

SEX TRAFFICKING

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Video

- ▶ Do you know Lacy

<https://youtu.be/xfo2pmBVrCI>

THE FACTS ABOUT TRAFFICKING

- ▶ 1.6 million children run away each year
- ▶ 1 in 3 teens are recruited within 48 hours of running-HOW?

MORE FACTS ABOUT TRAFFICKING

- ▶ 80% OF YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH DCS
- ▶ 50% HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE SYSTEM AS FOSTER KIDS

MORE FACTS ABOUT TRAFFICKING

- ▶ 70-90% OF EXPLOITED CHILDREN HAVE A HISTORY OF BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED
- ▶ IT CAN TAKE MONTHS FOR A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING TO DISCLOSE THAT FACT

MORE FACTS ABOUT TRAFFICKING

- 100,000-300,000 of US CHILDREN ARE VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION EACH YEAR
- AVERAGE AGE OF ENTRY INTO COMMERCIAL SEX IN THE US IS 12-14
- 83% OF SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS FOUND IN THE US WERE US CITIZENS

Indiana

- ▶ DELAWARE COUNTY:
 - ▶ IN 2014 THERE WERE 350 CHILDREN REPORTED AS RUNAWAYS
- ▶ HOW DO WE COMPARE NATIONALLY?
 - ▶ WWW.SHAREDHOPE.ORG

PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE

STATE ACTION . NATIONAL CHANGE.

INDIANA REPORT CARD 2014

The human trafficking law does not require proof of force, fraud or coercion to cause a minor to engage in commercial sex acts but buying sex with a domestic minor sex trafficking victim is not criminalized unless proof of force is shown. Training for law enforcement on sex trafficking is mandated by law.

FINAL SCORE

75.5

FINAL GRADE

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7.5
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25

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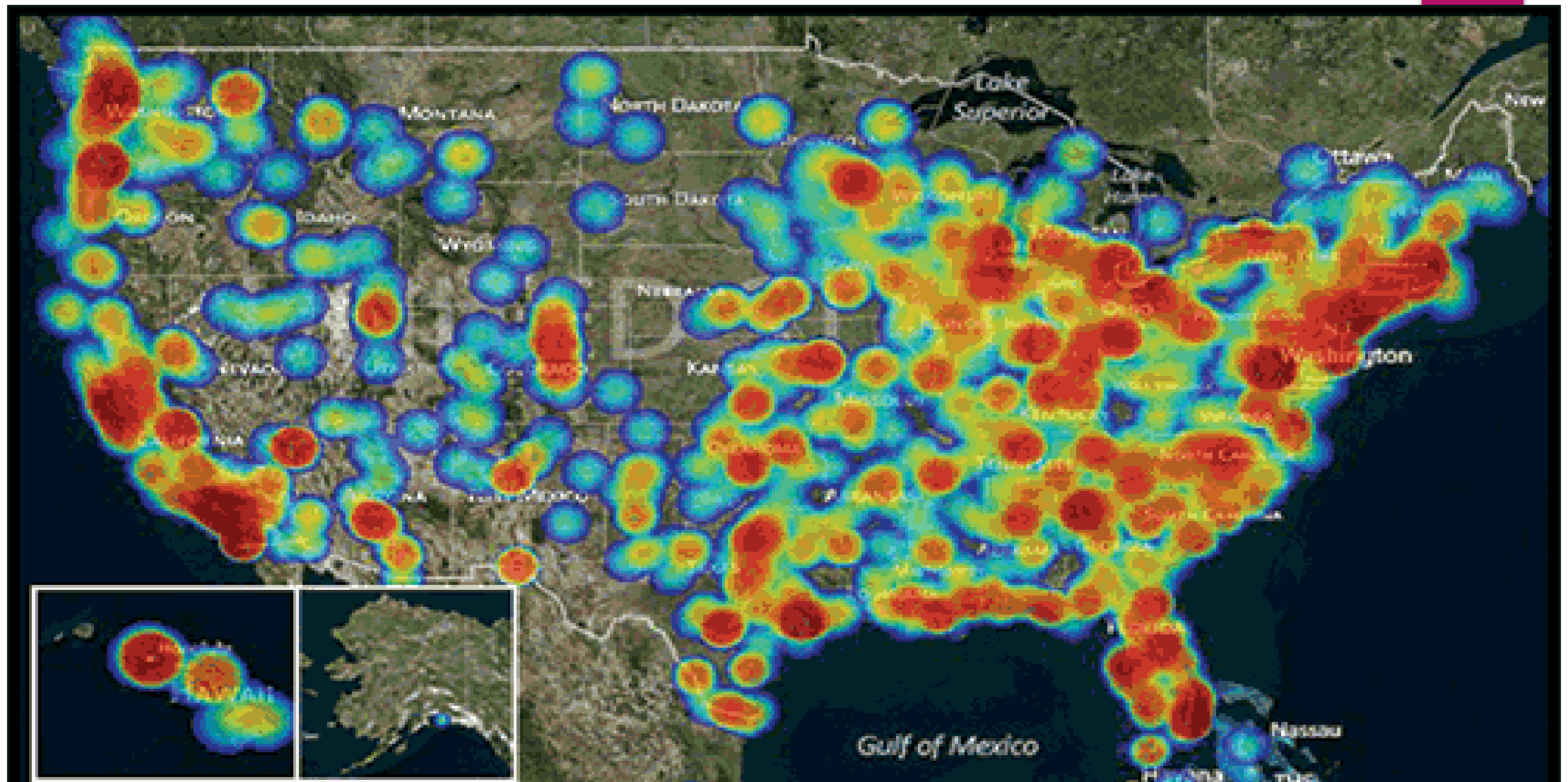


CRIMINALIZATION OF DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

Indiana's human trafficking laws separately address sex trafficking of a minor without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion. The state commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) laws include promoting prostitution and child exploitation. The prostitution law does not refer to the sex trafficking statute to identify commercially sexually exploited minors as victims of sex trafficking. Indiana's racketeering law defines racketeering activity to include sex trafficking and CSEC offenses as predicate acts.

Where are the potential victims?

- ▶ NHTRC@POLARISPROJECT.ORG
- ▶ DATA FOR 2014 WAS BASED ON TIPS CALLED INTO THE HOTLINE



Location of potential human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (2007 - 2012)



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CHALLENGES FOR THE JUVENILE SYSTEM:

- ▶ EVERYONE IS AT A DIFFERENT PLACE
 - ▶ WE HAVE TO OVERCOME THE “NOT IN MY BACKYARD ATTITUDE”
 - ▶ THIS IS NOT PROSTITUTION

MORE CHALLENGES

- ▶ INTERNET WEBSITES
 - ▶ CRAIGS LIST, BACKPAGE.COM