

An Ounce of Prevention



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The key to preventing (the) exploitation and victimization of children... is education.

-Don Wood, Founder of Child Watch North America

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

-Benjamin Franklin

My Background

- 1990-1996 Various children's programs (during high school and college)
- 1996-2000 Creek View Elementary (1, 2)
- 2000-2004 Family Connection (ages 12-17)
- 2004-2006 Upward Bound/University of Montevallo (10-college)
- 2006-2010 Helena, Calera, and Valley elementary schools (1, 2; 1-5)
- 2010-2012 Mountain Brook Junior High (8, 9)
- 2012-2014 Pelham High School (11; 9-12)
- 2014-Present Helena Elementary & Intermediate schools (2-4; 2-5)

Observations

- The issue of **bullying** has grown in concern and awareness. "Mean girls" are now present in elementary schools. The methods and vehicles for bullying have changed over the years. Social media has created a platform for anonymous bullying, revenge bullying, etc., by some who might not otherwise act in this manner.
- This age of **technology** and **entitlement** has created a generation of children whose babysitters and playmates include YouTube, Instagram, and online gaming. Children are more exposed and parents are often less connected due to various factors.
- The prevalence, accessibility, and ever-changing variations of **drugs** heighten this issue.
- **Sexuality** is embedded in pop culture (language, commercials, music, fashion, social media, etc.) and has assisted in the decline of self-worth in girls of all ages.

My personal experiences with
victims of human trafficking...

"That doesn't happen here."
"They are too young to understand."
Not so...

Guntersville soccer coach accused of sexual abuse, human trafficking waives preliminary hearing

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (WHNT) – Guntersville High School volunteer soccer coach David Barrow has waived his preliminary hearing, sending his case to the grand jury.

David Barrow was arrested on May 9, shortly after coaching the Guntersville High School girls' varsity team at the State soccer semifinals in John Hunt Park

Barrow faces three counts of sexual abuse 1st degree and one count of human trafficking 1st degree, according to jail records obtained by WHNT. Kristian Griffin was also arrested in connection to this case, and is facing charges for conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a child less than 12.



David Jacobs Barrow (Photo: Madison County Jail)

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SUGGEST A CORRECTION

Another suspect arrested in Homewood human trafficking case

Posted: Apr 01, 2011 5:20 PM CDT
Updated: Apr 01, 2011 5:30 PM CDT

By Melynda Schauer CONNECT



HOMEWOOD, AL (WBRC) - Another suspect has been arrested in connection to a case of human trafficking at a Homewood motel, reports the Homewood Police Department. The victim in this case was the daughter and granddaughter of the two female suspects. Homewood police arrested a male suspect Friday, April 1. All three have been charged with sexual abuse of a child under 12 and human trafficking.

Homewood police arrested Amber Abrams, 30, and her mother Alesha Abrams, 51, both of Birmingham, on Thursday, March 31. The Homewood Police Department sent out a wanted persons release on Tuesday and by Thursday, the women had turned themselves in. Abrams and Abrams have both been charged with two counts of sodomy and one count each of sexual abuse of a child under 12, human trafficking, promoting prostitution and facilitating travel of a child for an unlawful sexual act.

The arrests came as a result of an investigation into a complaint of possible child abuse reported by the Alabama Department of Human Resources on February 16, 2011 to the Homewood Police department. During the investigation, police discovered that a child victim was sexually molested by a black male at a Homewood motel. The motive was drug related, according to the police, and it culminated in the arrest of the child's mother and grandmother.

March 31, the police obtained a warrant for the arrest of Cleveland Andre Jointer, 36, of Birmingham. He was arrested April 1 and charged with two counts of sodomy, sexual abuse of a child under 12, human trafficking and traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act. The U.S. Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force arrested Jointer Friday and took him to the Jefferson County Jail, where all three defendants are being held without bond.

The Homewood Police Department, Prescott House Child Advocacy Center, Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office.

