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### **Introduction:**

Imagine yourself standing by the bus stop on your way home when a strange man walks up and just stands next to you. Next thing you know you are in the back of car not knowing how you got there or why you are there. This is what is happening to billions of young women and children out there. Not all will take that approach but it will be something like that. The U.S. Department of Justice reports traffickers and pimps target children and youth at bus stations, arcades, and malls, focusing on girls who appear to be runaways or without money or job skills. (Albanese, 2007). The main topics this paper will be talking about are how young they get these girls. The good majority of the girls were there when they were 18 or younger. The next thing it will talk about is the ways they find them and how they gain their trust. By the little things they will do they will gain the pimps trust and do everything that is asked of them. The last thing is how the social workers will help these young girls. Human trafficking should be stopped because of the victims ages, kidnapping and the psychological impact on the children

### **Part 1: Young children are getting taken**

#### **Dangers out there**

These poor girls have no idea what is coming for them. They don't know the dangers out there. And by the time they do it is too late. They are already another hoe or prostitute. It is a very hard world out there for girls. We need to inform ourselves and not put our in places where

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we have the risk of getting taken. Girls always say, “oh it won’t happen to me. I’m not that type of girl or I’m not like that” well guess what. You are. We all are.

### **Definig sex trafficking**

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (VTVPA) of 2000 (P.L. 106-386) define human trafficking as a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or b) the recruitment, harboring, transporting, provision or obtaining a person of labor of services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Sex trafficking is defined as “means of recruitment, harboring, transportation provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.” A commercial sex act is “any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.” Any minor, U.S. citizen, under the age of 18 who is used in a commercial sex act is a trafficking victim ( Hughes, 2007).

### **Ages they are taken**

There are currently at least 100,000 DMST victims in the United States with up to 325,000 more at risk of such victims (Estes & Weiner, 2002). At least 70% of women involved in prostitution were introduced in the commercial sex industry before reaching the age of 18 years of age (Hughes, 2007). The average age at which children are being lured into commercial sexual exploitation is between 11 and 14 although some are as young as 5 ( Smith, 2007). A former DMST victim stated “We are all 18. We’re all the same age. There would be a few girls I knew who were in their 20’s or whatever, but they were doing it since they were our age

anyways. I did wait till 12, and these girls had been doing it since they were eight or nine and now they are 23. (Shared Hope International, 2009).

## Part 2: How will they strike next?

### **How they find them**

The sick thing about this is they find good way to find the girls. They go into great trouble to find the right ones and to find the right ways to do it. “There are endless supply of victims in this country. The pimps target their victims at bus stations, arcades, and malls. Among those most at risk are those who have run away or been “thrown away” (Shared Hope International, n.d.-a). The view of pimping is viewed as “cool” or “winning” (Shared Hope International, n.d.-a). Among youth on the streets, and at least 75% of those involved in formal prostitution are controlled by pimps. Some girls report being groomed by traffickers while they are still living at home and attending school (Smith, 2008). This period of grooming usually involves the pimp assuming the role of the potential victims boyfriend, including giving her gifts and compliments to gain her trust. (Smith, 2008). This is one of the worlds’ oldest professions. What people don’t know is that these people don’t only target women but men as well. They do this to see the type of impact that it will have on the media. One of the advantages on taken men too is to see how people will react but doing this to helpless children is one of the sickest things out there. It needs to be stopped.

### **Part 3: Psychological help of victims**

“On rescue from their slavery human trafficking victims including DMST victims need appropriate housing, physical and mental health care, legal services, and other basic necessities such as food and clothes.”(Hughes, 2007). Many areas now have established human trafficking coalitions that know the programs and counselors in their areas that can serve this population. The national human trafficking hot line (888-3737-888) can also assist with information and referral to local service providers. The poor girls were so addicted to the drugs that the men gave them that once they are found, they will try to get back. They really don’t know the danger that they were in. All they knew was that they liked it and they want more. That is what keeps them there. The men kept them so drugged that they really didn’t know what is happening to them. They think we are the bad guys and the pimps are the good guys. They fight us so hard. We try to help them but they just refuse! “Social workers must be educated about DMST and those groups that are most at risk for becoming victims. Social workers can help to address the issue through education, advocacy, and research.” Nobody really understands the impact on these poor children. The people who take them don’t even really know the kind of negative impact that they are having on these poor kids. They are doing more damage than they will ever know. These kids will never be the same again and it is all because of sick “pimps” who think it is cool to take advantage of women this way. They want to prove that they are the best of the best. They even have competitions to see who can have the most control over their hoes. This causes lots of trouble because they will now fear all male superiors. They will never trust men

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again.

### **Conclusion:**

As you have read, human trafficking is happening all over the US. And it needs to be stopped. It is not fair to the young girls who don't even get a say in the matter. They are taking away these girls' lives. They will drug them if they have to so they will do what they want. Some girls bodies aren't made for that so it will kill them. The more they kill the more they have to go find. We need to protect ourselves and not go places along where there is a possibility that this can happen to you. Stay informed. Most of all do not give out any personal information or take jobs that seem too good to be true because it probably is. They are just trying to lure you into their trap. Stay with a family member at all times and always have some with you. Never be by yourself. That is the most dangerous thing you can do.

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