

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

H.E.A.T. Watch

A National Model of Collaboration,
Coordination and Action

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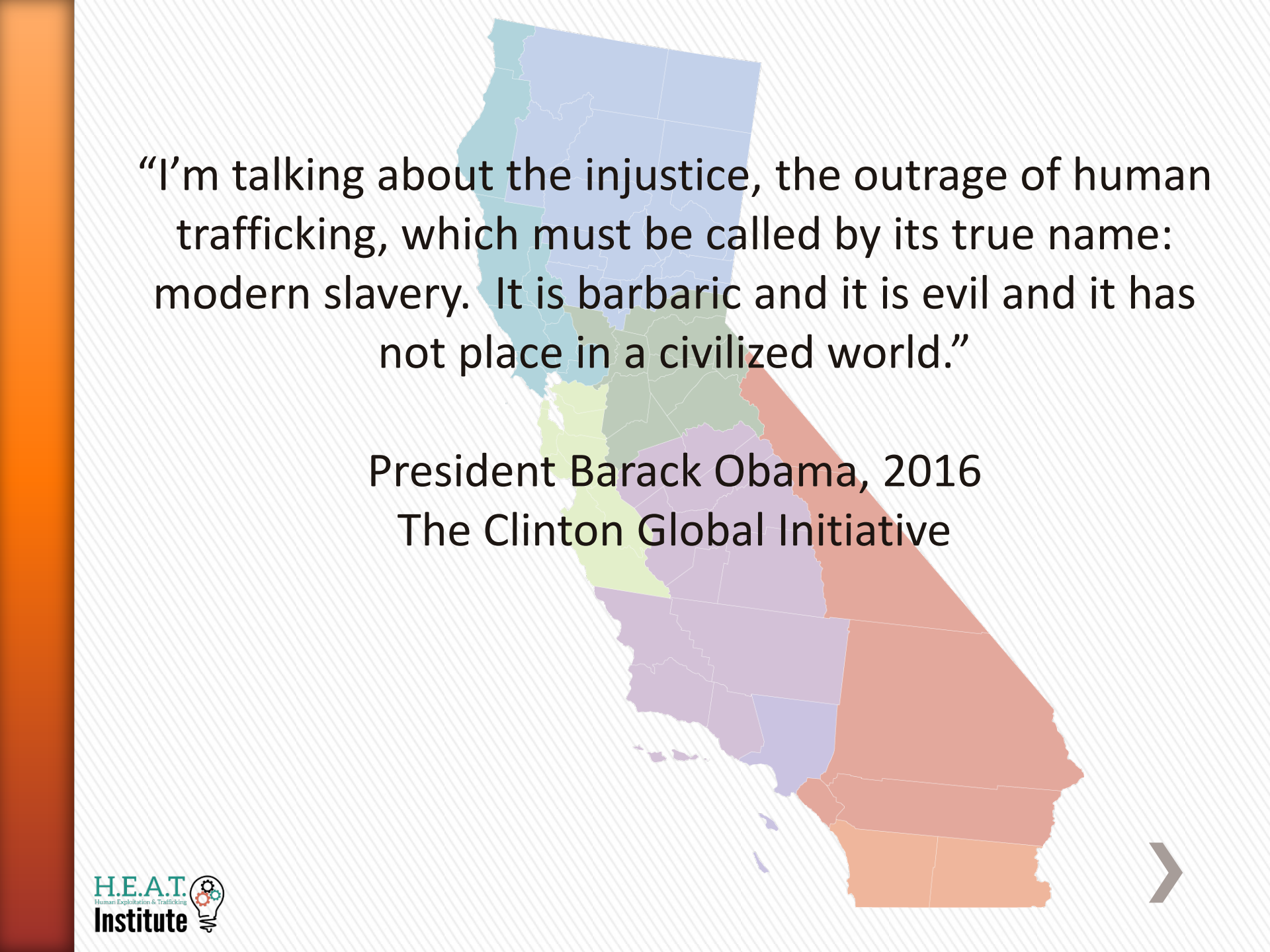


Human Trafficking is modern day slavery

Slavery is slavery, no matter what form it takes.

Trafficking belongs on the same spectrum of violence as sexual, domestic, and other violence.





“I’m talking about the injustice, the outrage of human trafficking, which must be called by its true name: modern slavery. It is barbaric and it is evil and it has not place in a civilized world.”

