#### Overview of our event topics and guests:

 Any Pope students in attendance tonight - be sure to get your name into the drawing for free gift cards.

• The drawing will take place at the end of this presentation (must be present to win)

#### Overview of our event topics and guests:

Cindee Sapoznik – Founder and CEO of 2MyPlace – After volunteering at numerous shelters focusing on young adults, she realized their fears, hopes and dreams weren't being addressed. Her goal was to teach life skills so young adults could live more productive lives. Cindee and Misty Dean, her assistant, were instrumental in partnering with myself and Beth Moore, our PTSA vice president, to coordinate this event by acquiring our speakers for tonight and helping us organize and advertise this event.

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#### Overview of our event topics and guests:

Faythe Kadona - Faythe is a Subject Matter Expert in the field of human trafficking. She is one of the founding members of the Street Grace Survivor Advisory Council and has served for the last six years on the council. Street Grace mobilizes community resources – financial, human, and material – to fight Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) through prevention, protection, policy and pursuit

She will start our presentation off with a discussion about "What is Human Trafficking"?

- Streetgrace.org
- faythe@streetgrace.org

#### Overview of our event topics and guests:

Janice Johnson – National Legal Advocate and Survivor Leader for *Her Song* - Her Song was created to help women who are survivors of human trafficking with residential support and programs to help women move from a survival-based existence to purposeful, self-sufficient living.

Janice is a human trafficking survivor, and she will share her story

#### Overview of our event topics and guests:

**Traci Hurley** – Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Program Coordinator, Prevention and Training Specialist for the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at CHOA.

Tracy will discuss Prevention – risk factors and internet safety

Traci.Hurley@choa.org

Phone: 404-785-1122

#### Overview of our event topics and Guests:

Jennifer Hossler - Project Director for Project Intersect at the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy in Atlanta. Jennifer has over 25 years of social work experience, with extensive knowledge of child advocacy centers, child welfare practice, trauma-informed care, and systems change. In her role with Project Intersect, Jennifer has developed partnerships with multiple statewide agencies serving youth and families who have experienced trauma and exploitation.

Jennifer will discuss how to respond if something has happened, what to do, who to call, and will provide emergency contact information that you can take with you.

- <u>jenniferh@gacfca.org</u> | (770) 830-4036
- www.GeorgiaCenterForChildAdvocacy.org

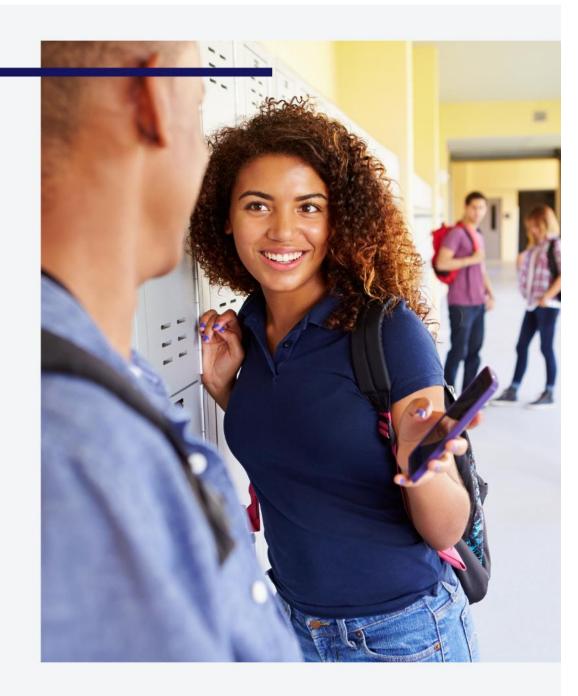
#### Overview of our event topics and guests:

- There will be a chance to ask questions of our panel members at the end
- They will remain for a few minutes once we finish if you would like to talk with anyone briefly
- Feel free to pick up any materials/resources you would like on the tables in the PAC lobby



