



UNDERSTANDING ‘THE LIFE’: AN INTERACTIVE SIMULATION OF THE PATH INTO TRAFFICKING

► AN INTERACTIVE SIMULATION

Our Understanding ‘the Life’ simulation is an engaging interactive tool used to teach smaller audiences about the issue of sex trafficking among teens. This 90 minute simulation led by an Ascent 121 facilitator guides the audience through discussion and interaction. The group follows a discovery of facts along a map charting a potential path into trafficking. This powerful tool encourages participants to move from mere knowledge of the topic to engaging in a way that activates questions and response.

How are Indiana teens likely to get trafficked? What makes them vulnerable? What does it mean for a teen to be groomed? Why don’t these teens just escape or identify as victims when brought in by law enforcement? This tool helps to explore and explain through interactive means the complicated process of trafficking, grooming and ‘the Life’ to bring deeper understanding and help motivate individuals and the community toward involvement.

Understanding ‘the Life’ breaks myths through stories and facts and helps explain the factors which lead a teen to be vulnerable. To schedule Understanding ‘the Life’ please go to Ascent121.org and click

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Ascent 121 is a faith-based, non-profit human services organization with a goal of addressing commercial sexual exploitation and domestic human trafficking through therapeutic victim services and through raising awareness.

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As uncomfortable as it is to dip your toe in this water, it is important we do so ... because children are living it every day. We are more effective at fighting an enemy we understand. I was able to look around the room and see light bulbs go off for my friends. The next day, many of them reached out thanking me for hosting and telling me how they were sharing what they learned with others. The training really created a powerful ripple effect.

— Heidi



The training teaches you to look at the world around you in a new way. Imagine the things you see on the surface are not what they appear. Imagine that your assumptions are not supported by facts. Once you learn to spot the signs, you see that sex trafficking is actually hidden in plain sight. You leave with hope, knowing you have a role to play in the solution.

— Sam