

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

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COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (CSEC)

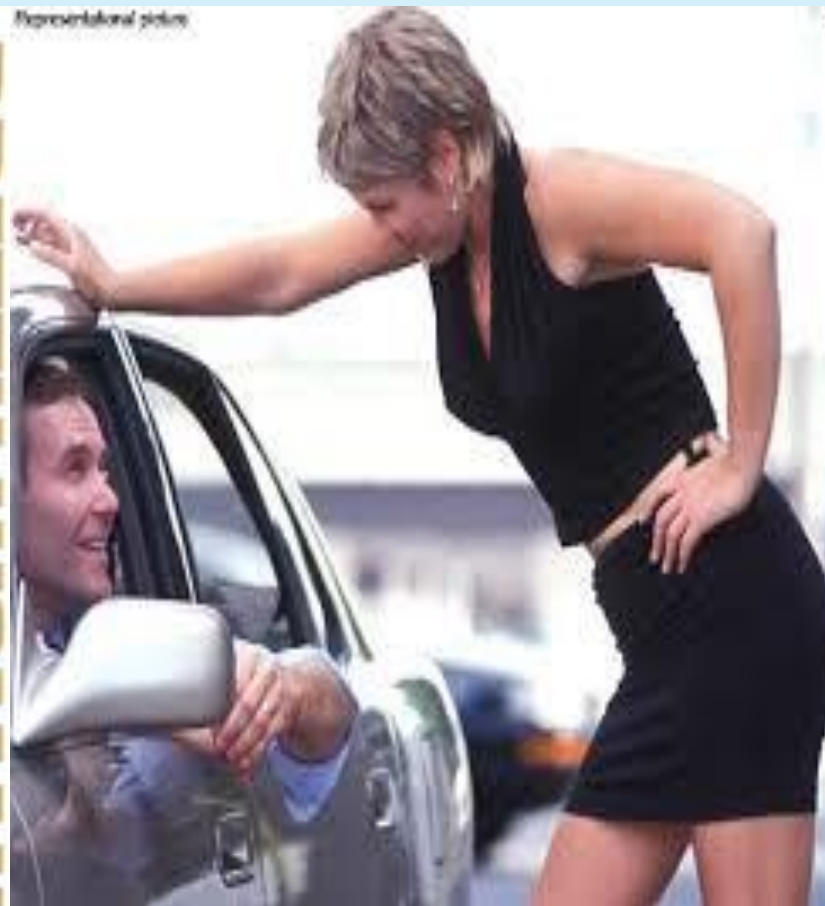
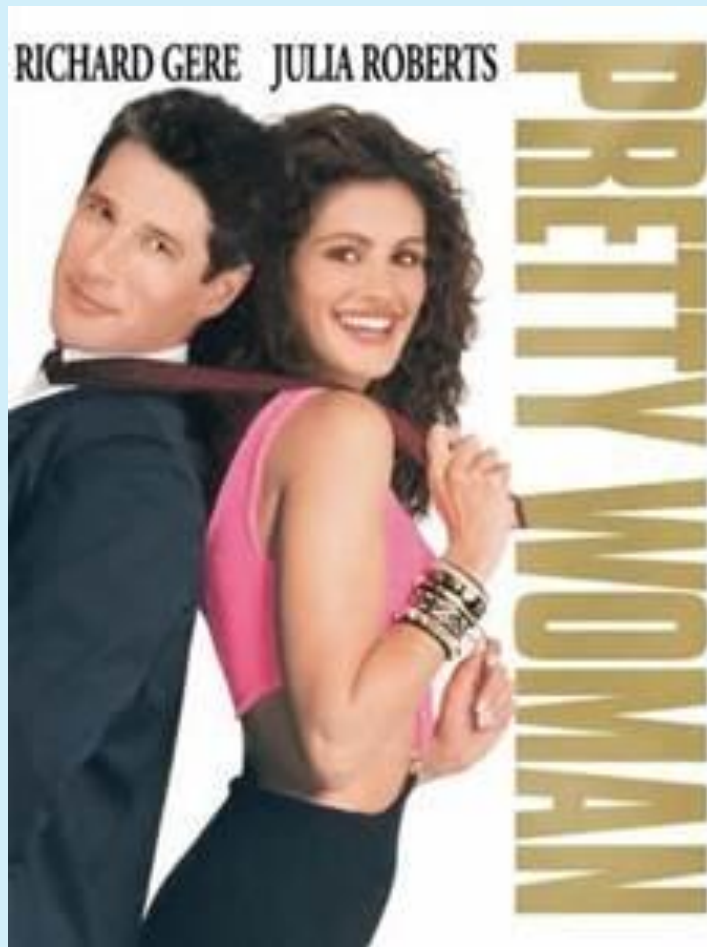
CSEC is the sexual abuse of children and youth through the exchange of sex or sexual acts for drugs, food, shelter, protection, other basics of life, and/or money.

Sexual exploitation includes the involvement of children and youth in creating pornography and sexually explicit websites

STATISTICS

- Human Trafficking is the **LARGEST** illegal crime in the World
- **2nd FASTEST** growing crime in the United States

SEX TRAFFICKING & PROSTITUTION



PIMPS



HOW DO TEENS VIEW PIMPS?



REAL PIMPS



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REAL PIMPS/TRAFFICKERS

- Traffickers & Recruiters span the continuum from individuals to organized networks
- There is no specific profile for a trafficker
- Pimps can be:
 - Family members
 - Intimate partners
 - Acquaintances
 - Trusted members of the community
 - Strangers

RISK FACTORS

- History of Abuse
- History of Runaway
- Younger Age
- Dysfunction in the home
- Parental Drug Use
- Current or Previous Involvement with Department of Child Protective Services

MEANS OF TRAFFICKING

- **Force** – Kidnapping
- **Fraud** – The promise of something
- **Coercion** - Compliance through the use of threats

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT


- Substance Abuse Problems
- Conduct Disorder
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Depression – Self-Injurious & Suicidal Behaviors
- Eating Disorders
- Future Relationship Problems
- Physical Health Issues

WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A PARENT

- Spend quality time with your kids
 - Spend a certain amount of time per day without electronics and doing something active with the family
 - Kids that don't connect with their families will connect with someone else
- Talk To Your Kids
 - Know what your kid likes to do in their spare time. If its social media, what type?
 - Educate your kids about sex trafficking and risk factors
- Know your kids Friends
 - Get to know the parents of your kid's friends
- Create a home environment that is safe, encouraging, and empowering

WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A PARENT

- **Support Awareness and Educational Campaigns**
 - Alert potential trafficking victims about schemes and recruitment
 - Identifies potential individuals that are at risk for victimization and provides services
- **Support Demand Reduction Programs**
 - Individually – Create a home environment where females are empowered
 - Community-based Level – Supporting media ads and local committee, share anti-human trafficking articles on social media
- **Support Policy Change**
 - If your interested get involved in legislation, work to enforce stricter penalties on johns and support funding for mental health and vocational services for victims



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