled by someone else
- He or she is showing signs of physical abuse such as burns, marks, bruises or cuts
- He or she has become separated from family connections, is no longer interested in church activities
- He or she suddenly dresses inappropriately, appears overly tired, withdrawn, depressed, or distracted
- He or she has unexplained absences from school, unable to keep up with class studies
- He or she is Interacting and sharing personal information online with significantly older people
- He or she begins bragging about making or having lots of money, displays expensive clothes, accessories, shoes, or new tattoos

What Can We Do to STOP Human Trafficking?

- PRAY on prayer walks/drives, conference calls and in meetings, ministries and churches
- EDUCATE yourself and others by attending seminars, conferences, workshops and distributing information materials
- INFORM parents and young people of the relationship between social media, the internet, pornography and human trafficking
- **ENCOURAGE** school officials, elected officials, youth leaders, pastors and law enforcement officials to get more involved in preventing and stopping sex and labor trafficking
- ✓ ADVOCATE for stronger local, state and federal legislation and needed resources
- **VOLUNTEER** your time, skills and resources and assist those who are treating and caring for victims

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YOU Can Help Change Lives

REPORT suspicious activity to local and state police, 911, and to the National Human Trafficking Hot Line

1-888-373-7888

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AGLOW INTERNATIONAL a global ministry of women and men, presenting Biblical principles as solutions to the challenging issues of our time. More than 200.000 men and women meet each month in over 170 nations, and over 17 million people are impacted each year. Monthly Global Prayer Targets, including Anti-Human Trafficking, are an important part of Aglow International's prayer ministry. An Anti-Human Trafficking Prayer Guide is available at www.aglow.org.

THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION is composed of Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Area Teams, Lighthouses within each area, State Prayer Coordinators and a series of Ministry Coordinators, one of which is Anti-Human Trafficking, carry out ministries throughout the region. The focus of the Regional Anti-Human Trafficking ministry is awareness and prevention.

Human Trafficking is Here and Now

- Over 50 million people worldwide are in situations of modern slavery on any given day generating \$150 million in profits.
- Human Trafficking occurs in nearly 200 countries.
- The common age a child enters sex trafficking is 13.
- Between 2007 and 2020 there were over 328,000 contacts to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from throughout the United States inluding, nearly 25,000 contacts from within the HUMAN **Mid-Atlantic Region.**
- Investigations, arrests, and convictions of traffickers are occurring throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region.

"Jesus has come to set the captives free (Luke 4:18). It is our responsibility to not only free the captives but to work in unity to prevent our people from becoming captive of this horror." **Gwen Campbell** Mid-Atlantic Regional Director

What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking is all about money, people buying and selling people for profit. It is the second highest-grossing criminal enterprise in the world. "For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil " 1 Timothy 6:1, KJV. The victims of human trafficking are children, adolescents, and adults, male and female from all socio-economic groups.

Human Trafficking is a criminal activity in which people profit from the control and exploitation of other people through:

Sex Trafficking: a commercial sex act induced by force. fraud or coercion, or if the person performing the act is less than 18 years of age.

Labor Trafficking: recruiting or obtaining a person for involuntary labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

Organ Trafficking: an organized crime where human body parts including corneas, lungs, kidneys, and livers are harvested and sold.

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Every 30 Seconds

ANOTHER PERSON

BECOMES A VICTIM OF

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Why is Human Trafficking in the Mid-Atlantic Region?

- Easy access to large metropolitan areas, major international airports, well-traveled interstate highways, truck stops and bus stations
- Existence of tourist and recreational attractions, major sporting events and casinos targeted by traffickers and buyers of sex
- Widespread use of the Internet and social media to find victims, make appointments and watch pornography anonymously
- ✓ Abundant rich farming areas needing workers
- Poverty and drug addiction
- Lack of public awareness and education about human trafficking