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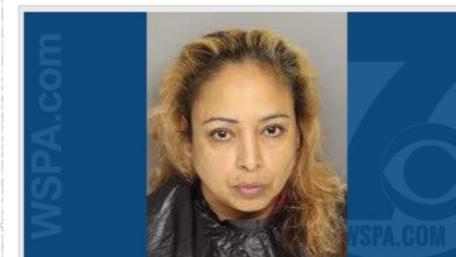
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NEWS
Hoover PD warning residents about strangers at the door
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FIRST ALERT UPDATE: Heavy rain is likely on Wednesday
Homewood man finds himself in the middle of Paris attacks

Greenville Woman Arrested In Federal Sex Trafficking Case

By Robert Cox
Published: October 30, 2015, 3:43 pm



29 people in 13 cities in eight states were arrested, including one woman in Greenville, during a sex trafficking sweep at a network of illegal brothels.

46-year-old Amada Landeros Garcia is currently being held at the Greenville County Detention Center. She was arrested during 'Operation Safe Haven,' Thursday.

15 potential human trafficking victims from across the southeast United States were identified.

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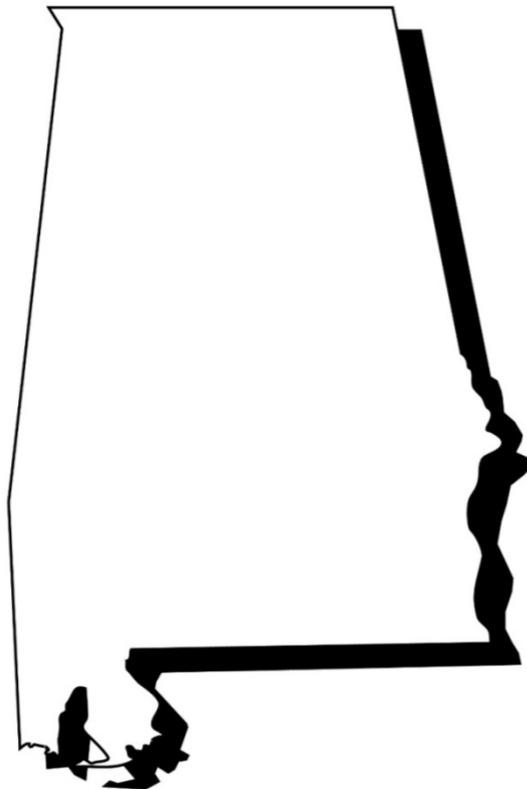
What is needed for schools to join the fight of prevention and rescue?

- Awareness
- Support
- Time
- Resources
- Additional legislation (?)
- Clear guidelines for reporting

SUPPORT

Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance State Model for Alabama Public Schools (State Plan) - 2003

Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance State Model for Alabama Public Schools



Ed Richardson
State Superintendent of Education
ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Bulletin 2003, No. 89

Guidance Curriculum Scope and Sequence Chart (Continued)

PERSONAL/SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DOMAIN		K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
STANDARD B: Students will make decisions, set goals and take necessary action to achieve goals.					
Competency PS:B1 Self-knowledge Application					
INDICATORS	PS:B1.1 use a decision-making and problem-solving model		●	○	○
	PS:B1.2 understand consequences of decisions and choices	●	○	○	○
	PS:B1.3 identify alternative solutions to a problem	●	○	○	○
	PS:B1.4 develop effective coping skills for dealing with problems	●	○	○	○
	PS:B1.5 demonstrate when, where and how to seek help for solving problems and making decisions	●	○	○	○
	PS:B1.6 know how to apply conflict-resolution skills	●	○	○	○
	PS:B1.7 demonstrate a respect and appreciation for individual and cultural differences	●	○	○	○
	PS:B1.8 know when peer pressure is influencing a decision	●	○	○	○
	PS:B1.9 identify long- and short-term goals			●	○
	PS:B1.10 identify alternative ways of achieving goals			●	○
	PS:B1.11 use persistence and perseverance in acquiring knowledge and skills		●	○	○
	PS:B1.12 develop an action plan to set and achieve realistic goals			●	○
STANDARD C: Students will understand safety and survival skills.					
Competency PS:C1 Acquire Personal Safety Skills					
INDICATORS	PS:C1.1 demonstrate knowledge of personal information (telephone number, home address, emergency contact)	●	○	○	○
	PS:C1.2 learn about the relationship between rules, laws, safety and the protection of rights of the individual	●	○	○	○
	PS:C1.3 learn about the differences between appropriate and inappropriate physical contact	●	○	○	○
	PS:C1.4 demonstrate the ability to set boundaries, rights and personal privacy		●	○	○
	PS:C1.5 differentiate between situations requiring peer support and situations requiring adult professional help		●	○	○
	PS:C1.6 identify resource people in the school and community, and know how to seek their help	●	○	○	○
	PS:C1.7 apply effective problem-solving and decision-making skills to make safe and healthy choices	●	○	○	○
	PS:C1.8 learn about the emotional and physical dangers of substance use and abuse	●	○	○	○
	PS:C1.9 learn how to cope with peer pressure		●	○	○
	PS:C1.10 learn techniques for managing stress and conflict	●	○	○	○
	PS:C1.11 learn coping skills for managing life events			●	○

