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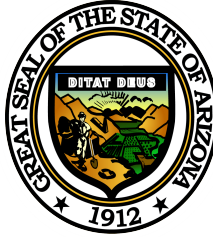
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INTRODUCTION

On December 22, 2015, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey renewed the Arizona Human Trafficking Council by signing Executive Order 2015-12.

The mission of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council is to build upon the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking as well as continue to implement best practices; develop a comprehensive and coordinated victim services plan; evaluate and report to the Governor statewide data on human trafficking; promote greater collaboration with law enforcement, state agencies and the community-at-large; and raise public awareness about victim services, restitution, and prevention. The following report of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council represents an effort to capture the many accomplishments of the Council, its diverse committees, and collaborative partnerships in six broad areas: training, outreach and awareness, victim services, policy, state and national collaboration, and research.

TRAINING

The Arizona Human Trafficking Council works to develop and facilitate training for first responders, law enforcement, and other professions who may come across human trafficking. During 2017, 3,664 first responders, law enforcement officers, volunteers, community members and other professionals were trained to identify trafficking victims and connect them to services. This training was conducted by the Arizona Human Trafficking Council, various community partners, and state agencies. The Council also learned from state and community stakeholders about efforts to expand the reach of human trafficking training and prevention programs for the state of Arizona.

Truckers Against Trafficking

On March 22nd, Ms. Lyn Thompson, Truckers Against Trafficking, presented to the Council. Truckers Against Trafficking, a national nonprofit, seeks to educate, equip, empower, and mobilize the trucking industry to prevent human trafficking. Today, there are more truck drivers than law enforcement officers on our roads. Because of this, professional truck drivers are in a critical position to serve as eyes and ears to help identify human trafficking. Ms. Thompson explained that Truckers Against Trafficking trains thousands of industry members about sex trafficking and how the trucking industry can combat it. Truckers Against Trafficking training have resulted in a significant increase of reports of trafficking from truck drivers, which has resulted in victim recoveries and the arrest of criminals.

Uber Trafficking Training

Ms. Tracey Breeden, Global Safety Communications at Uber, presented to the Council on March 22nd. She showed how Uber partnered with the McCain Institute and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to develop training to help drivers in Arizona identify indicators of human trafficking. Ms. Breeden showed a video clip featuring Uber driver Keith Avila. Mr. Avila recognized indicators of trafficking during a trip and alerted law enforcement to the trafficking situation. Ms. Breeden stressed that human trafficking is under reported and that some traffickers use public transportation when exploiting victims. She expressed Uber's continued commitment to driver training to identify and combat trafficking.

Starfish School Prevention Program

Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Ms. Kristen Bracy, and Ms. Natalie Neer Hart presented the Starfish School Prevention Program on June 7th. Arizona State University Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (ASU STIR), with support from the McCain Institute, worked with former teachers and researchers to create a core curriculum on sex trafficking awareness for educational settings. The web-based sex trafficking education curriculum is aimed at preventing and identifying sex trafficking among school-aged youth. The curriculum is a free resource for educators, that provides a safe and age-appropriate way to educate middle school and high school students on the issue of sex trafficking. School administrators can access the online certification training to equip teachers, school social workers, and school nurses with the necessary information to appropriately identify sex trafficking. Once trained, teachers can educate their students utilizing subject-specific lesson plans for economics, English, history, journalism, photography, poetry, social justice, and theater classes. The website also provides a guide for hosting 10 months of campus-wide awareness activities, quizzes, brochures and permission slips for engaging parents.

Office of the Attorney General In-School Training

On September 6th, Ms. Zora Manjencich, Mr. Stephen Shadegg, and Ms. Michelle Ricker presented on the efforts of the Office of the Attorney General to raise statewide awareness about sex trafficking. The Attorney General's Office offers three programs that target youth, community members, and parents. The programs are focused on prevention and are available statewide, free of charge. Parts of the trainings include information on internet safety to assist parents in navigating and regulating social media use. Additionally, they are expanding this work to reach tribal communities. As of September, trainings have been offered 27 times, reaching 1,053 attendees, and distributing 2,500 education booklets.

Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research Trainings

ASU STIR reported to the Council that they trained 2,554 individuals on human trafficking in 2017. Trainings included a speaker series, as well as targeted trainings for the following stakeholder groups, municipalities, and organizations:

- University of Arizona School of Medicine
- CASA Tucson
- CASA Flagstaff
- Yavapai County
- Arizona School of Social Work Conference
- Humphries Fellows
- Veterans Association
- Arizona School Psychologist Association
- Phoenix Children's Hospital - Child Maltreatment Conference
- North Country Medical Staff
- St. Joseph's Hospital
- North High School
- Our Family Services
- Family Advocacy Center Child Crime Detectives
- Southwest Key Conference
- Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center
- Club Owners Against Sex Trafficking
- Navajo Nation
- Coconino County Victim Witness
- Arizona Child Abuse Conference
- Hope Women's Center
- NCSEA Leadership Conference
- Town of Marana, Arizona
- Chrysalis
- St. Joseph's Resident Program
- Arizona Youth and Family Services, Inc.

In addition to trainings, ASU STIR, with support from the McCain Institute, developed a training brochure for parents of teens to better understand the issue of sex trafficking, how to protect

teens from becoming victims, and steps to take when a parent believes a child may be a sex trafficking victim.

Central Arizona Service Shelters Training

In November 2017, training partners Melissa Brockie, UMOM, and Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, ASU STIR, trained 23 case managers at Central Arizona Service Shelters (CASS). CASS provides resources and serves nearly 10,000 persons experiencing homelessness each year. The sex trafficking training taught case managers how to identify sex trafficking among their clients, and equipped them with resources if they find evidence of trafficking.

Arizona Diamondbacks Training

On November 22nd, members of the Arizona Diamondback security staff were trained to identify sex trafficking and connect them to resources. The training combined the description of federal definitions, details about sex trafficking dynamics and victimization, and indicators for identifying potential trafficking situations.

School Nurses Training

On December 9th, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council, in partnership with ASU, trained 34 nurses, counselors, and administrative workers. The training was led by Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Director of ASU STIR, and Dr. Vinny Chulani, Doctor of Adolescent Medicine at Phoenix Children's Hospital. The training covered the basics of sex trafficking, warning signs, and how to respond in a suspected trafficking situation. Training participants reported increased knowledge and awareness about sex trafficking. Attendees were also equipped with materials to share the Project Starfish curriculum in their schools.

OUTREACH AND AWARENESS

The Arizona Human Trafficking Council works to promote public awareness about human trafficking, victim services and human trafficking prevention. In 2017, these efforts resulted in 3,345 individuals receiving a presentation on human trafficking, the distribution of 5,000 indicator cards, the placement of a sex trafficking PSA, and a four-part on-air series educating the public on sex trafficking.

See Something, Say Something Indicator Card

In March, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, in collaboration with the Arizona Human Trafficking Council, completed a new *See Something, Say Something* Indicator Card. The card included common indicators to help recognize sex trafficking and the number to the Phoenix Police Department Vice Tip-Line. In total, 5,000 Cards were distributed to volunteers working at various NCAA Final Four Events throughout the Phoenix metro-area.

NCAA Final Four Volunteer Presentation

In March, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council was invited by the NCAA Final Four Planning Committee to provide a presentation to 2,000 volunteers on the indicators of sex trafficking and how to respond to a trafficking situation. The NCAA volunteers interacted with tens of thousands of fans between March 31st and April 3rd. Volunteers provided support at the games and associated events, including the Final Four Fan Fest and the March Madness Music Festival. Each volunteer was given an indicator card to help identify possible victims.

Arizona Broadcaster Association Partnership and Public Service Announcement

On June 7th, Mr. Art Brooks, Arizona Broadcasters Association (ABA), presented to the Council regarding our partnership to disseminate the sex trafficking awareness public service announcement (PSA). Mr. Brooks explained that, given the ABA's role as the official trade association serving all (free) radio and television stations in Arizona, they are able to work with broadcasters around the state to air the sex trafficking awareness PSA during the NCAA Final Four. Between March 29th and April 3rd, the PSA aired 474 times on 8 different stations.

AZTV7 Arizona Daily Mix

In an effort to increase public knowledge and ensure more Arizona communities receive tools to help prevent sex trafficking, members of the Council collaborated with the Arizona Daily Mix, a morning TV show featured on AZTV7 and streaming live online, to feature a four-part series on human trafficking and internet safety. The following segments aired in August and included members of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council:

- August 1st: Internet Crimes Against Children
- August 8th: Human Trafficking: See Something, Say Something
- August 15th: Human Trafficking: The Victims
- August 22nd: Human Trafficking: Investigation

***I Am Little Red* Youth Trafficking Prevention Video and Curriculum**

On September 6th, Mrs. Cindy McCain presented the *I Am Little Red* short animated video. The prevention video and curriculum is directed toward youth at risk for sex trafficking with the goal of awareness and prevention. The producers of *I Am Little Red* have since finalized the film and are planning to use it to educate at-risk youth.