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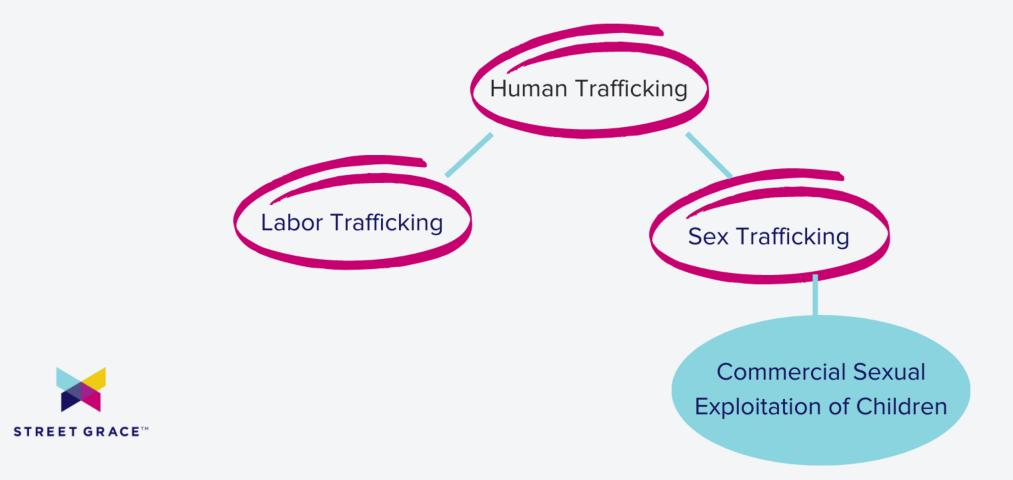
**Faythe Kadona** 





#### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a crime that occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will.



(22 U.S.C. §§ 7102)



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#### FEDERAL LAW



As defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and Reauthorization Act of 2003, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2017 and 2021: "Severe forms of trafficking in persons"

"Sex Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the 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"



#### WARNING SIGNS

- A significantly older boyfriend (or girlfriend)
- Chronic runaway
- Homelessness
- Special marked tattoo or "branding"
- New material goods
- A sudden change in appearance or behavior
- An explicitly sexual online presence
- Multiple STI's
- Family history in the commercial sex industry
- History of sexual assault
- Substance abuse

(Schwartz et al., 2020)





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#### YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) facilitates the development of the <u>next generation of leaders</u> in the fight against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

Through this program we will provide a foundation for a peer-topeer education model and an innovative way to build community, encourage leadership and help students understand the impact they can have on bringing an end to CSEC.



The Tim Tebow Foundation, a 10-year-old non-profit headquartered in Jacksonville, FL, is a global ministry on mission to bring Faith, Hope and Love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. Each of the ministries of the Foundation seeks to meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable and to share with them the love of God, the true source of hope. Along with initiatives focused in the fields of Orphan Care + Prevention, Special Needs, and Children with Profound Medical Needs, the Foundation recently went public with a campaign to confront the Human Trafficking industry. Though the Foundation has been quietly working in this space for seven years, they are now overtly attacking this global atrocity by elevating their voice and their effort and inviting others to do the same.

Janice Johnson



#### **Preventing Child Sex Trafficking**

#### **Traci Hurley**

Prevention and Training Program Coordinator

Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

#### Who is at risk?

#### **Risk Factors**

- Age (youth are most at risk)
- Poverty
- Substance abuse
- Mental health issues
- Low self-esteem/social support
- Developmental disabilities
- Running away or Homelessness
- Previous history of abuse/neglect
- Community experiencing violence
- Child welfare system involvement

#### **Protective Factors**

- Resilience
- Safety planning
- Stable housing
- Faith or spirituality
- Goals for the Future
- Survival or basic life skills
- Connected to a community
- Having one safe, positive adult
- Ability to recognize healthy/unhealthy situations or relationships



#### How do traffickers gain access?

In 2021 in the US, the internet was the top recruitment tool used by traffickers including: dating sites, social media platforms and other apps.