Erin's Law

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Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

January 22, 2016

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Erin's Law Requirements

On June 11, 2015, Governor Robert Bentley signed the enactment of Erin's Law (Act 2015-456). Erin's Law requires local school boards to adopt guidelines for a child sexual abuse prevention instructional policy, training for Grades K-12 educators on recognizing and avoiding child sexual abuse, and an age-appropriate curriculum in public schools on child sexual abuse prevention education.

The following is a link to the Governor's Task Force recommendations for your information:
<http://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2016/01/governor-bentley-meets-leadership-governors-task-force-prevention-sexual-abuse-children-discuss-recommendations/>.

Please review the recommendations closely as you create your local guidelines for a child sexual abuse prevention curriculum.

If you have any further questions, you may contact Dr. Marilyn Lewis, Prevention and Support Services Section, at 334-242-8165 or by e-mail at mlewis@alsde.edu.

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Dr. Thomas R. Bice,
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AWARENESS

Professional Development

- Alabama Human Trafficking Summit (January/February)
- ALSCA workshop: Critical Issues for Alabama Schools (September)
- Presentations around the state by members of The Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force, local task forces, The WellHouse, etc.
- Presentations by local or state Department of Human Resources staff - Examples:
 - DHR staff at school counselor training sessions
 - ALSCA workshop (John James and Freida Baker-state office)
 - Mandatory reporter interactive training:
<http://training.dhr.alabama.gov/>

Online Resources

- www.sharedhope.org
- www.polarisproject.org
- www.endslaverytn.org
- www.slaverymap.org
- www.doctorsatwar.org
- www.acf.hhs.gov
- www.fbi.gov
- www.dhs.gov
- www.notforsalecampaign.org
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Awareness Issues for ALL Students