Arizona Human Trafficking Council Speakers Bureau

The Arizona Human Trafficking Speakers Bureau is comprised of members of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council and professionals from different organizations and communities throughout the state. Throughout the year, the Speakers Bureau provided education and outreach throughout Arizona on sex trafficking. The Speakers Bureau's trainers utilize materials provided by the Arizona Human Trafficking Council. In 2017, the Speakers Bureau completed 41 trainings for 1,345 people.

VICTIM SERVICES

Supporting a victim-centered approach to addressing sex trafficking is a top priority of the Human Trafficking Council. The Council works to develop a coordinated and comprehensive service plan for human trafficking victims with appropriate and consistent services. To ensure greater collaboration among law enforcement, non-profit organizations, agencies, and the community at large, the Council developed *Arizona Guidelines for Developing a Regional Response to Youth Sex Trafficking* in 2016. In 2017, the Council worked with Yavapai County to implement an appropriate community wide victim-centered response to youth affected by sex trafficking. The Council also heard a presentation from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office on victim-centered prosecution strategies.

Yavapai County Sex Trafficking Symposium

On January 25th, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council hosted the Yavapai County Sex Trafficking Symposium. The Symposium provided training on the dynamics of sex trafficking and an introduction to the *Arizona Guidelines for Developing a Regional Response to Youth Sex Trafficking* to 80 people representing: law enforcement and first responders; forensic interviewers; county attorneys; investigators from the Department of Child Safety (DCS); medical professionals; victim service providers; probation; schools; and other community members. The goal of the Symposium was to assist members from the community to identify victims of sex trafficking, as well as those at risk, and begin the collaborative process for developing or strengthening regional coalitions and multidisciplinary teams to provide a coordinated and consistent victim-centered response to victims of sex trafficking.

Victim-Centered Human Trafficking Prosecution Strategies

On June 7th, Mr. Jon Eliason, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, presented to the Council on accommodations and considerations prosecutors could make to reduce and limit trauma to victims in court. He stated that a trauma informed approach is an essential element in a prosecution. Testimony and cross-examination in court is one of the most traumatic events for a victim, however, this is challenging to overcome for prosecutors because the confrontation rights of the defendant are guaranteed by the sixth and fourteenth amendment of the Constitution.

Mr. Eliason explained that in an effort to limit victim trauma, state statute does offer some options for prosecutors to consider, including the use of victim advocates, courthouse dogs, hearsay exceptions, depositions, and closed-circuit testimony (CCTV). He further explained that depositions can only be used in cases when a witness cannot appear, but the defendant has the right to be present. He shared that ARS § 13-4253 allows the court, on motion of the prosecution, to order the testimony of a minor be taken in a room other than the courtroom and be televised by closed circuit equipment in the courtroom. The defendant can observe the testimony of the victim, but the minor does not see the defendant. The CCTV offers many advantages, but it may not be as effective as live testimony due to inadequate portrayal of emotion and body language. Trial courts have considerable discretion determining whether it is appropriate for a witness to testify through CCTV. Mr. Eliason concluded by suggesting that prosecutors utilize a "tool box" approach to limiting trauma to victims, which takes into consideration the victim's experience and unique elements of each case.

POLICY

The Arizona Human Trafficking Council works to identify and develop specific policy recommendations to improve the response to human trafficking in the state of Arizona. In 2017, this work resulted in essential clarifications within Arizona revised statute, successful amending of the Navajo Nation criminal code, and stakeholder meetings designed to help providers navigate licensing requirements and develop protocol for preventing and treating trafficked youth.

Governor Doug Ducey Signs House Bill 2238

On April 18th, Governor Ducey signed legislation to make an important change in the definition of child sex trafficking. House Bill 2238 replaced the term "child prostitution" with "child sex trafficking". The legislation also adds "child sex trafficking" to the list of offenses eligible for lifetime probation, increasing the severity of the punishment.

Navajo Nation Trafficking Law

On September 6th, Mr. Nathaniel Brown, Navajo Nation Council, presented on successful efforts to amend Navajo Nation Criminal Code to enact the Navajo Nation Law Against Human Trafficking. The law provides the Navajo Nation with additional tools to prevent human trafficking, punish traffickers, and assist and protect victims. Mr. Brown credited the work of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council for bringing awareness to tribal communities on this issue.