President Barack Obama, 2016
The Clinton Global Initiative

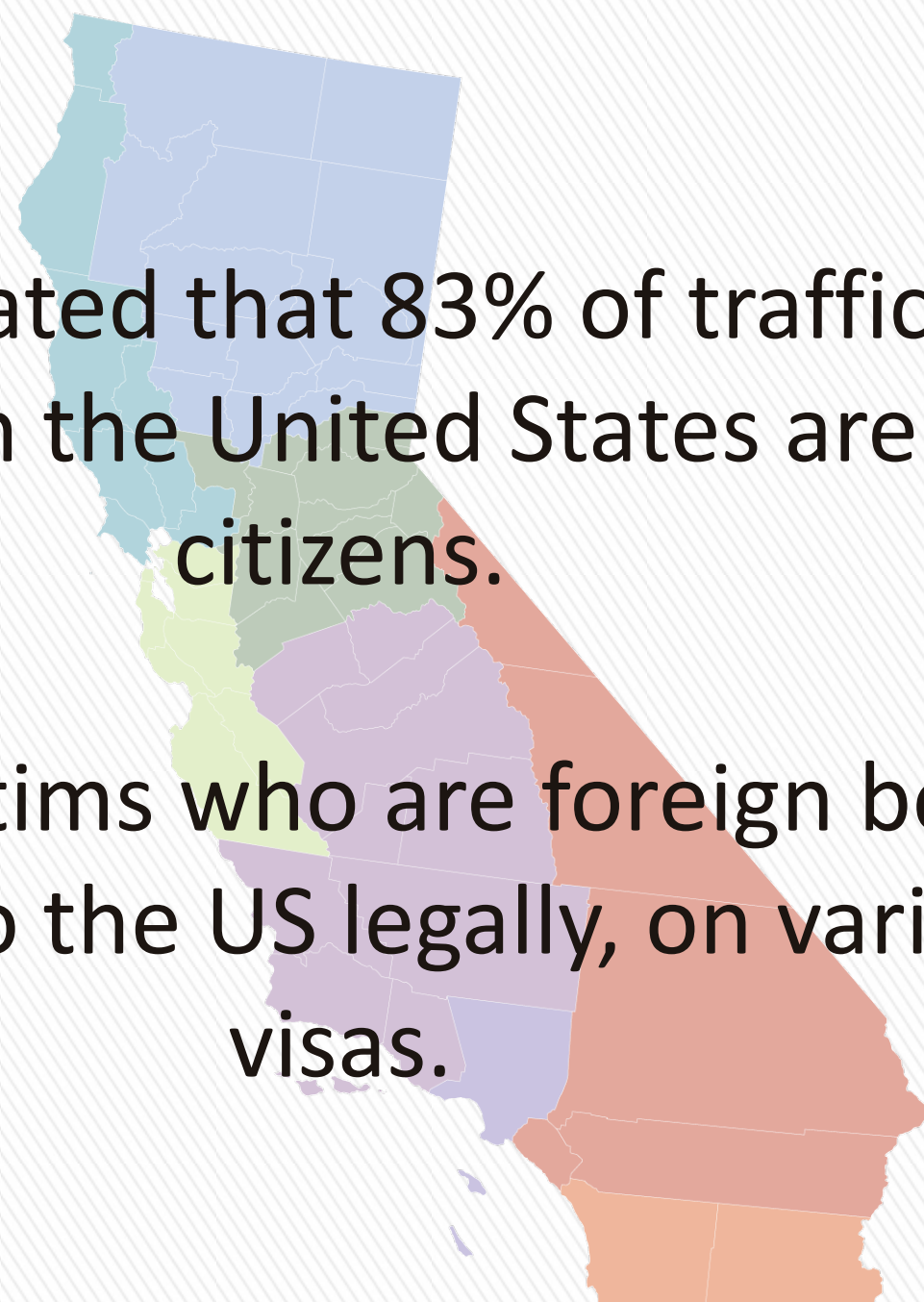


Human trafficking is when people are recruited or harbored, by force, threat of force, or coercion or exploitation

It generally involves the most vulnerable of individuals who are exploited at the most basic level of humanity – their freedom