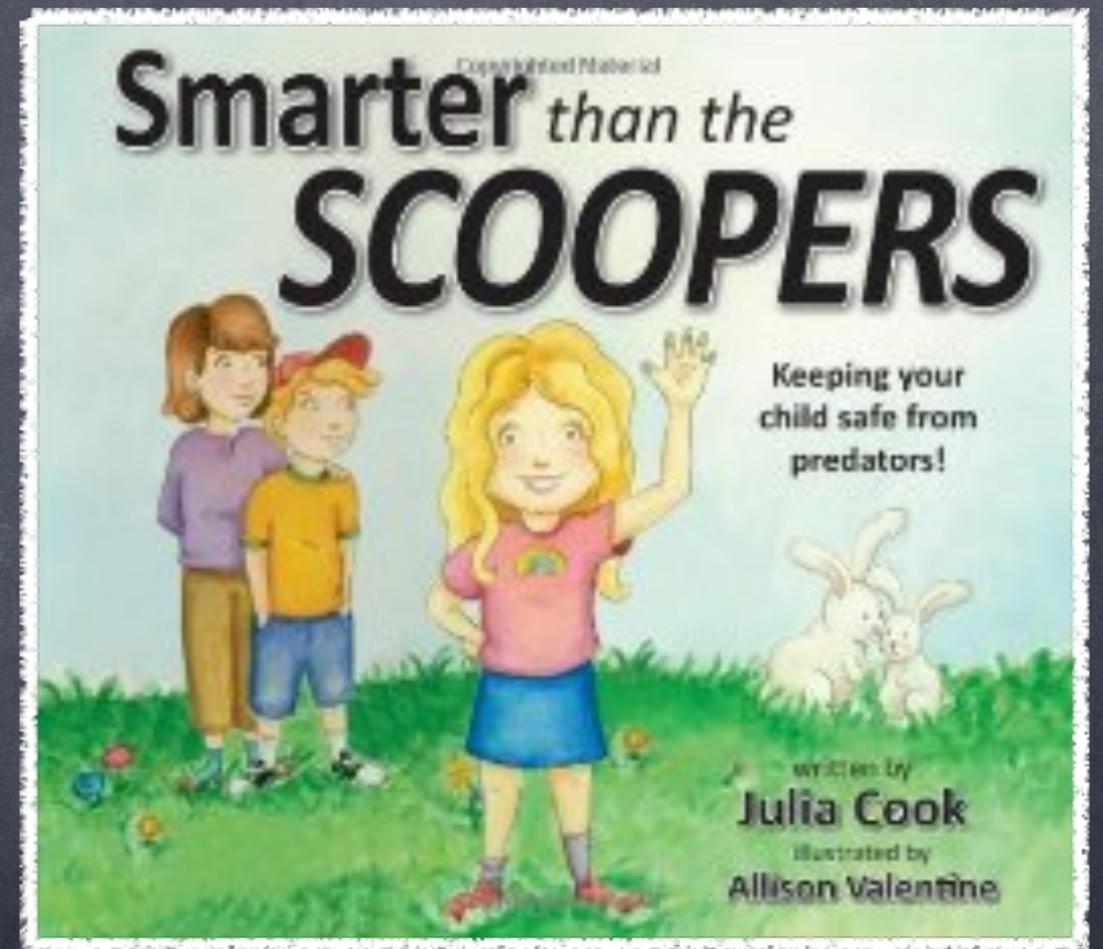
- Empowering (and educating) them from early ages
- Establishing and maintaining trust
- Establishing and maintaining open lines of communication
- Helping them find and use their voice
- Modeling and expecting respect/value for others and self
 - Expressing value that is not limited to physical attractiveness
 - Using language that is respectful; removing disrespectful and desensitizing words and activities from language and culture

Children's Advocacy Centers

- Great example: Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center-Owens House
 - Provide safety instruction for K-3
 - Program can be an enhancement of an elementary school's safety lessons
- Other programs and resources may be available through your local CAC

Primary/Elementary

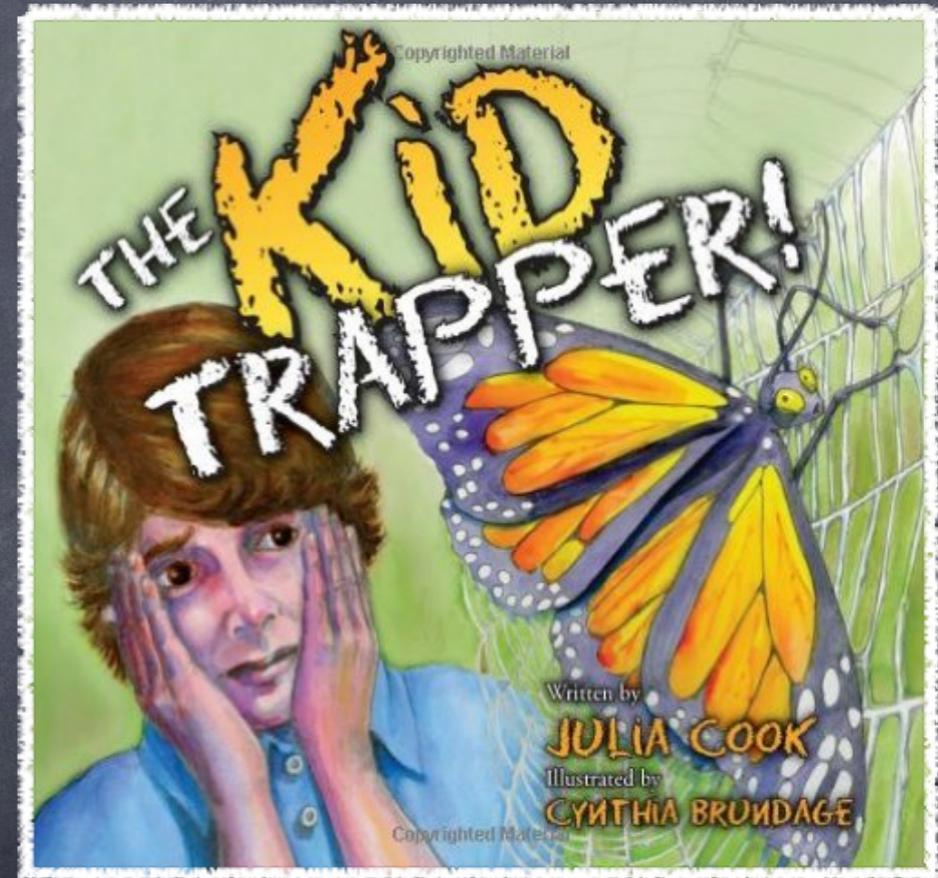
- Personal safety
- "Scooper": Scoops up kids, takes them away from their families, and tries to hurt them; can look like anyone
- Intro to cyber safety
- Encourages conversations with parents/guardians



