

PROTECTING CHILDREN STARTS WITH US!

Every child deserves to feel safe, to be heard, and to grow up free from harm. Yet too many are silenced, dismissed, or betrayed by the very adults meant to protect them. This includes situations where children are abused, manipulated or forced into harmful circumstances, often resulting in trauma, mental health struggles, and even thoughts of self-harm.

These situations are happening everywhere. Often close to home. And silence allows it to continue.



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Youth are usually *talked about*, not *engaged* directly. That's why at Youth Underground, we act. We listen to children, we educate communities, and we empower the youth to recognize and prevent exploitation before it begins.

But we can't do it alone.

Did you know?

- 1 in 4 victims of human trafficking are children, less than 18 years old.
- Some children forced into human trafficking are as young as 4 years old. Some are toddlers.
- The younger the child is, the more profit a trafficker makes.
- Over one million children are trafficked for the sex trade every year.
- Children from 9-12 years old are taking their lives by suicide because of abuse.

Sources: United Nations; U.S. Department of State, Youth Underground testimonials. For more information, click on Facts & Figures on our website.

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