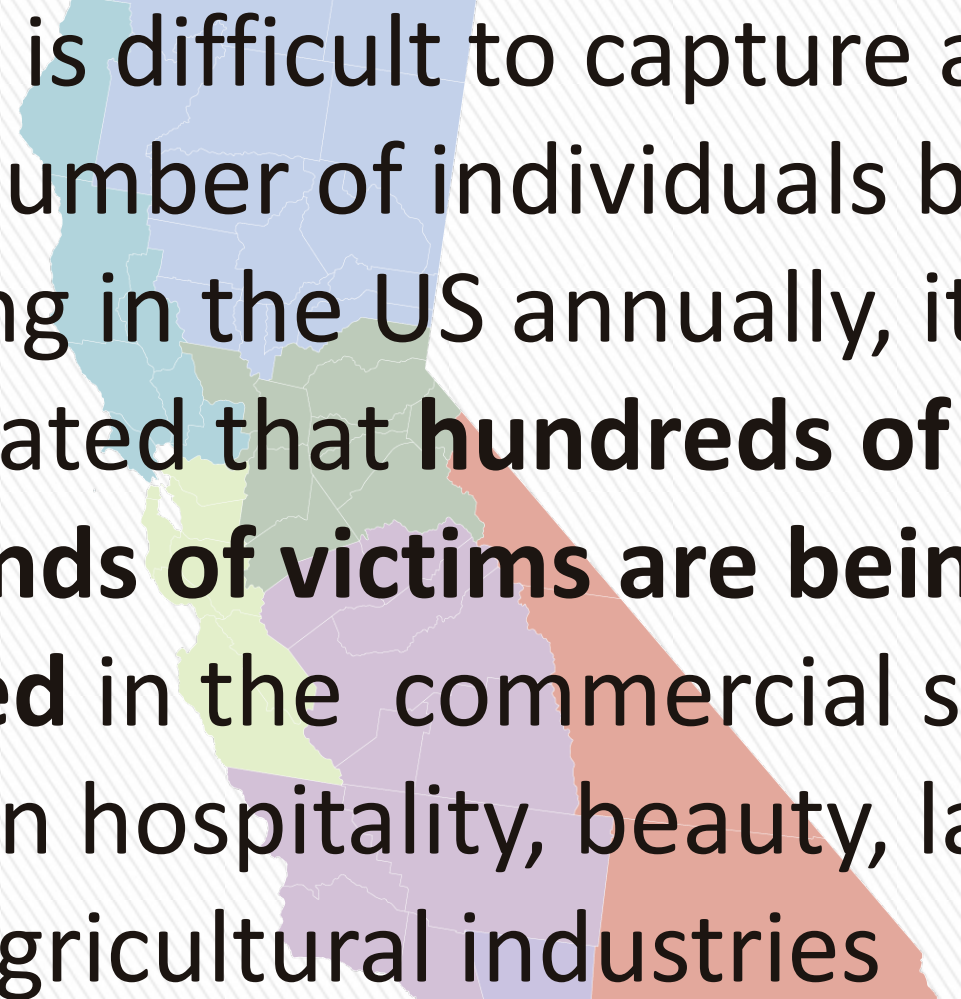
Human trafficking does not require transporting or moving the victim





It is estimated that 83% of trafficking victims in the United States are US citizens.

Most victims who are foreign born come into the US legally, on various visas.



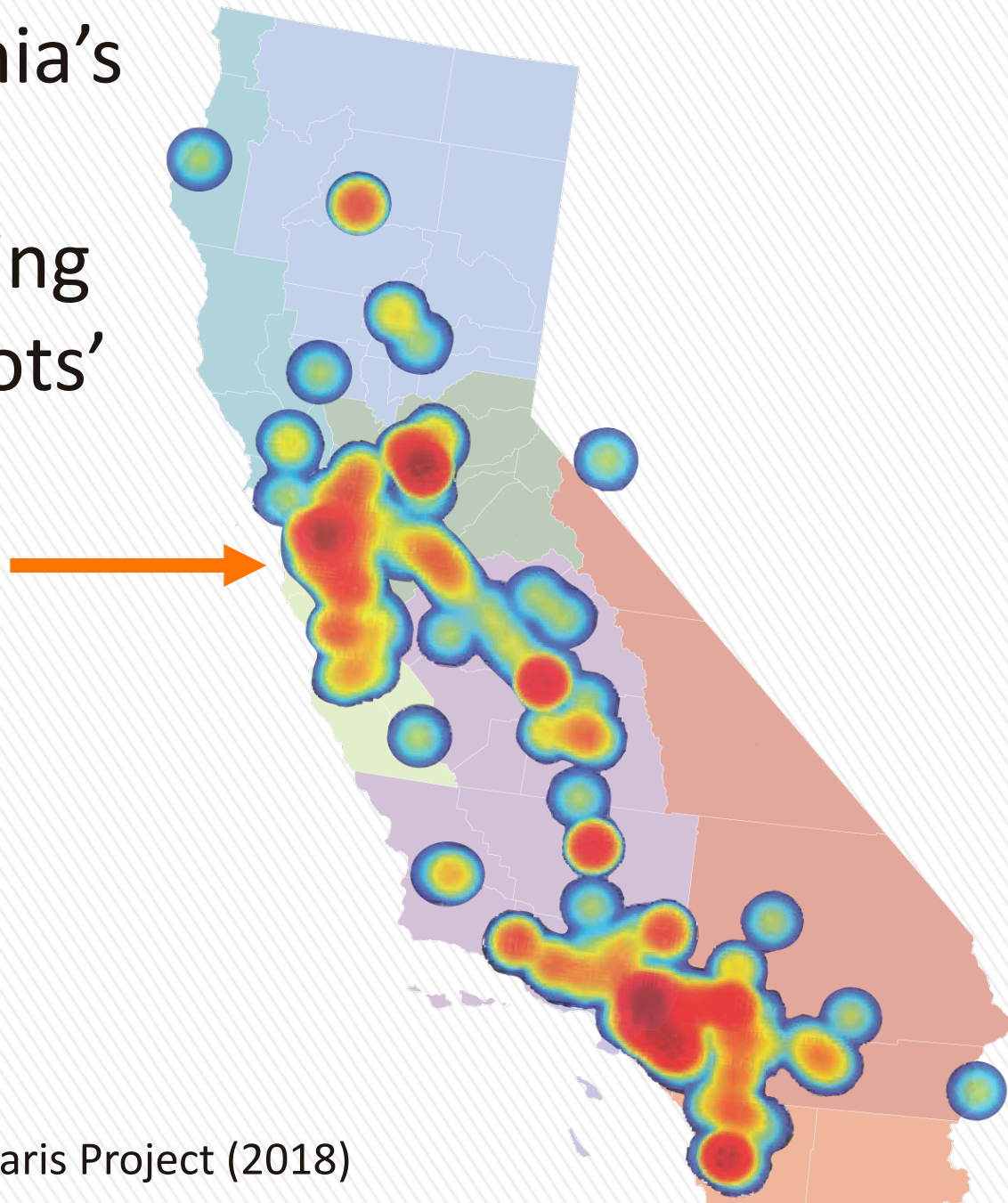
While it is difficult to capture an accurate number of individuals being trafficking in the US annually, it is estimated that **hundreds of thousands of victims are being trafficked** in the commercial sex trade OR in hospitality, beauty, labor or agricultural industries