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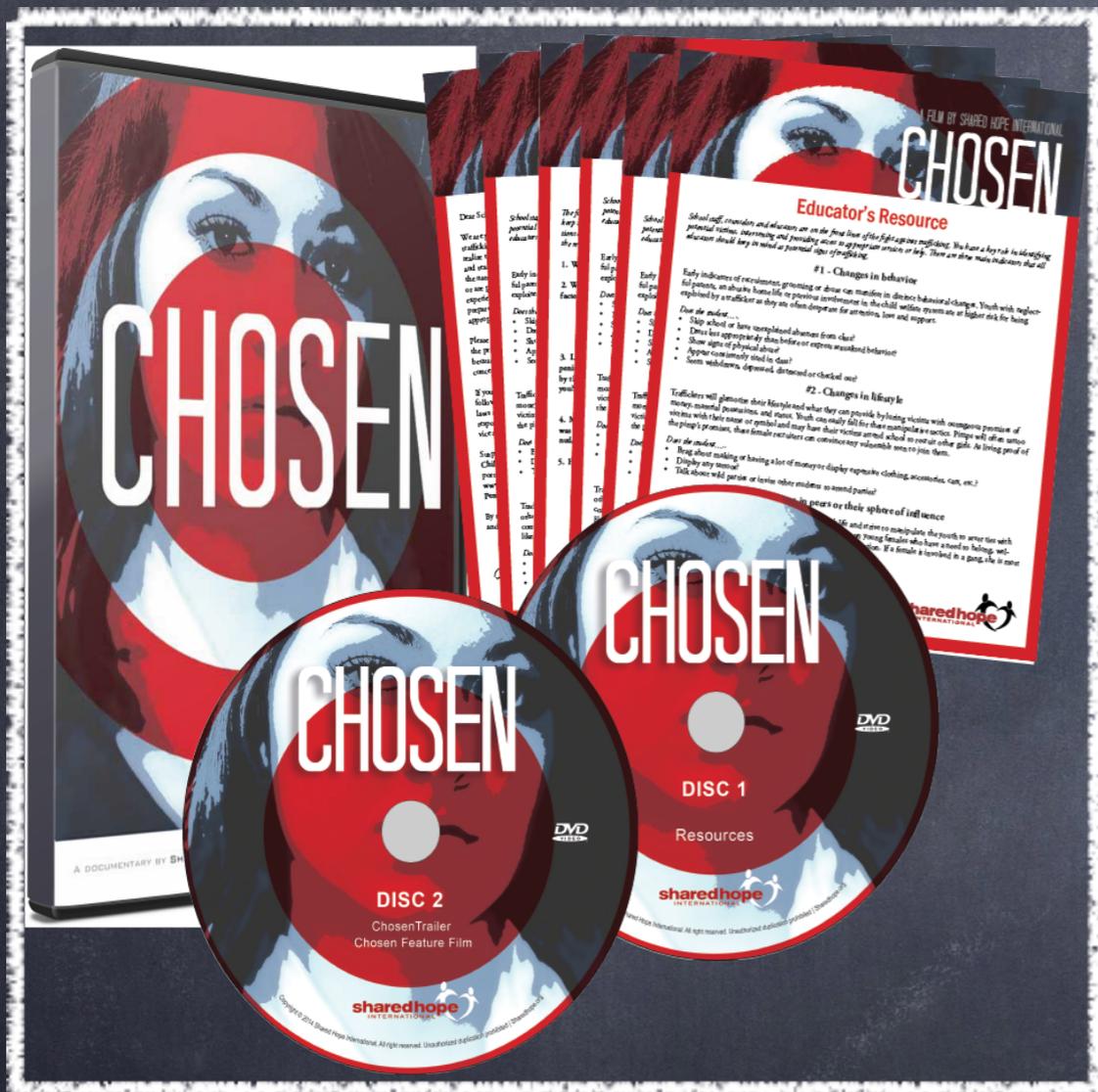
Elementary/Intermediate

