

A Stolen Life

Adolescent Human Trafficking and Exploitation

No Homecomings, No Proms, No Graduation, No Family Vacations

What is Sex Trafficking

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Sex trafficking is when a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion OR when the person induced to perform the act is under 18 years old.

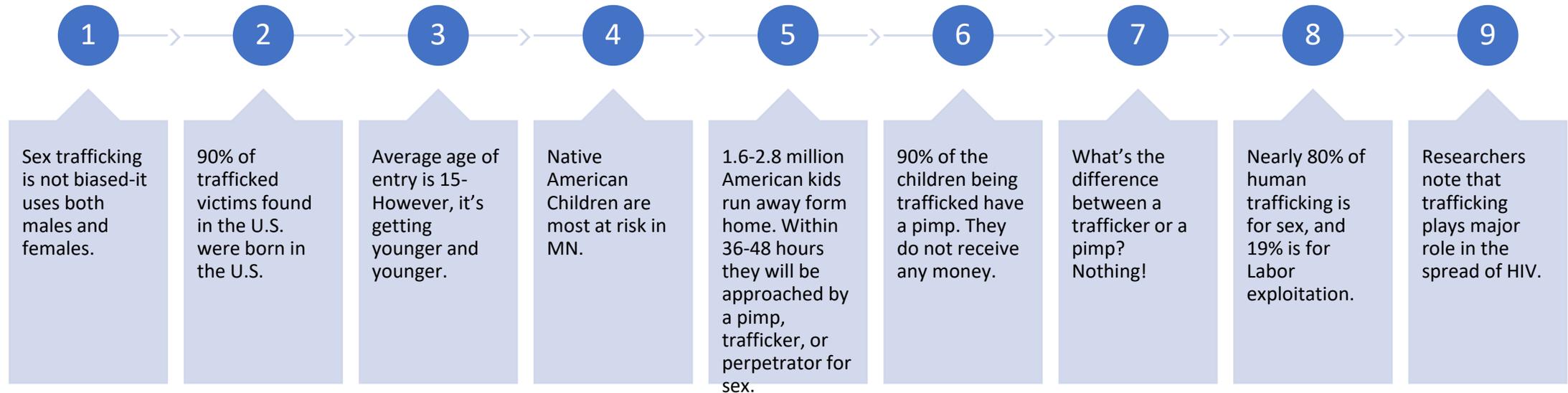
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A commercial sex act means any item of value is traded for any sexual service (prostitution, pornography, or sexual performance).

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Domestic minor sex trafficking is the commercial sexual exploitation of American children within the U.S. borders for monetary or other compensation (shelter, food, drugs, etc.). This is synonymous with child sex slavery, sex slavery, child sex trafficking, prostitution of children, and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

Children of the Night: Facts for 2017



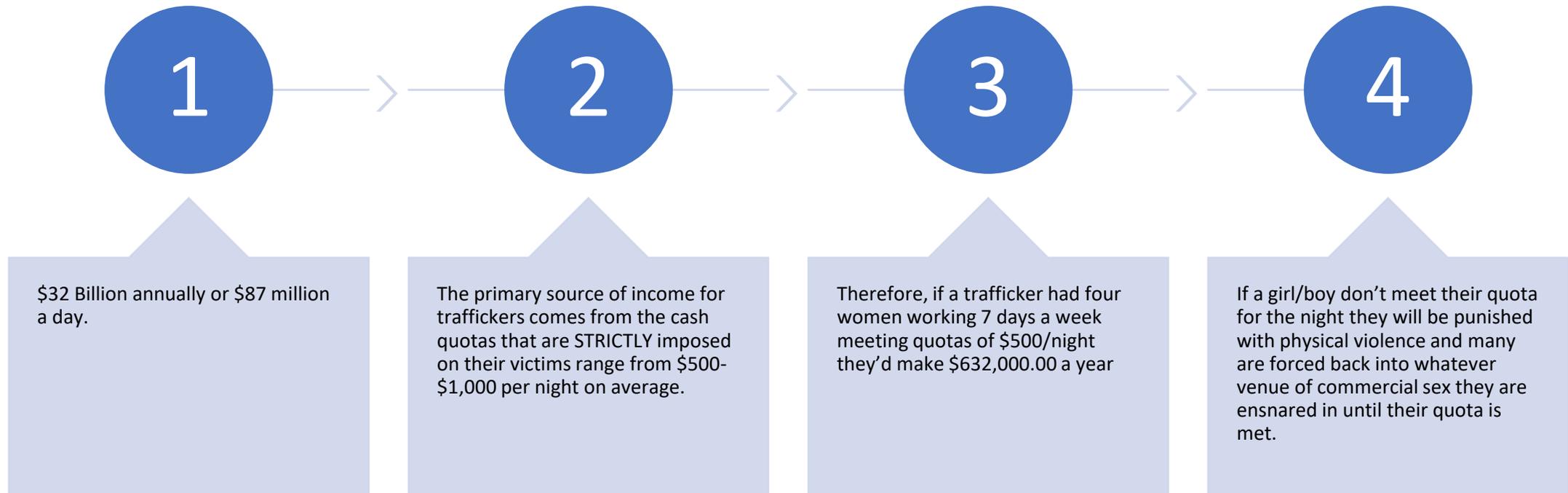
More Facts....

