

Flagstaff Initiative Against Trafficking

FACT SHEET

The Flagstaff Initiative Against Trafficking (FIAT) started in August 2017, and is a community collective of professional service providers and volunteers who want to end Human Trafficking.

The goals of FIAT are to:

- * Construct a unified response for trafficking victims and survivors to get out of the life safely
- * Educate and to bring awareness to our community on human trafficking in order to drive down demand
- * Collect data to determine the true impact of Human Trafficking in Flagstaff

Trainings:

Various agencies in Flagstaff and on the surrounding reservations have received Human Trafficking specific trainings. The Community Education subcommittee continues to work with our local law enforcement, first responders, schools and social services agencies to provide comprehensive training for the specified disciplines.

Victim Identification:

188 Adults and **32** youth who have experienced trafficking have been identified over the past year.

Coalition:

Twenty-Nine (**29**) Active Community Members

2 Subcommittees :

Community Education & Awareness: raising awareness by educating our community on human trafficking.

Guideline/Protocol: created a flowchart for how our community can respond to adult victims, and is working on creating one for youth victims.

Demand Reduction: Actions taken to deter people in our community from purchasing sex.

Operation Cross Country, which is put on by the FBI, occurred in October 2017. During this, **3** adult females were identified as being trafficking victims in our community and were provided information and resources to help them get out of "the life."

*Fake advertisement posted during the November 2017 summit which advertised sex with a minor and was online for 24 hours- received **80+** calls and text messages.*

Another fake advertisement that was posted in March 2018 for two weeks. This received over **450** calls and messages, and buyers wasted over 14 hours attempting to obtain sex with a minor.

*Flagstaff Police Department held a sting operation in March where **8** men were arrested for child sex trafficking. Another sting operation was facilitated on December 21st where **4** men were arrested.*