

# CSEC IS REAL

CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) involves crimes of a sexual nature committed against juvenile victims for financial or other economic reasons.

**800,000** runaway children will be lured into exploitation each year

*National Center For Prosecution Of Child Abuse*

Traffickers' primary spots to recruit youth



Internet



Mall



School



Foster Care



Anywhere youth hang out

**1 in 5** runaways in 2015 was likely a sex trafficking victim



*- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*



of victims have a history of child sexual abuse

*-Bagley, C. & Young, L. (1987). Juvenile Prostitution and Child Sexual Abuse: A Controlled Study. Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health, Annual Report. (1991). Council for Prostitution Alternatives. Portland, Oregon, & Murphy, Patricia. (1993). Making Connections: Women, Work, and Abuse. Paul M. Deutsch Press, Florida as cited in the OJJDP CSEC Community Intervention Project.*



Prior abuse by a family member or friend



Time spent as a runaway

**4**

childhood traumas victims commonly share



Abandonment or parental neglect



Homelessness after aging out of foster care system



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## What You Can Do:

If you see something, report it. If you suspect a case of child sex trafficking, contact the **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children** at 800-843-5678 or visit [www.cybertipline.org](http://www.cybertipline.org)