

Five Things You Can Do RIGHT NOW to Help Stop Sex Trafficking

1. **Keep Talking about It!** This exploitation thrives on silence, shame and stigma. Talk to boys and men. It might be uncomfortable, but keep talking.
2. **Stay on Top of Community Efforts**
City of Minneapolis:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimeprevention/sextrafficking>
Hennepin County efforts to improve victim services:
<http://www.hennepin.us/residents/public-safety/juvenile-detention-alt-initiative>
State Legislature: Safe Harbor for Youth and No Wrong Door laws recommendations. More info provided by the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, at: <http://www.mngirlsnotforsale.org/>
3. **Learn More.** Explore and share the e-case *Safe Harbor: Minnesota's Effort to End Child Sex Trafficking*: <http://www.hubertproject.org/hubert-material/226/>
4. **Host a Screening** of one of these documentaries:
 - a. **Invisible**, TVbyGirls, a documentary filmed by female youth at Kwanzaa's Northside Women's Space, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNGWOaXCKyI>
 - b. **Not My Life**, a documentary probing the hidden and often unspoken realities of modern slavery on a global scale, www.notmylife.org (discussion guide available at <http://www.incommons.org/node/6704>)
 - c. **What I've Been Through Is not Who I Am**, a 20 minute documentary on the human rights violations of children being commercially sexually exploited in the U.S: <http://ecpatusa.org/what-we-do/helping-children-in-america/witness-video-project/>
 - d. **Very Young Girls**, an exposé of the commercial sexual exploitation of girls under 18 in New York City: <http://www.gems-girls.org/get-involved/very-young-girls>
5. **Keep Your Eyes Open.** Here are some signs a child may be in trouble:
 - a. Multiple unexplained absences from school.
 - b. A repeated tendency to run away from home.
 - c. Frequent travel to other cities.
 - d. Older boyfriends or girlfriends.
 - e. A sudden ability to have expensive items.
 - f. Appearing depressed or suffering physical injuries.