



### ***The No Such Thing Campaign***

There is **No Such Thing** as a “child prostitute.” There are only victims and survivors of child sex trafficking and commercial rape.

All across the United States, American children are bought and sold for sex. Each year in this country, more than 1,000 victims of child sex trafficking are arrested and charged with prostitution. Many of these children experience torture and abuse at the hands of traffickers and buyers. Despite the fact that these children are too young to consent to any sexual activity, and the fact that federal law defines them as victims of human trafficking, they are not contemplated as victims. Instead, these children, many of them girls between the ages of 12 and 16, are arrested, prosecuted, and detained for prostitution when they are in fact, victims of crime.

### ***How We Are Named is How We are Treated***

The **No Such Thing** Campaign seeks to erase the very notion of “child prostitute” in language and in law. The term “child prostitute” trivializes the egregious abuse experienced by the most vulnerable members of our communities— our marginalized girls. We owe it to trafficked and exploited children to make clear that the victimization and abuse they suffer is no different or more tolerable than other forms of child sexual abuse. And we owe it to these children to hold accountable those who have purchased and raped them.

### ***We Need Your Voice as We Come Together to Take a Stand***

The Campaign has four primary goals:

- To end the use of the term “child prostitute” and variations of the phrase in the public square and in the media's coverage of child sex trafficking issues;
- To encourage stakeholders to pass policies ending the criminalization of child sex trafficking survivors;
- To urge for the treatment of trafficked and exploited youth as victims of crime entitled to all of the services and protections available to other victims of child abuse, both in and out of the courtroom; and
- To promote deterrence and accountability for child sex buyers through prevention strategies, awareness raising, and application of laws that criminalize sex with minors.

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