Service Provider Stakeholder Meetings

The Council's Policy Committee, chaired by Pastor Brian Steele, hosted a series of service provider stakeholder meetings. The Committee convened human trafficking service providers, state licensing agencies, and medical and behavioral health administrators. The meetings allowed for thoughtful discussion between those participating on how to work more effectively to best serve victims of trafficking. As a result of these meetings, the Council will develop a decision tree to better help providers navigate state licensing requirements and an information sharing protocol to ensure acute needs of victims are communicated to providers.

Collaborative Protocol for Preventing and Treating Trafficked Youth

On December 13th, the Department of Child Safety (DCS), Phoenix Police Department, and Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care, announced the development of the Maricopa County Collaborative Protocol for Preventing and Treating Trafficked Youth. The Protocol is designed to streamline the placement process for sex trafficking victims in DCS care, following rescue by police. The Protocol outlines a process for identification, assessment, documentation, treatment, and therapeutic intervention to ensure victims are placed in a safe and healthy environment. The Protocol was the collaborative result of discussions that occurred during the Service Provider Stakeholder Meetings hosted by the Arizona Human Trafficking Council.

STATE AND NATIONAL COLLABORATION

The Arizona Human Trafficking Council serves as a state and national leader in responding to human trafficking and facilitating systemic change. To ensure Arizona communities receive the highest level of resources, the Council hosts presentations from state and national representatives on best practices and promising programs aimed at addressing human trafficking.

Homeland Security Investigations

On January 17th, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Juan Estrada, US Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), updated the Council on the HSI Human Trafficking Investigation Strategy. ASAC Estrada stated that the HSI strategy focuses on victim-centric investigations, where equal value is placed on the identification and stabilization of victims, as on the investigation and prosecution of suspects. The strategy also builds capacity through outreach activities, such as training to law enforcement and building long-lasting relationships with service providers.

ASAC Estrada reported that during Fiscal Year 2016, HSI Phoenix made 56 criminal arrests, secured 14 indictments, 6 seizures, 5 administrative arrests, and executed 18 search warrants associated with human trafficking investigations throughout Arizona. He also provided several case studies from recent investigations in Sells, Flagstaff, and Phoenix.

Multi-Jurisdictional Human Trafficking Task Force Investigative Update

On January 17th, Sergeant Clay Sutherlin, Phoenix Police Department, discussed ongoing efforts to investigate sex trafficking and demand reduction. He also discussed partnerships with the International Rescue Committee, ASU, and the Phoenix Dream Center. The Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force utilizes grant funds to build community involvement and is working to identify victims and connect them with services. As an example, Sgt. Sutherlin mentioned that sporting events are a big draw for traffickers and noted that collaborative efforts with cities are necessary during basketball season to address human trafficking. He also mentioned a need for additional focus on massage parlors and pornographic studios.

International Rescue Committee – Labor Trafficking Response

On January 17th, Mr. Chris Debrececi, International Rescue Committee (IRC), presented on the IRC's response to labor trafficking in Arizona. The IRC anti-human trafficking program began operation in 2003 in partnership with the City of Phoenix Police Department. The IRC program focuses on the trafficking of foreign nationals. In 2016, the IRC provided services to 52 victims of human trafficking.

Mr. Debrececi also educated the Council on the dynamics of labor trafficking. In particular, he discussed recruitment, victim experiences, common industries that exploit trafficking victims, and indicators. He noted that human trafficking victims make an alarmingly high number of consumer goods and food products imported to the United States and produced domestically. More often than realized, elements of forced labor may be present within the supply chain of products or services sold. Mr. Debrececi explained that labor trafficking victims suffer from significant physical and psychological impacts from trafficking.

City of Phoenix Buyer Diversion Program “John School”

On March 22nd, Ms. Tami Hartman, Catholic Charities, presented to the Council on the Phoenix Prostitution Solicitation Diversion program. Ms. Hartman explained that the Prostitution Solicitation Diversion program is an alternative response system for the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office, in lieu of incarceration for persons soliciting acts of prostitution. The program is designed to break the insidious cycle of involvement in the dangerous and risky behavior of soliciting prostituted people. The Prostitution Solicitation program is a one-day, face-to-face, educational class designed to shift participants' attitudes and beliefs about both the demand and the supply sides of prostitution. The educational class also addresses sexual addiction, pornography, and sexually transmitted diseases, and includes a presentation from a survivor of sex trafficking. Through post-class surveys, the Phoenix Buyer Diversion Program reported that 99% of participants that completed the program indicated that they would make changes in their life.

Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) Demand Reduction Update

On June 7th, Ms. Angie Bayless, CEASE Arizona, presented an update to the Council. The mission of CEASE Arizona is to eradicate sex trafficking in Arizona by increasing the perception of risk for the buyer. Ms. Bayless stated that eight cities currently partnered with CEASE have the goal to reduce sex buying by 20 percent. To accomplish this goal, CEASE launched the “Not Worth It” Facebook campaign to target buyers. The campaign included several short videos developed to impact buyer behavior. Over a 25-day period, the Campaign had 392,968 total impressions, 14,276 buyer impressions, 2,555 clicks to website and 43,136 people “talking about it”. Ms. Bayless also stated that CEASE is working on a workplace response to sex trafficking. The program consists of online trainings for employers and the creation of jobs for survivors. Hensley Beverage Company is the first business implementing the program.

Through various tactics and outreach efforts, CEASE Arizona reached over 500,000 people in 2017. In addition, a Google Trends analysis indicated online purchase intent has declined 40 percent in the past 12 months for popular search terms related to the online commercial sex market in Arizona. CEASE Arizona works to support law enforcement in the disruption of transactions online at the point of sale, meaning when a buyer is actively seeking a provider online. Law enforcement agencies in Arizona interacted with over 750 sex buyers through cyber patrols, text conversations, and email warnings about the harms of prostitution to both the buyer and the seller. These interactions reduce demand by increasing the threat of arrest and personal risk if the behavior continues. The creative use of social media video ad messaging to buyers resulted in over 14,000 known buyer impressions on Facebook and Instagram, and reached another 200,000 Arizona men. In addition, CEASE Arizona delivered over 275,000 Google Ads against popular searches for sex-buying keywords. Over 10,000 people clicked on these ads to learn more.

Final Four Law Enforcement Operations

On June 7th, Lt. Robert Conrad, Phoenix Police Department, presented to the Council on the Phoenix Police Department's Vice Unit's NCAA Final Four operations. Lt. Conrad explained that the Vice Unit worked on operations that targeted out-of-town buyers and victims. The operations consisted of street sweeps, customer apprehension programs, internet disruption operations, and internet undercover operations. Lt. Conrad also stated that a "Super Jam" internet disruption operation was conducted with 45 officers from 12 different agencies. The officers interceded/contacted 301 prostituted people and 380 buyers via phone and computer.

Interdiction for the Protection of Children Update

On October 25th, Captain Jennifer Pinnow, Arizona Department of Public Safety, updated the Council on the Interdiction for the Protection of Children program. The program, which educates officers on techniques to understand possible criminal situations during traffic stops, has trained over 900 professionals since 2014. Since July 2014, the program rescued 129 children, including 51 in 2017. 96 percent of rescued victims were female, 93 percent were runaways, 84 percent were trafficked online or through social media, and the average age was 15.4 years old.

Captain Pinnow also presented on the Arizona Human Trafficking Intel Network, which allows a network of law enforcement professionals who investigate human trafficking to enhance investigations, share information, and learn from one another. This network includes 155 participants from 65 law enforcement agencies, including local, state, tribal, and federal partners.

State Collaboration

On October 25th, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council heard presentations from locally coordinated efforts to combat trafficking around the state.

- **Pinal County:** Ms. Stephanie Stewart, Forensic Interviewer, introduced the Pinal County Rescue and Restore Coalition to the Council. She announced they lost their original grant funding, but will continue to do its work moving forward as the Pinal Alliance Against Trafficking.
- **Yavapai County:** Lieutenant Tom Boelts, Yavapai County Trafficking Task Force, shared the history of Yavapai County's efforts to address human trafficking, including efforts to suppress demand and rescue victims.
- **City of Phoenix:** The City of Phoenix Human Trafficking Task Force presented on the City's new housing project, Starfish Place. Starfish Place is the first permanent

supportive housing facility in the country to offer a place for human trafficking survivors and their families to live after successfully completing a victim services program.

- **City of Flagstaff:** The City of Flagstaff Initiative Against Trafficking hosted a human trafficking summit on November 15th and 16th to educate Northern Arizona on the issue.
- **Southern Arizona Anti-Trafficking Unified Response Network (SAATURN):** Ms. Sheila Kembel, SAATURN, shared the work of the network in Tucson. SAATURN's accomplishments included 452 investigations involving misdemeanors, felonies, and high-risk runaways. The group also assisted with rescuing 21 foreign nationals; developed a formal case review process for at-risk juveniles; and served 65 clients with wraparound services. Their training and outreach committee delivered more than 100 trainings utilizing the Arizona Human Trafficking Council training presentation. SAATURN requested additional training sessions to allow more trainers to present to the Southern Arizona community.