Traffickers entice victims into a false sense of trust by carefully building a rapport and intimacy.



#### Examples:

Fake romantic interests, overly flattery, promises of gifts or other financial assistance, etc.



#### Apps and video games to be aware of

\*Not an exhaustive list. Always monitor and research before allowing access.























TikTok

SnapChat

**Twitter** 

YouTube

Instagram

Facebook

Facebook Messenger

GroupMe WhatsApp

Calendar Vault





















Discord Telegram

Yubo

Tinder

**Parlor** 

Tumbler

Among Us

Spotafriend

KeepSafe

Vault

















**Meet Teens** 





Fortnite Minecraft

Roblox

Omegle

Chatroulette

Grinder

NGL

Tellonym

Grand Theft Cyberpunk Auto

#### **Technology considerations**

#### When should youth be allowed to use technology?

- All children develop at their own rate. You know your child best.
- Most tech professionals recommend waiting until 8th grade for a phone and 16 for social media.

#### What else should you consider when making decisions about technology?

- What is the purpose?
- How old is the youth?
  - Do they respect and obey rules?
  - Are they mature enough?
  - Are they responsible with their belongings?
  - Do they know how to use the tech responsibly, safely, appropriately and moderately?

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Are you ready to responsibly monitor the technology in your home?



#### What can parents and other caregivers do?

- Ask youth the same questions about their online behavior that you'd ask about their real-life behavior.
  - Who are they talking to?
  - Where are they going?
  - How long will they be there?



#### What can parents and other caregivers do?



Set logical consequences for infractions



Be prepared to see and hear things you won't like



Be prepared to have difficult conversations

#### Setting limits and consequences

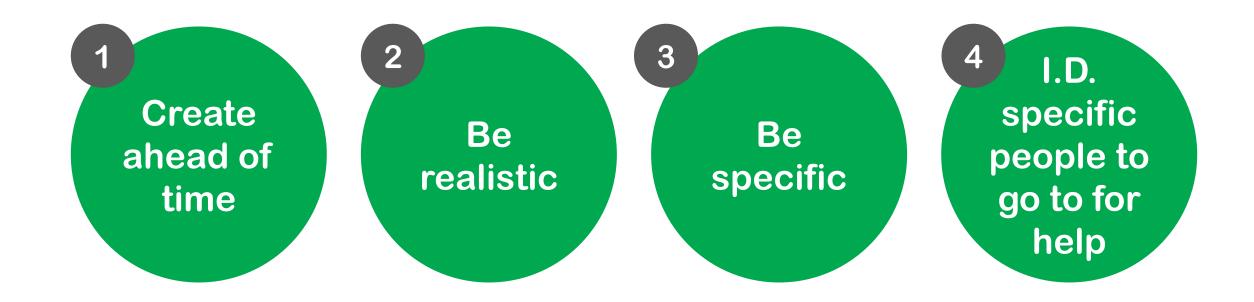
- **Set boundaries early on** to keep youth from being manipulated or exploited online.
- Consistently set consequences for infractions.
- Create family online safety agreements for phones, video games and screen time.
- Install parental controls and monitoring on all internet connected devices.
  - Set strict privacy settings.
  - Turn off geo-location services.
  - Create joint accounts.
  - Approve all new followers/friends.
  - Get all login info for phone and social media sites.





#### Creating a safety plan

A safety plan is a **personalized**, **practical plan** to help you avoid dangerous situations and know the best way to react when you're in potential danger.