National Hotspots

- SEX TRAFFICKING HAS BEEN REPORTED
- IN ALL 50 STATES



California's human trafficking 'hot spots'



- Polaris Project (2018)

Trafficking is one of the fastest
growing criminal enterprises,
yielding billions of dollars annually



Human trafficking is
more profitable than selling drugs



It is estimated to be a \$150 billion enterprise globally

Who is primarily funding Human Trafficking:

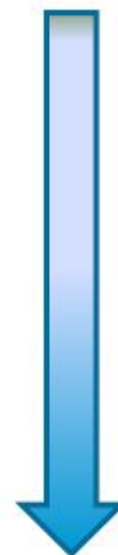


Purchasers of Sex Trafficked Victims

Labor Exploitation and Labor Trafficking

	Yes
Less Pay Than Promised	83%
Withheld Pay	81%
Under Minimum Wage	80%
Denial of Pay	80%
Illegal Deductions	62%
No written earnings statement	62%
No meal breaks	42%
Safe water, toilet	30%
Hazardous Work Environment	16%
Movement to work controlled	80%
Victim lived where worked	56%
Depriving/Disorienting	84%
Threats or use of Violence	82%
Demoralizing	82%
Intimidation and Control	80%
Deception of Consequences	71%
Use/Threatened Use of law	71%
Diminishing Resistance	70%

Labor
Exploitation



Labor
Trafficking

*90% experienced 8+ forms
of victimization
94% aware they were being
abused*

*Immigration status powerful
form of control*

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San Diego Study (2016)

- Victims: as many as **11,773** sex trafficking victims per year in SD County
- Industry largely run by gangs
- **\$810 million** in annual revenue for “pimps”
 - **\$536,000** per year
 - **\$ 45,000** per month





