



In the Fall of 2014, an amazing group of youth from [Youth Radio](#) in Oakland, CA put together a video to discuss how **domestic child sex trafficking** impacts their community, and why there is [#NoSuchThing as a “child prostitute.”](#)

Check out the [video](#) and read the facts below:

- The FBI reports that the San Francisco Bay Area has one of the highest rates of domestic child sex trafficking in the country. International Boulevard in Oakland, CA is known as a hub. People who intend to buy sex from children come to International Boulevard on a daily basis.
- Foster care and homeless youth are especially vulnerable to child sex trafficking. In two counties in California, between 55-65% of identified victims had child welfare histories.
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports that 1 out of every 6 endangered runaways reported missing were likely to be victims of child sex trafficking.
- Under California law, children under the age of 18 cannot legally consent to sex. Because they cannot consent, having sex with a child is child rape.
- However, every day, victims of child sex trafficking are arrested, incarcerated, and prosecuted for prostitution or prostitution-related offenses, making this the only form of child abuse where our responses are to criminalize the abused child.

Join our campaign and help us spread the word that there is  
[#NoSuchThing as a “child prostitute.”](#)