#### Monitoring and establishing security

#### **Monitoring apps**

- Bark app
- OurPact
- Fortify
- Net Nanny

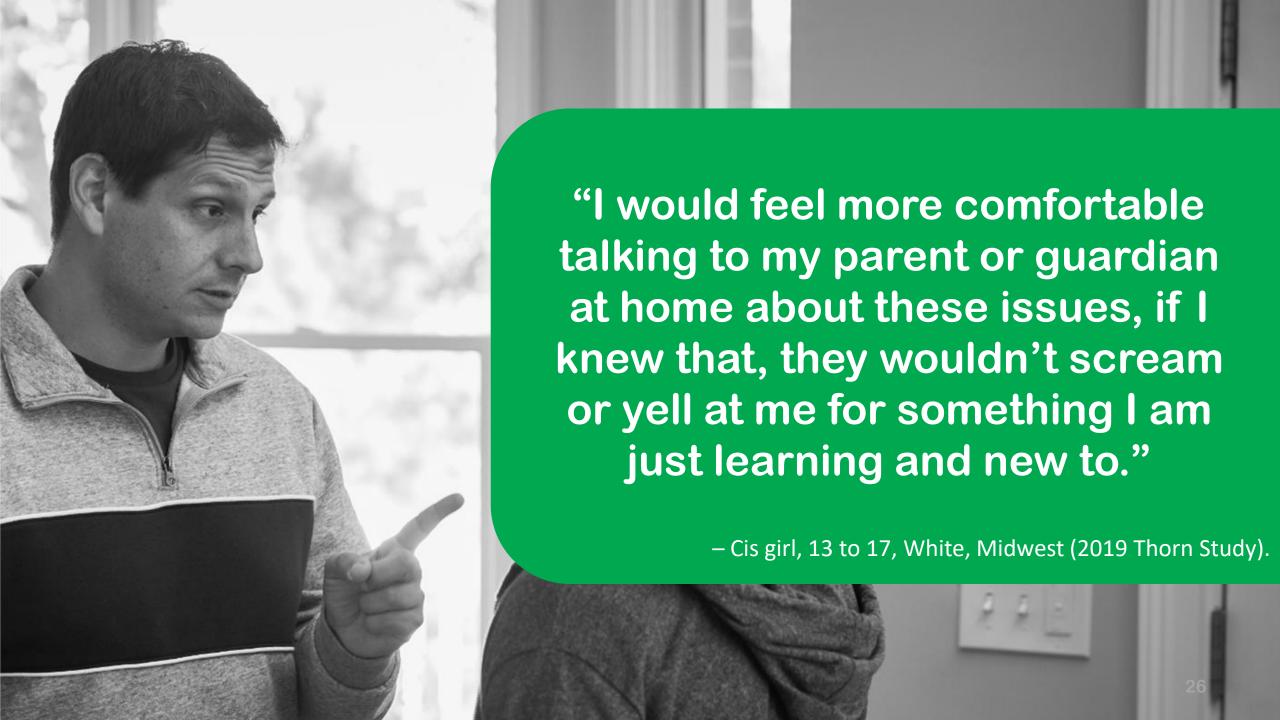
- Web Watcher
- TeenSafe
- AVG Family Safety



#### **Preventing Child Sex Trafficking**

Encourage healthy behaviors in ALL relationships

Create safe homes & communities





# The Response





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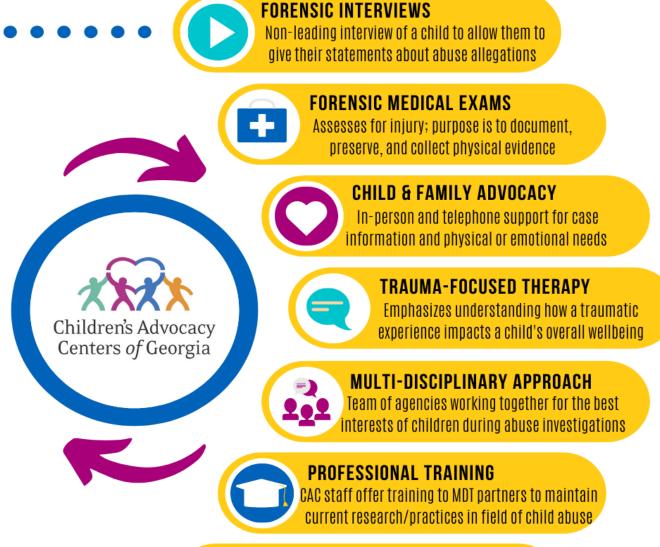




