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**Back to School**  
**Parent Empowerment Seminar**  
 ChildProof America  
 Safeguarding Children Against Sex Trafficking  
**SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 8TH**  
**2018**  
 Wyndham Energy Corridor, 14703 Park Row Dr.  
 Houston, TX 77079  
 Check-in 8:30am - 9:30am, Instruction 9:30am - 3pm,  
 Audience Q&A 3pm-3:30pm  
 ~ Lunch Provided ~

This seminar will provide a comprehensive overview of an epidemic our Texas governor has recently declared a public health crisis. Topics Include...

- \* What is sex trafficking? \* Demographics \* International vs. domestic sex trafficking \* Spot the pimp \* Six textbook stages of grooming \* Social media/predatory apps \* The link between pornography and trafficking
- \* Pornography, understanding the physiochemical impact on the developing brain \* How complex trauma recalibrates the mind \* Why trauma informed counseling is critical to victims of trauma \* Combatting sex trafficking, a cultural shift \* The Blue Campaign, a federal approach to combating sex trafficking \* Legislative action plan



### Other guests include:

- Sex Trafficking Survivor Panel



**Benjamin Nolot**  
 Director of Award-winning film Nefarious: Merchant of Souls



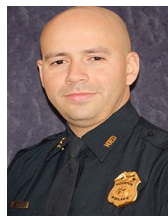
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**Laurie Charles**  
 Clinical Assistant Professor  
 College of Nursing Texas A&M



**Shandra Carter**  
 LCSW, TCU specialist  
 of trauma-informed therapy



**Beau Abdulla**  
 Executive Director  
 Love People Not Pixels



## A Note from the Director

Leading up to our Sept. 8th Back to School Parent Empowerment Seminar, we will feature short articles in each newsletter, written by a Survivor who was in the life for 25 years. She will share invaluable insight as to how she identified a potential target, the strategies used to lure a potential victim and the factors that create a vulnerable teen. The second article in this series is below.

**Kelly Litvak**, Executive Director, Childproof America

### Normal Adolescence or Under Another's Influence?

The teen years can be a turbulent time of hormones, new experiences and friends, and the emotional roller coaster of excitement and intense drama from day-to-day, sometimes changing hourly.

The adolescent brain is not fully developed until the mid-twenties. Neurological connections on judgement, and deciphering moods and emotions correctly of those around them, can send them into a tailspin of confusion and anguish. The ability to make sound and wise decisions with sexual behavior, driving, partying, and dating won't be fully developed for years. It is part of growing up and experiencing stimulus that the growing brain is craving.

Most teens will struggle with identity, purpose, awakened sexuality and puberty changes and self-confidence which are normal parts of development. In this new teen world of exploration, these natural challenges of childhood can be exploited through coercion, manipulation, playing on loyalties, shame, and the need for attention, love, money or desire to "fit in."

There are some common warning signs that are red flags when a child is under another's influence. They include:

- Change of friends, mostly older friends
- New ideas, music, food, hobbies
- New sense of self – dressing sexually, fixing hair and makeup continually, taking pictures and selfies
- Being on the phone, text, email, websites or gaming continually and with new cyber friends
- Defensive when addressing their activities or who their friends are
- Suddenly not talking or discussing their lives/withdrawn
- School grades may slip with other non-school interests consuming their time
- Signs of undue loyalty to friends over family
- Any signs of physical abuse/abnormal weight loss
- New sources of money for high-dollar material items or pampering
- Sneaking out/running away
- Multiple electronic devices not owned by parents
- Aggressiveness/disrespectfulness

Facebook, Twitter, Snap-Chat, and other social platforms exploit insecurities in both teens and adults and create a make-believe world of acceptance and rejection. We have a generation now so addicted to praise and worship of self, that criticism on the internet can lead to depression or even suicide. Because of this, teens are vulnerable to grooming for trafficking, which can lead to exploitation.

In conclusion, there are basic issues teen's brains and bodies will go through as they mature into adulthood in their mid-twenties. These added issues can create insecurities, needs, and desires that may easily be exploited by "bad" people looking to capitalize and possibly monetize your child. Be aware of red flags that seem odd or out of character for your child. Don't chalk everything up to adolescence and hormones. Sometimes there really is something dubious going on.

**Nancy, Survivor**

### Do you suspect your child has come in contact with a groomer?

Request a phone call from an expert. Calls are confidential. Email [ChildproofAmerica@gmail.com](mailto:ChildproofAmerica@gmail.com) and put in the Subject: "Request a call". Please include your contact number in the body of the email.

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**\*\*\*MISSING JUVENILE\*\*\*  
ANAYA JONES  
Age:15  
Last Contact:07-11-2018**

**Last seen in the 0 Block  
of Burress on 7/11 @  
11:30pm. Wearing a light  
green shirt and blue jeans  
and black sandals.**

**Please call  
Houston Police with any  
info: 832-394-1840**

NIC #	M364630246
Last Name	JONES
First Name	ANAYA
Nickname	
Alias	
Age	15
Gender	FEMALE
Height	5'01"
Weight	110 LBS
Eyes	BROWN
Hair	BROWN
Complexion	LIGHT BROWN
Race	BLACK
BirthDate	02-24-2003
Last Contact	07-11-2018
Marks	SCAR UNDER HER CHIN



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- ◆ Follow us on social media to see our App of the Week articles, great information and current events! If you have a favorite post, please share it so other can have this useful information as well.
- ◆ Sign up to volunteer for the Family Guides Program. Visit our website for more information.

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**Would you like Kelly to speak at your next event?**

