**Human Trafficking of Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth** 

**1 in 5** homeless youths were identified as victims of some form of trafficking as defined by the TVPA, in a recent study across the US and Canada. Most were involved in sex trafficking.

Research has shown that **21-42%** of runaway and homeless youth were sexually abused before they left their homes. This history of abuse makes them more vulnerable to the tactics of a trafficker.

**28%** of youth living on the street and **10%** of those in shelters engage in 'survival sex' in exchange for food, shelter or money

**Every school needs a well communicated protocol for reporting trafficking**

The Department of Education has provided a sample protocol for all schools to use as a model. It can be found here

[**https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/human-trafficking-americas-schools/sample-protocol-school-districts**](https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/human-trafficking-americas-schools/sample-protocol-school-districts)

**Local and National Resources**

* In case of emergency, **call 911**.
* **The National Human Trafficking Resource Center:** **1-888-373-7888**

 The Hotline has an expedited transfer agreement with DFPS in Texas

* UnBound www.unboundnow.org
* **Common Thread 8-888-THREAD**

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