An estimated 30,000 victims of sex trafficking die each year from abuse, disease, torture, and neglect. 85% of those sold into slavery are under 24, and as young as 6.

The Taliban buys children as young as 7 years old to act as suicide bombers. The price for child suicide bombers is between \$7,000-\$14,000.

Many children are trafficked to serve in armed conflicts around the world.

Human Trafficking is the world's second- largest criminal enterprise, second only to drugs.



Who CHOOSES to PURCHASE SEX with a CHILD?

99% are Males

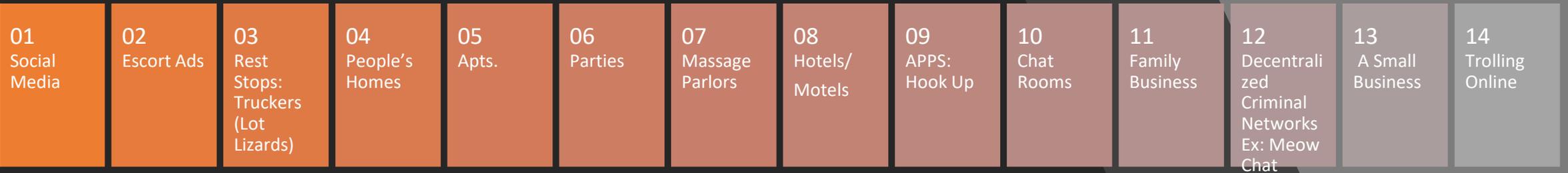
Middle aged men and professionals

Median age: **42.5**

18.9% are professionals who work with children

Hyper-Sexualization and Objectification of females are some of the most attained answers when questioned why they are seeking sex with minors.

Where does a “Buyer” find a child to purchase sexual acts?