#### **Prevention & Action**

- 1. Educate children and parents about child sexual abuse
- 2. Talk with children EARLY & OFTEN about:
  - Body safety
  - Sex
  - Staying safe in relationships
  - Consent
  - Online safety and social media
  - How to seek help

# Child Advocacy Centers





#### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**

Training for communities to teach adults how to prevent, respond, & react responsibly to child abuse





# CACs in Atlanta







# Multidisciplinary Team Approach to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children



#### CSEC Response Team Metro Regional Care Coordinator

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**Phone**: 404-626-1574

Cobb County: SafePath CAC 770-801-3465

https://safepath.org/







WHEN WE VIEW THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE AT RISK OR CONFIRMED FOR CSEC PER COUNTY POPULATION, STATISTICS IN RURAL REGIONS ARE COMPARABLE TO METRO ATLANTA STATISTICS.

CSEC IS NOT AN ATLANTA ISSUE. IT IS A STATE OF GEORGIA ISSUE.

TOP

5 COUTNIES WITH THE HIGHEST REFERRAL RATES

- 1 RICHMOND
- 2 FULTON
- 3 DEKALB
- 4 CHATHAM
- 5 COBB

# Reporting

01

MAKE A REPORT
TO DFCS

1-855-GA-CHILD 1-855-422-4453



02

MAKE A REFERRAL TO CACGA

1-866-END-HTGA 1-866-363-4842



03

MAKE A REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

911







# Want To Learn More?



#### Registration:

tinyurl.com/PreventionPalooza



# APRIL 2023

Welcome to Prevention
Palooza, held in April
during Child Abuse
Prevention Month. Our
goal is to provide free
primary prevention
education through multimedia and evidence based
trainings.



Registration for all events is free, seats are limited.

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	Becoming a More Resilient Parent	Commercial 4 Sexual Exploitation of Children	<i>5</i> Circles of Safety	Stewards of Children	Healthy 7 Outcomes from Positive Experiences
	Healthy <sup>10</sup>	11	12	13	14
_	Outcomes from Positive Experiences	Becoming a More Resilient Parent	Mandated Reporter	Connections Matter	Internet Safety
d	Triple P- Positive Parenting Program	Problematic Sexual Behavior	Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Becoming a More Resilient Parent	Stewards of Children
	Commercial <sup>24</sup>	25	26	27	28
6	Sexual Exploitation of Children	Connections Matter Part 1	Connections Matter Part 2	Internet Safety	Circles of Safety

#### **National & State Hotlines**

1. National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888 OR Text 233733

https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en

2. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)

1-800-453-5678

https://www.missingkids.org/home

3. Georgia Statewide CSEC Response Team

1-866-END-HTGA

https://www.cacga.org/csec-response-team



#### **Local Resources**

1.Street Grace
678-809-2111
https://www.streetgrace.org/

- 2. Georgia Cares Hotline
  1-844-8GA-DMST
- 3. Out of Darkness Frontline Response 404-941-6024
- 4. Wellspring Living 678-782-2467
- **5.Project Intersect**<a href="https://www.project-intersect.org">www.project-intersect.org</a>



## **Creating Confident Young Adults**

2myPlace wants to educate and provide life tools for today's youth by offering workshops, one-on-one sessions or seminars on the following:

- Self-Awareness/Life Skills
- Social Media Boundaries
- Anxiety & Stress Management
  - Business Acumen
  - Human Trafficking

Visit www.2myPlace.org for more information.





Students! Time to draw names for those gift cards!