**Our Children – USA's
children -- being bought
and sold for sex every day
in America**

**Children are
“owned” by
traffickers –
human ATMs**

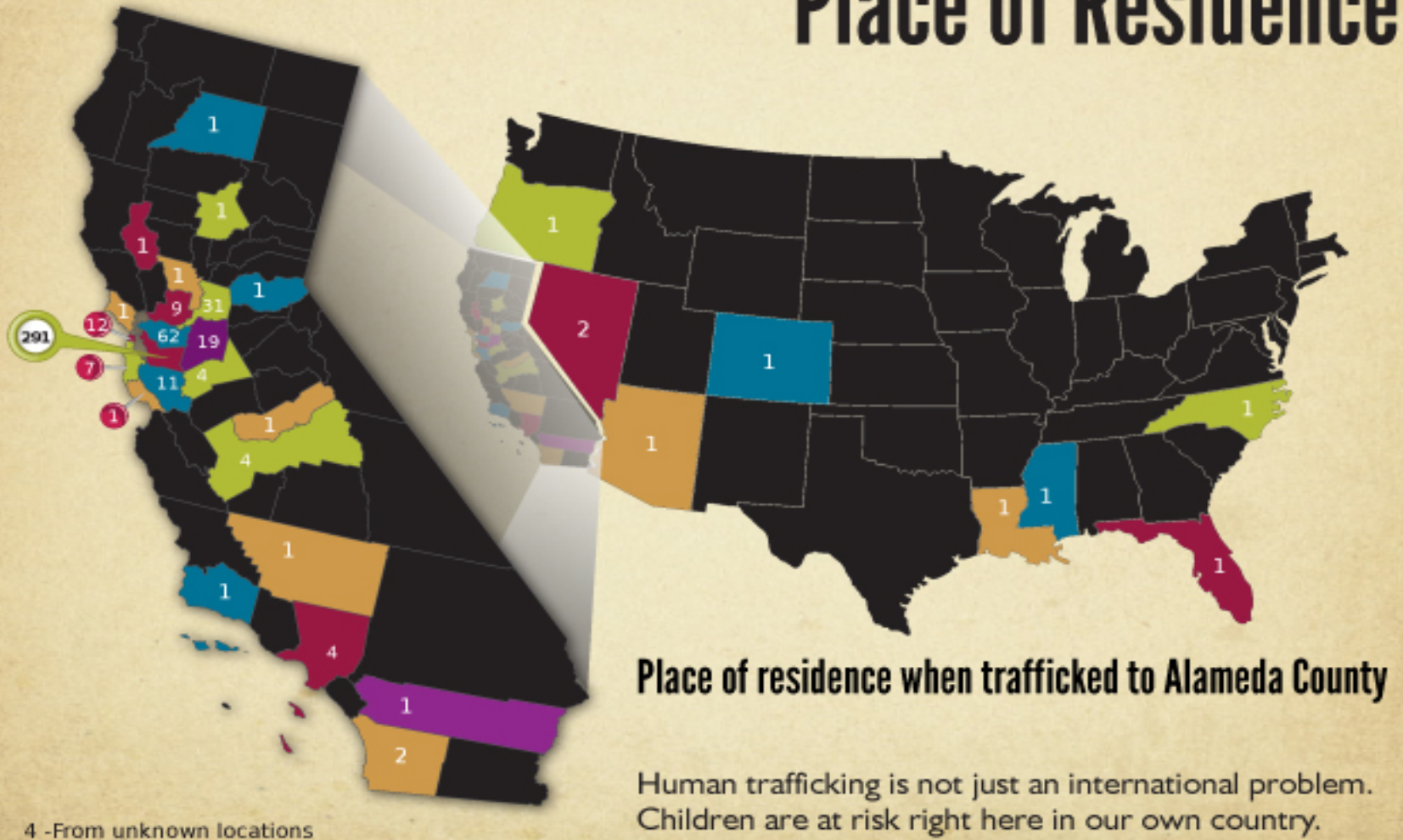


Child Victim Profile



- Age of entry: between 12 and 14
- Urban, suburban & rural youth
- Previously victims of abuse and/or domestic violence
- Runaways with street smarts
- Strong psychological bond with exploiter
- Indoctrinated with mistrust
- Many don't see themselves as victims (at first)

Place of Residence



98% of victims come from California

» WHAT WE ARE SEEING

- » More CSEC from out of town.
- » Many AC CSEC are reportedly brought to L A & LV
 - » More CSEC in neighborhoods rather than main streets
 - » Online “advertising” has increased
 - » Increase in Crystal Meth
 - » More Gang involvement
- » Increase in violence against CSEC and Sex Workers



WHAT WE ARE SEEING

A “Snapshot”

- » From 10/2/20 to 10/3/20 over a 24-hour period there were **1,165 ads posted** in Oakland **with 750 profiles** (750 different females).
- » From 10/4/19 to 10/5/19 over a 24-hour period there were **999 ads posted** in Oakland and **666 profiles**.
- » This information shows that there has been a 16.6% increase in online ads from last year and a 12.6% increase of persons posting these ads



Contributing Factors

- Early childhood sexual abuse and neglect
- Lack of collaborative & comprehensive response by:
 - community
 - government agencies
 - non-government agencies



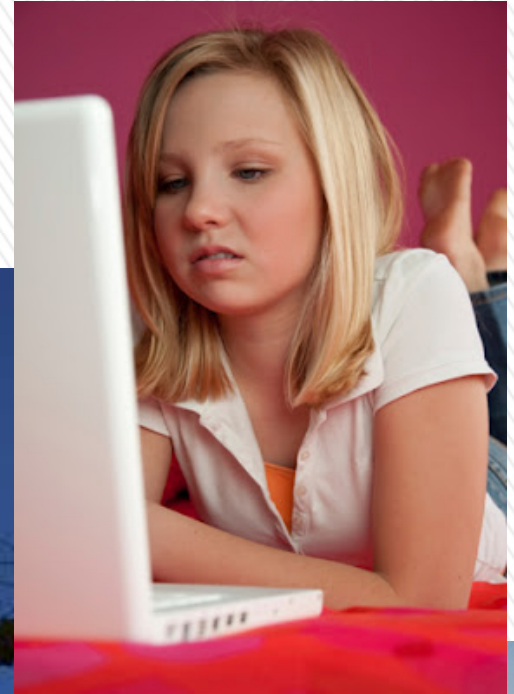
Human Trafficking: the bigger picture

- Lack of shared information between professionals and communities affects the outcome for victims
- Perhaps inadvertently, victim/survivors are arrested while the exploiters and the purchasers are not (in violation of most states' laws)
- Traffickers are mobile and exist in shadows



Where are Victims Recruited?

- Internet
- Shopping malls
- Schools
- Bus stops
- Theaters
- Parties
- Beaches
- Parks



Who's Luring Teens?

