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- September Fund-raiser: Traffick-Free School Zones -Don't miss out on a great opportunity to help
- Project Updates: Family Guides program volunteers needed for our training coming up September 23rd
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Crime Stoppers of Houston Joins Forces with Childproof America

Executive Director, Rania Mankarious of Crime Stoppers Houston and Childproof America's Kelly Litvak discuss how they will collaborate to equip parents against the threat of human trafficking in the greater Houston area. Watch for the interview to air on *Crime Stoppers of Houston*.



Traffick-Free School Zone Fundraiser

Be a part of our fundraising campaign to help improve security, training, and accountability on district campuses.

Make sure to Like Us on Facebook (link at end of email) and watch for details on this fundraiser coming up in September!



Kelly's Corner



*As I scroll through my Facebook feed, I see many smiling faces of teenagers heading off to college, an adventure that brings excitement to incoming freshman and often tears for parents who were just putting their child on the bus yesterday. Perched on dorm bunk beds, rooms color-coordinated with matching decor from floor to ceiling, the thought on nearly every student's mind is **freedom at last**.*

Parents have spent years preparing their child for this moment, instructing them on time management for homework assignments, alcohol in moderation (if at all), healthy eating habits, and especially connecting with safe friends. No parent wants to ever consider seasoned groomers or traffickers stepping foot on a college campus. After all, isn't it the goal of every college student to live the all-American dream?

Meet Jackie. This big city girl comes from a white-collar family of professionals who raised Jackie with a solid value system and a street savvy mindset to spot a con a mile away. She was beautiful, sticking her toes in the world of modeling at a young age. However, Jackie quickly became bored with that world and set her sights on the dream of earning her Master's in Education.*

Shortly after her arrival at a prestigious college, she and her friends hit the local hangout for some dancing and relaxation. Standing out as a true beauty on the dance floor, it was no surprise that a modeling scout approached her with his business card and a promise to launch her modeling career. The offer was too good to pass up. He would bankroll her professional portfolio and book her first job within 30 days. As promised, everything he said, he delivered.

After the first month, Jackie witnessed the "modeling agent" physically assault another model. That was enough to make Jackie walk away. However, she soon learned that this was not an option. The "agent" said she would become his recruiter and later his prostitute or he would pull her W-9 which listed her permanent and current addresses. Threats of violence against her family and roommates were made. Jackie was terrified.

This very smart, confident girl was under the control of a pimp for the next year. Her parents had no idea what happened to their daughter until a sting blew the ring wide open. Over the dinner table, Jackie told her parents everything. They were devastated and Jackie had a long road to recovery.

How is it possible for a savvy girl like Jackie to fall victim to such mind control? First, you need to understand the complexity of this organized crime and the subtle manipulation that seasoned groomers and traffickers use to make millions each year. They don't sit on dark corners, in white, unmarked vans. They blend in and walk among us. They are truly masters of their craft.

Talk to your college student about the realities of this threat that has no boundaries. College is a wonderful time of exploration, friendship and educational growth. Knowledge is the ultimate defense.

**This is a true story. The name of the victim has been changed to protect her privacy.*

Program Update: Family Guides Program—September 23rd Training

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?



Childproof America has developed the brand new Family Guides Program, matching a trained point-person (Family Guide) with parents whose child has fallen victim to human trafficking. The Family Guide

will help parent effectively navigate the path of best resources available to them. In Phase One, Childproof America will serve the Katy, Sugar Land, The Woodlands and Kingwood communities.

Full training coming September 23rd!

This training is for volunteers located in The Woodlands and Kingwood areas.

Date: Saturday, September 23rd 2017

Time: 10am-1pm (lunch is provided)

Location: 800 Northpark Central Drive Suite 200, Houston, TX 77073

Please contact

Kelly@ChildproofAmerica.org or call 832-606-6026 or visit our website childproofamerica.org for more information.

Childproof America Reaches Across Borders



tolulopeonifade How can those of us in West Africa, Nigeria have an opportunity to be part of this training. Will it be streamed live so we can join online?

Aug 14 at 4:01 PM

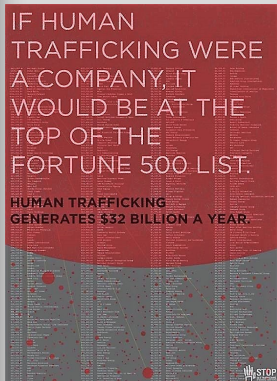


childproofamerica @tolulopeonifade Currently it will not be streamed live online but we hope to have online training soon! Thank you for your interest.

