



EDUCATION MATTERS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

DID YOU KNOW?

- In 2012, school-age youths represented 26 percent (or 5.5 million) of the 20.9 million human trafficking victims worldwide, and many of these young victims are students in the American school system.
- One out of eight runaway youths is likely a victim of human trafficking.
- Not all child traffickers are adults.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Know the risk factors associated with child trafficking and the possible behavioral indicators of a trafficking victim.
- Acknowledge that human trafficking exists in your state and community, and commit to increasing awareness of it by educating community members and students.
- Equip your leaders with the resources they need to have an authentic dialog about the issue with their neighbors, constituencies, and school districts, and to work toward solutions.
- Partner with schools and school districts as they
 1. increase awareness of and educate staff about the indicators and the nature of human trafficking;
 2. increase parent and student awareness of the risks and realities of trafficking; and
 3. develop and clearly articulate district- or school-wide policies on and protocols for identifying a suspected victim, or responding to a disclosure from a suspected victim.¹

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¹ **Source:** Much of the information and many recommendations in this bulletin are from U.S. Department of Education, *Human Trafficking in America's Schools*, (Washington, D.C. January 2015), available at

http://www.ct.gov/dcf/lib/dcf/humantrafficking/pdf/Human_Trafficking_in_Americas_Schools_Final_1-9-15.pdf