- Intra-familial members
eg: mom, dad, step-dad, family “friend”
- Extra-familial members
eg: pimps, sex traffickers, pornographers, madams
- Peer recruiter (other youth used or coerced by pimps)
eg: scouts, prostituted girls
- Gang members



Effective Response to Sex Trafficking Particularly children

- **Must be collaborative and comprehensive**
- The issue is not one agency's to "fix" nor should it be; we must work together, be organized and coordinated
- The community is a critical partner



H.E.A.T. (Human Exploitation And Trafficking)
Watch is a 5-prong blueprint encouraging
communities to come together to combat all
forms of human trafficking

1. Training Law Enforcement

2. Prosecute

3. Non-government Advocacy & Services

4. Policy & Resource Development

**5. Community Education, Partnerships
and Engagement**

The ACDAO has received a new grant:

\$2 mil for 1-year
20 partners

“H.E.A.T. Watch: A model of
Collaboration and Effective Services for
Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking





Grant Objectives:

Achieve increased safety, self-sufficiency, well-being, and independence;

Connect SEM with emergency services within the first 24 hours of engagement;

Provide them with long-term residential care;

Provide ongoing coordinated case management and other needed services;

ACDAO will work to prevent the sexual exploitation of minors through training, outreach and education, and treatment of purchasers.

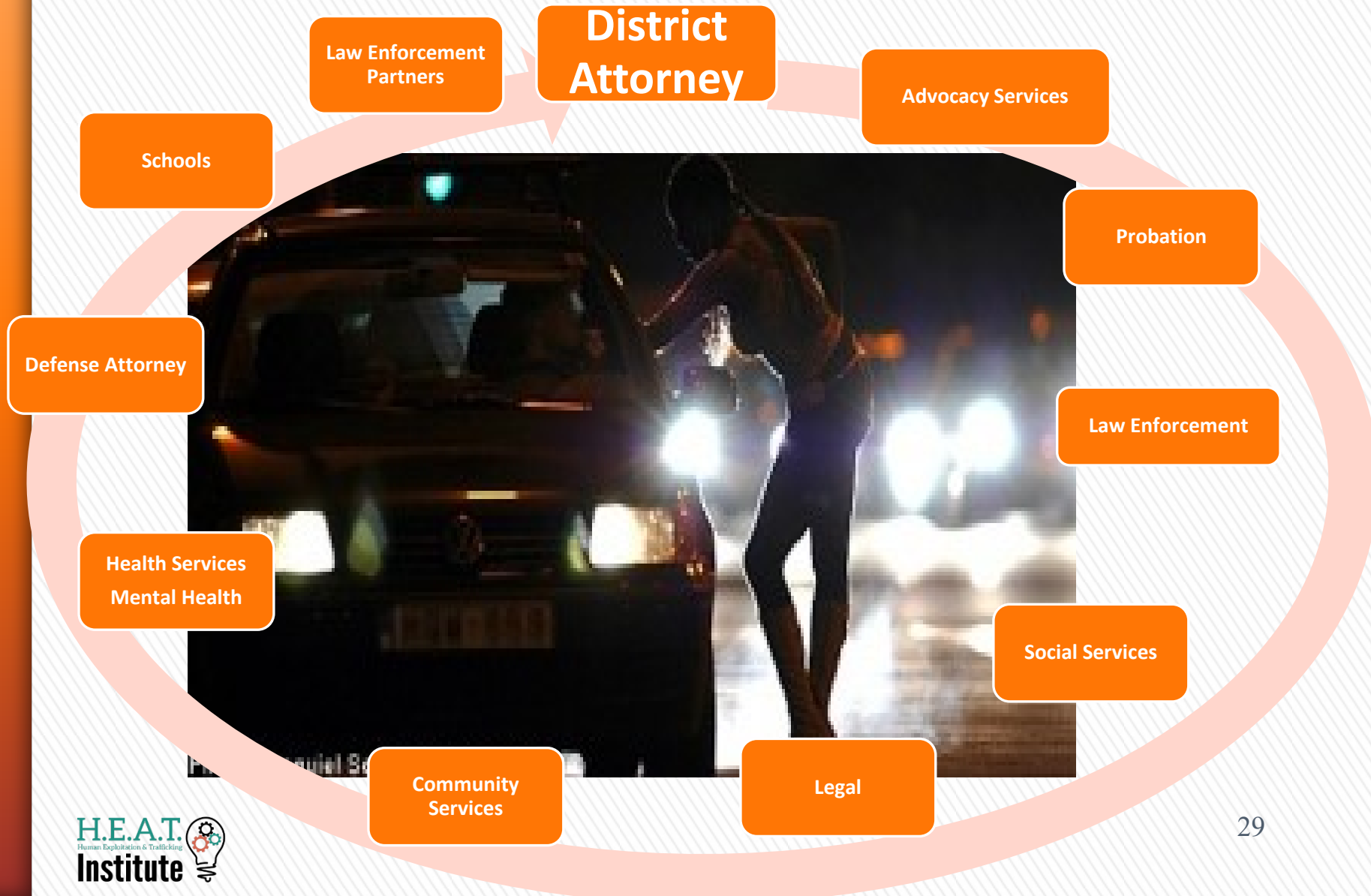


4. Build and Support Community Based Organization and Non-Government Agencies

- > Advocacy (non-government)
- > Community-based Services
- > Health Care and Human Services
- > Safe & Stable Housing
- > Attorneys Pro Bono
- > Community members
- > SURVIVOR Led Organizations
- > Youth Advocate Program (YAP)
- > Businesses