RESEARCH

The Arizona Human Trafficking Council works through its distinguished membership and community stakeholders to conduct research on human trafficking. The goal of the research is to better understand the impact of human trafficking and identify intervention points and effective strategies in reducing the occurrence of this heinous crime.

Las Vegas Trafficking Case Study

On March 22nd, Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, ASU STIR, presented on the 2014 Las Vegas Sex Trafficking Case Study. The study was a collaborative initiative between ASU STIR, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and the McCain Institute. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz explained that the study represents a one-year snapshot of sex trafficking cases investigated by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Vice and Sex Trafficking Investigations Unit. The purpose of the study is to explore efforts of law enforcement in identifying and investigating incidents of sex trafficking in Las Vegas in order to identify trends and patterns that might inform future research or practice. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that the study demonstrates the variability and complexity of the case development required for an arrest of a sex trafficker.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz reported on the following findings on traffickers:

- The study identified 118 sex traffickers, 89 with detailed reports:
- 52.8% of the sex traffickers were "Romeo" traffickers;¹
- 46.1% of the sex traffickers were "Guerrilla" traffickers;²
- A relationship was identified in 70 (59.3%) cases;
- 27 (30.3%) sex traffickers had recently come from another state, often traveling with the victims;
- 1 out of every 6 (15.7%) sex traffickers were identified as a member of a gang;
- Social media was used to connect to the victims in 26 (29%) of the known cases;
- 56% of the cases involved physical violence by the sex trafficker to force the victim to participate in prostitution; and
- 95 (80.5%) of the 118 traffickers had histories of arrests.

¹ A "Romeo" Trafficker is a person that uses psychological manipulation, affection, and threats of violence to control the victim.

² A "Guerrilla" Trafficker is a person that almost entirely uses physical violence to control the victim.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz also reported on the following findings on identified victims:

- 39 (20.5%) sex trafficking victims reported being taken across state lines for the purpose of being prostituted by the sex trafficker;
- 123 juvenile victims were identified in 99 of the sex trafficking cases;
- The average age of the minor sex trafficking victims was 16 years old;
- 56 (45.5%) of the minor victims had a missing person's report filed for them;
- The average age of the adult sex trafficking victims 23.8 years old; and
- 37% of adult victims cooperated with law enforcement, compared to 16.3% of minor victims.

Incidence of Identified Sex Trafficking Victims in Arizona: 2015-2016

On October 25th, Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, ASU STIR, presented the results of a study designed to measure the incidence of sex trafficking in Arizona. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz explained that an “incidence” is the number of sex trafficking cases in a population during a given period of time, while “prevalence” is the proportion of sex trafficking cases in a population at a specific time. Other fields of research have identified a multiplier that allows practitioners to expand a known incidence number into a population-wide prevalence number, but that multiplier is currently unknown in the field of human trafficking research. This study surveyed 36 service providers in Arizona to learn about how many victims had been served in the state during 2015 and 2016. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz explained the challenges of data collection, including victims not self-identifying, victims hiding their victimization, and victims not being identified by systems with which they came into contact. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz also noted that the duplication of cases is possible using this survey methodology. With feedback from the 36 providers, the survey resulted in the identification of 516 known minor human trafficking victims and 1,777 known adult human trafficking victims in Arizona during 2015 and 2016.

CONCLUSION

Through the leadership of Governor Ducey and the Council’s Co-Chairs, Cindy McCain and Gil Orrantia, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council serves as a state and national leader in responding to human trafficking and facilitating systemic change. The Council is a conduit and forum for community engagement and collaboration. In 2017, the Council was able to bring together a broad coalition of diverse state and national stakeholders to address training, outreach and awareness, victim services, policy, and research.

In 2017, these efforts resulted in:

- Training for first responders, law enforcement, and other professions to identify trafficking victims and connect them to services.
- Implementation of policies and practices that encourage a coordinated and consistent victim-centered response to victims of human trafficking.
- Expanded public awareness through community presentations, outreach materials, public service announcements and community engagement. Through a shared community understanding created by public awareness efforts, every citizen can aid in identifying trafficking victims and can help create safe and accepting avenues for victims to disclose abuse.

The Arizona Human Trafficking Council will continue to work on these, and other pivotal efforts, as we strive to end human trafficking.

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