- Personal safety
- "Kid trapper": Traps kids into doing things they don't want to do
- Addresses CSA; students' reflections may bring up recent news reports related to HT
- Encourages conversations with parents/guardians



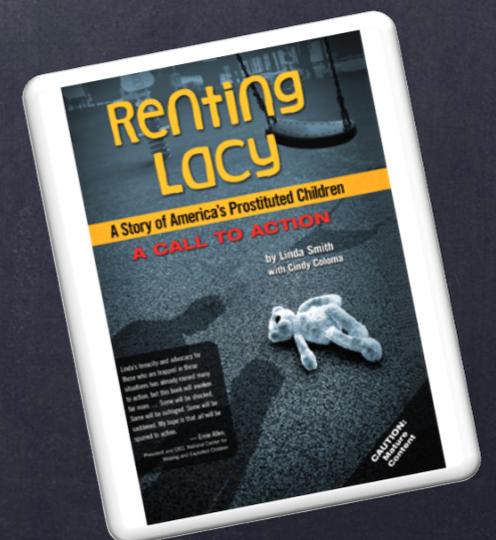
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Middle/High/Adults

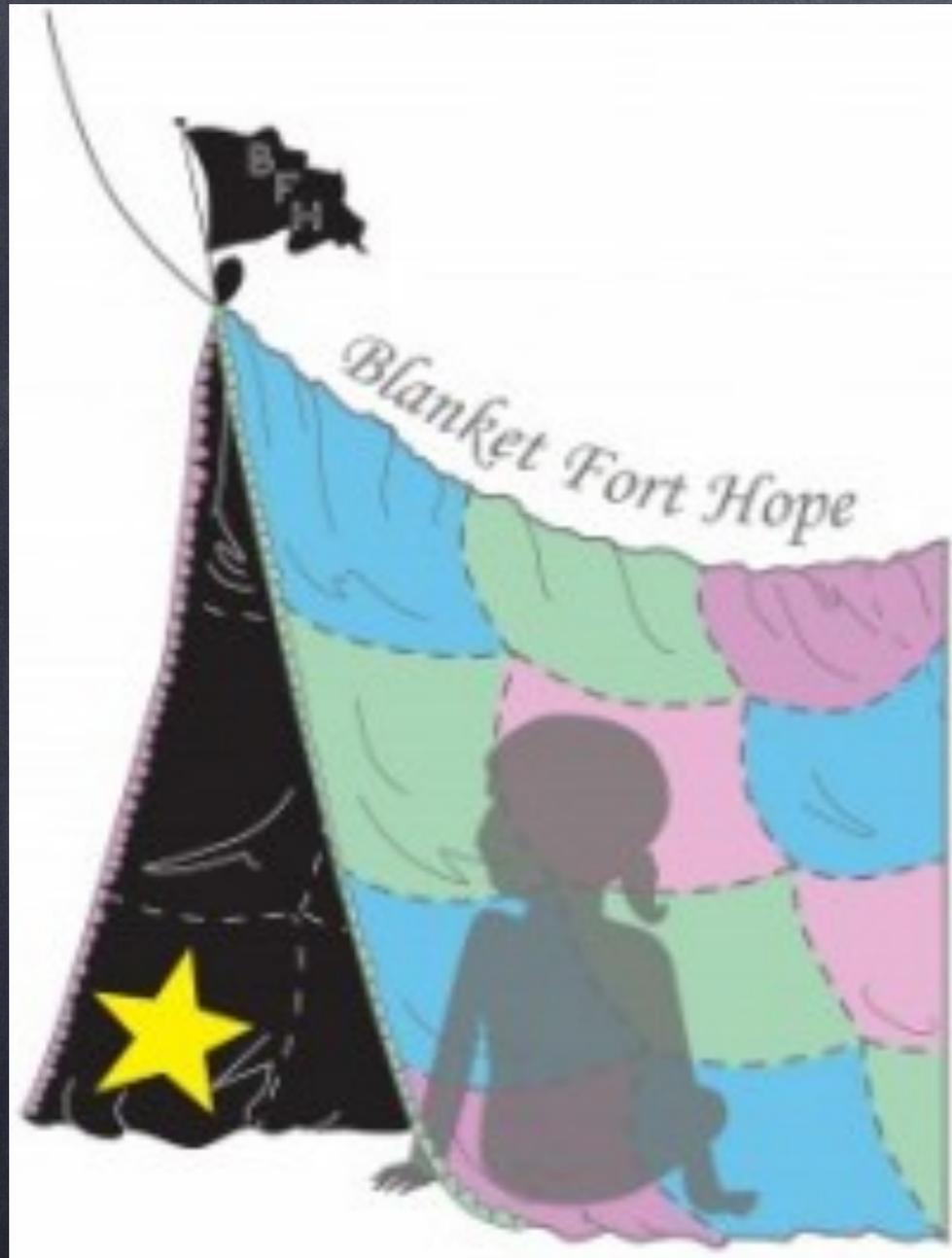


- Shared Hope website has many resources
- *Chosen* is a complete program (documentary, session plans, discussion questions, PPPs, handouts, etc.)
- Materials for student and adult groups, separated or co-ed groups
- Available in English, Spanish, and Gang Edition versions

<http://sharedhope.org>



Blanket Fort Hope



- Vision: BFH is a fortress of safety for child victims of human trafficking, forging a path of purpose and hope for our children.
- Mission: Our mission is to love and care for child trafficking victims through housing, services, and long-term commitment, and to prevent children from becoming victims by educating children, and professionals who work with children, about human trafficking.
- BFH is currently assisting with resources and developing a free awareness video (to be posted on website), supported by Leadership Shelby County, Shelby County DA Jill Lee, and others.
- Short-term projection: To offer first intake by the end of 2016
- Long-term projection: To offer long-term housing for children with a family by 2017

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In their own words.

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VIDEOS:

Victim is a person who needs to be rescued.
Survivor is someone who has been rescued.
Overcomer is someone who has been healed.
Julie Shematz – Director of Beauty From Ashes

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Polaris Project