CSEC Coordinated Response



The FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER & Human Trafficking

- Creation of the S.P.A. at the FJC
 - (Safe Place Alternative – the Survivor's Space)
- Provide Comprehensive and Collaborative Services



Supporting & Growing System-based Advocacy

- Girls Court, A Gender-Specific Courtroom
- Young Woman's Empowerment Program
- SafetyNET
- CSE-IT identification Tool
- DreamCatcher
- Claire's House
- School-based Education & Awareness



5. Engaging Community

Education
Sensitization
Mobilization
Advocacy
Partnership

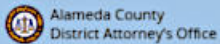


Until Communities say

“NO MORE”

**we will continue to have
Human Trafficking**

IT TAKES ALL OF US TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING JOIN THE FIGHT



HeatWatch.org

Take the Pledge - check the box!
HEATWATCH.ORG

***“I pledge to stand with my community to combat human trafficking in all forms”
(also in Spanish, being translated into other languages)***

(Checking the box is completely anonymous. No personal information is being gathered.)

**Join the Fight - Read a letter from
DA Nancy O'Malley**

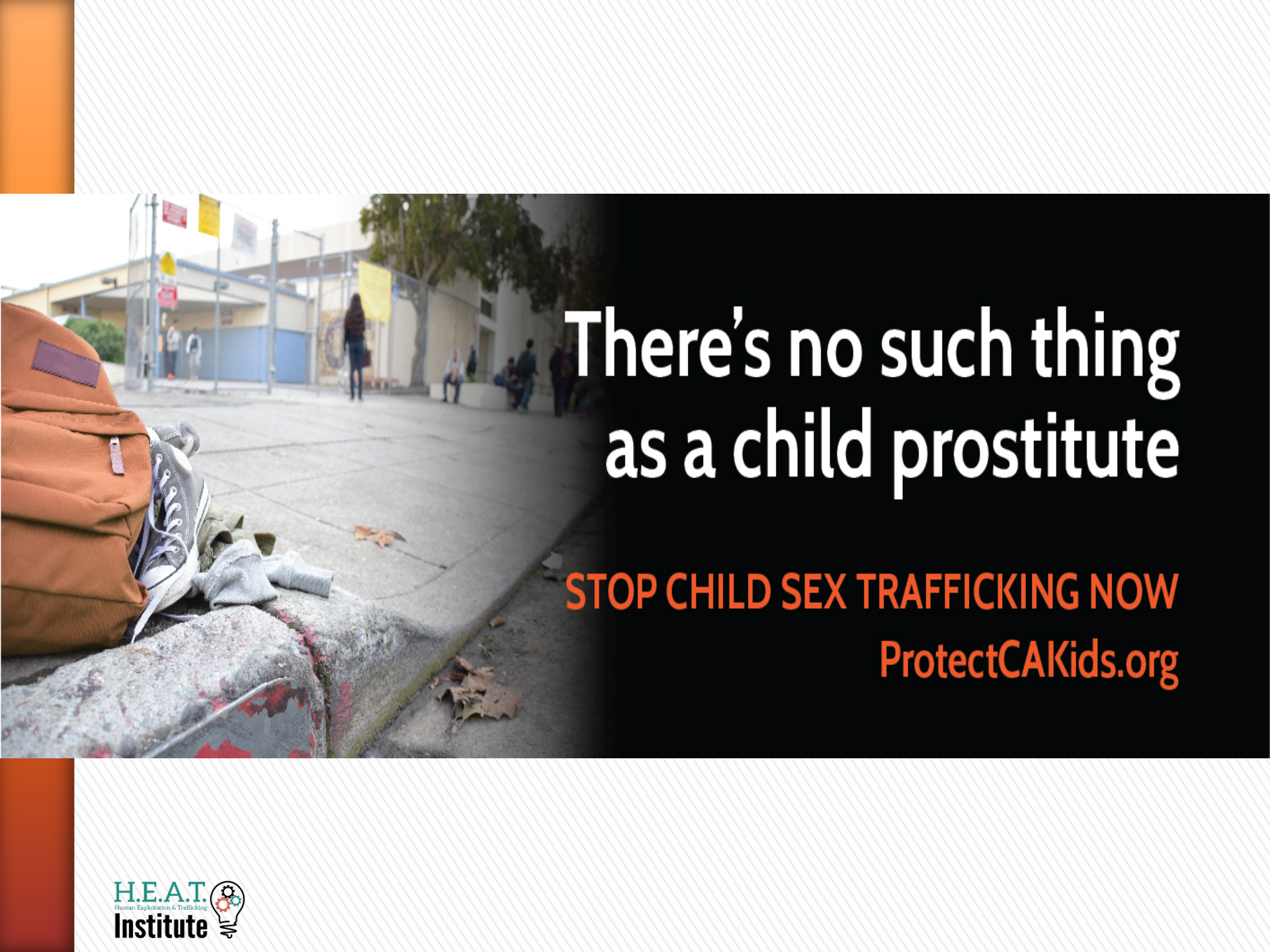


BUYING A TEEN FOR SEX IS CHILD ABUSE.
TURNING A BLIND EYE IS NEGLECT.