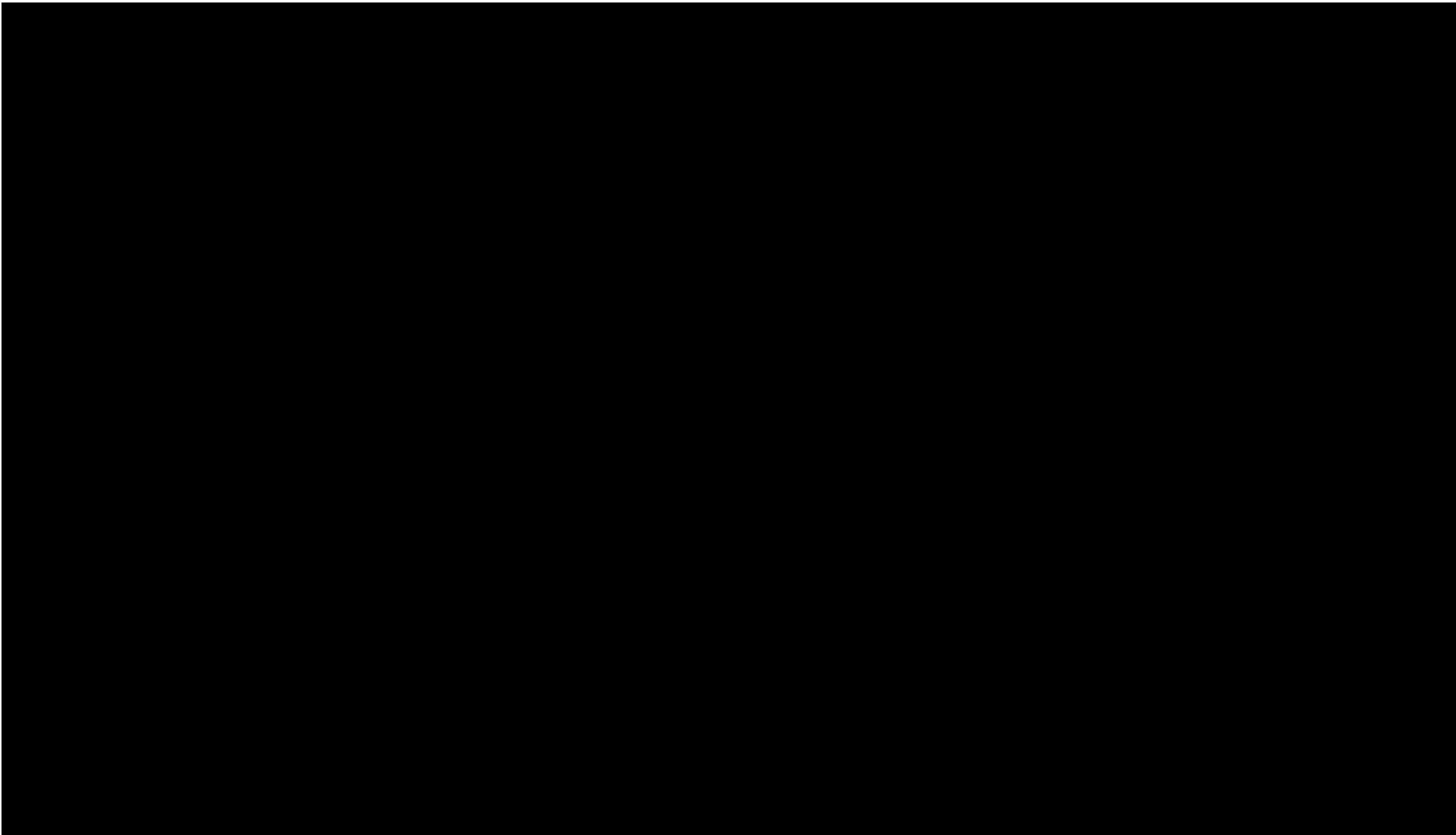
Stages of Sexual
Exploitation

1)RECRUITMENT

2)GROOMING

3)CONDITIONING

4)MAINTENANCE



Recruitment

Targeting a victim who has noticeable vulnerability: Emotional neediness, low self-confidence or economic stress.

- Mostly Runaways-Survival sex, Exotic Dancing, Pornography, Trading Sex
- Childhood abuse, trauma, or neglect
- Lack of involvement in school-Truancy
- Schools, Parks, Games, Bus Stops, Church
- “Lover Boys” zone in middle and high school girls
- Older women grooming and soliciting boys
- Peer to Peer exploitation, solicitation, and recruitment
- Parents selling their children/Family/Friends involved in trafficking.
- Poor social support
- Young age/Naïve
- Racial or ethnic marginalization
- LGBT identity
- Gang affiliation
- Chemical Addiction
- Online selling
- Involvement with other Criminal Activity
- Hunting Seasons, Sports Events, Conventions
- Social Media APP’s

GROOMING

Gaining Trust and Information: Obtaining information about the victim is key. Having casual conversations with the victim or with parents. Traffickers often mix well with other adults.

“Lover Boy” buys clothes, jewelry, cell phones, emotionally meets her or his needs. Can be in a relationship for a while to gain trust from family and their pets.

Physical Abuse

Raped/Ganged Rape

Blackmail/Pornography

New Identity

Enabling or Inducing
Chemical Addictions

Threatening that
they'll get in
trouble/Criminal
Prosecution

Exploiting: Trauma
Bond=Loyalty toward
family or boyfriend

Conditioning

Maintenance

Threats of physical violence

Shame

Learned Obedience

Lack of other options Homelessness

Threat to family or children

Addiction

Exploiting Trauma

Criminal History

Branding

Spotting Potential Victims of Trafficking

Physical Indicators

Tattoos

Brandings

Injuries in various stages of healing

Bruises

Burns

Scars

Pulled Hair

Strangulation marks

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Females that are shopping are often accompanied by a male or female figure.

Usually the victim is not carrying a purse.

She is directed what to wear

Doesn't look the part of being happy or excited to shop

No cell phone, identification, purse, or wallet.

Claims to have "just moved or just visiting".

Not aware of their location

Exhibits fear, trauma, confusion, disorientation, avoids eye contact.

Receiving multiple phone calls from someone who appears to be controlling.

Generally, medical care is non-existent

Many girls have several abortions

Teeth and Eyes are neglected

Average life span of a victim is 7 years once they have entered into sex trafficking.

Fatigue

Foot issues, could be a sign of street level prostitution.

Urinary difficulties, pelvic, or rectal pain or trauma

Psychological Problems

Pain Dizziness

Memory Problems

Skin and other infections

Drug/alcohol intoxication

Malnourishment

Medical Care

Chained for Life



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Safe Harbor and No Wrong Door

- In 2014, a law passed that states any youth that is found prostituted are victims “Not Prostitutes”. They are in need of protection.
- Navigators: Main point of contact for sexually exploited youth and concerned agencies throughout MN.
- MN Law is very different than the federal law and laws in other states because it does not require proof of force, fraud, or coercion for victims of any age.
- No Wrong Door: a state wide model ensuring that victims are identified and services are available throughout MN.
- Police are being trained and due to the ongoing stings MN alone has shown an increase in arrests of Buyers.

What are the Laws?

Freedom from the life of sex trafficking can provide hope to attend Home Coming, Proms, Graduation, Family Vacations, and a new life filled with people who have a heart to serve.

If this is something that you would like to get involved in... there are many ways to help.

Prayer is always #1!

Get more education by attending seminars

Find out in your area how you can become involved.

Broken Free



Information provided from

A variety of sources including

www.sharedhopeinternational.org

<https://polarisproject.org>

www.health.state.mn.us

www.risinghopefoundation.com