

Understanding Sex Trafficking Risk in Child Welfare

The same **factors that result in child welfare** involvement also place youth at **increased risk for sex trafficking**



- Unstable connections with family, friends, and community
- Experiences of maltreatment or sexual abuse
- Witnessing domestic violence
- Financial stress

How it Starts

Unstable living and placements in group homes

Lack of caregiver supervision

Connections with exploited peers

Frequent school changes

Youth involved in **child welfare** are more **vulnerable** to common entrapment strategies



Drugs

"I did sexual favours for my drug of choice"

Gifts

"He said he would give me a diamond necklace"



Money

"I just wanted a way to make money"



Attention

"I needed that feeling of love"



Housing

"I had no place to live and needed money"