help free a child

ProtectOaklandKids.org






There's no such thing as a child prostitute

STOP CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING NOW

ProtectCAKids.org



They are not “Johns”
They are child rapists

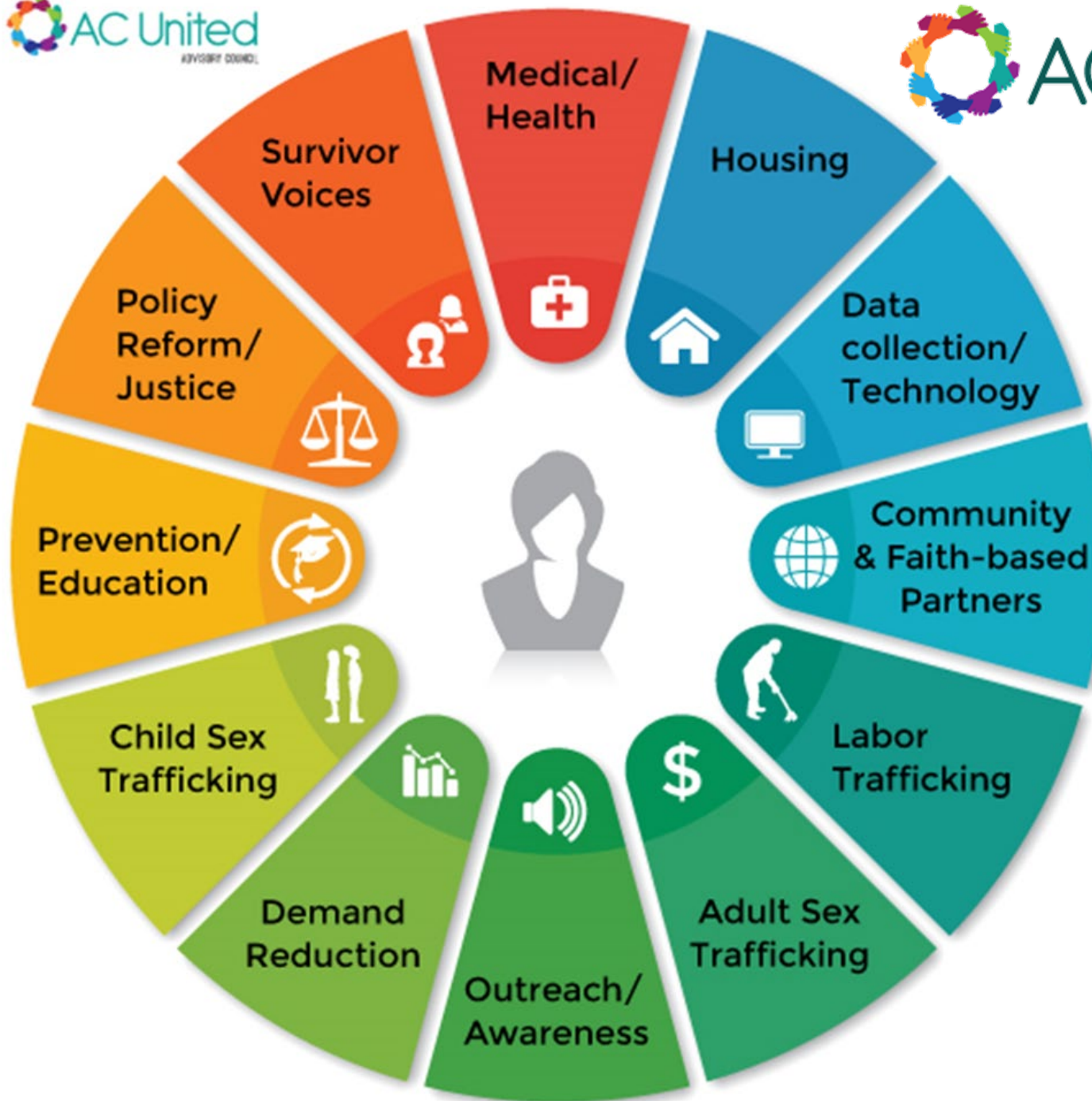
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Alameda County H.E.A.T. Watch: a regional response



**Law Enforcement, multi-agency,
community-based organization
including partner training
& H.E.A.T. Talks**



AC United is a multi-agency advisory council working to develop a collaborative response to human trafficking of all forms in Alameda County.

A Call to Action

H.E.A.T.

Human Exploitation & Trafficking

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