To volunteer to be a Family Guide you must be 25 years or older

- ✓ Complete and Return application to: Kelly@childproofamerica.org
See form link at bottom
- ✓ Our Executive Director will review applications and schedule a phone interview for qualifying applicants
- ✓ Applicants will proceed to the online federal background check administered by Protect My Ministry
- ✓ Once you have passed a full background check you will proceed to the Family Guides training, conducted by Childproof America
- ✓ Training dates: Katy, TX – August 25th & The Woodlands, TX – September 23rd

“It will highlight patterns of trauma across generations...”



Community Happenings: Free Webinar - Trauma Across Generations: The Potential Impact of Trafficking on Parent-Child Relationships

Offered by Dr. Naomi Azar, Project REACH, The Trauma Center at JRI
Mon, Aug 28, 2017 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

This webinar will explore parent-child dynamics that are impacted by human trafficking. It will highlight patterns of trauma across generations and will offer tips for more effectively serving family systems who have been impacted by trafficking.

To join from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/409024661>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (786) 535-3211

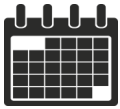
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Joining from a video-conferencing room or system?
Dial: 67.217.95.2##409024661
Cisco devices: 409024661@67.217.95.2

First GoToMeeting? Try a test session: <https://care.citrixonline.com/g2m/getready>

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Mark your calendars! Upcoming events

Save the Date!

Free Webinar—

Monday August 28th, see page 3 for details.

Family Guides training —

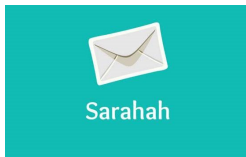
Kingwood and The Woodlands, TX—Sept. 23rd, see page 3 for details or visit our website

Traffick-Free School Zone Fundraiser—

Watch our Facebook page for more details about this September fundraiser



Current information to safeguard your families against sex trafficking



Make sure to follow our social media accounts to see our Wednesday App of the Week articles. Have you heard of Yellow or Sarahah before?



Step 3 is to alienate. The purpose is to drive a wedge between the teen and the family. Do you know the 6 Steps of the Recruiting Process? Check out our website for more info.

Glossary Terms to know:

Breaking bad, burned up - When a victim is so strung out, s/he can't go on a "date"



Local, State and National Headlines

Popular Social Media posts from Childproof America

Local— [More than 250 arrested in month-long Houston-area sex sting](#)

State— [Reauthorize the human trafficking act](#)

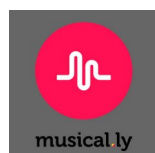
National— [UC Berkeley graduate student fights human trafficking through algorithms](#)

Trending on Social Media this month—

Everything a parent needs to know about Kik. Musical.ly's prime age range is 9-12c year olds! Be aware of predators lurking as your children's friends. Learn ways to find hidden apps and activity on your children's phones.



Are those apps really safe?
Follow us on social media to find out!



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Community Partners Connect

*Thank you to our community partners who make a big impact
in the fight against human trafficking*

- ◇ *The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking*
- ◇ *The Get Together*
- ◇ *Aberdare Business Solutions*
- ◇ *Bayou City Fellowship*
- ◇ *Marriott Energy Corridor*
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ChildproofAmerica@gmail.com**Current Needs: How you can help right now!**

- ◆ We are looking for volunteers for our Family Guides Program. Please see details on page 3 of the newsletter for more information.
- ◆ Follow us on Facebook and watch for our Traffick-Free School Zone fundraiser in September! Be apart of something life-changing for these students.
- ◆ Interviews with survivors. Please email Kelly@ChildproofAmerica.org to schedule a confidential interview. This better helps us serve the diverse situations of individuals and families we are looking to assist. No two stories are the same.

Follow us on social media



Childproof America empowers families in the battle against sex trafficking. Our mission is to educate, equip and support America's parents in the protection and defense of their children, and improve the quality of aid to impacted families. As advocates, we provide legislative pathways for concerned Americans to enforce harsh penalties to those violating the innocence of our children.

Have you seen me?

Here we highlight some of the current missing girls from the greater Houston and surrounding areas. Please make sure to take a good look at these photos and read their descriptions and stories of their disappearance.

Ali was taken 7 years ago after stepping off the school bus in Spring, Texas.

**MISSING PERSON**

Alexandria Lowitzer

Missing Since:**04/26/2010****Missing From:**

Spring, TX 77373

Report tips or sightings at:www.alexandrialowitzer.com**OR CALL/TEXT:**

936-648-7222