The screenshot shows the Polaris Project website at polarisproject.org. The page title is "The Facts | Polaris". At the top, there are contact details for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (Hotline 1 (888) 373-7888) and the Polaris BeFree Textline Text ("BeFree" (233733)). The Polaris logo is prominently displayed with the tagline "Freedom happens now." and a green "DONATE" button. A navigation menu includes "HUMAN TRAFFICKING", "The Facts", "Sex Trafficking", and "Labor Trafficking". The main content area is titled "The Facts" and features a heatmap of the United States, with the highest concentrations of activity shown in red and orange, particularly in the Northeast and Midwest regions. A "Share" button with social media icons is located at the bottom of the heatmap. At the very bottom of the page, there are "Get Help" and "Quick Exit" buttons.

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<http://polarisproject.org>

Google search: Theresa Flores



A screenshot of a TEDx talk by Theresa Flores. The speaker is on stage, and a large screen behind her displays a photo of her at 15 years old in Birmingham, Michigan. The video player interface shows a progress bar at 2:52 out of 19:27.

TEDxColumbus 2011 - Theresa Flores - Find a Voice with Soap
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Human Trafficking PSA

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal activity in the world

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GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING

(Per consult with DHR)

- If there is a concern regarding trafficking of a minor, contact DHR or law enforcement. DHR and law enforcement have a working agreement known as the Multi-Disciplinary Team Protocol which outlines a partnership and coordinated response to these type cases.
 - If DHR receives the call first, DHR will contact law enforcement.
 - If law enforcement receives the report first, law enforcement will contact DHR.
- Typically, the Director of the Child Advocacy Center is the Coordinator of the County Multi-Disciplinary Team .
- DHR issued policy in February 2016, stating that each County MDT is to include minor sex trafficking in the current MDT protocol.