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The average age of entry into human trafficking continues to drop throughout America. The national average is 12-14 years of age for girls and 11-13 for boys, according to the Blue Campaign.[1] There are a variety of factors that make youth vulnerable, no matter their background. Research shows that:

- Nearly one-quarter of Pennsylvania's known victims are minors.[2]
- 42% of children involved in sex trafficking are trafficked by a family member,[3] which could mean that school may be their only safe outlet.
- Traffickers often recruit online and prey upon children, yet many minors do not know what human trafficking is or the tactics utilized by predators.[4]
- 1 in 6 runaway youth reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 2021 were likely victims of sex trafficking.[5]
- Traffickers often target areas where youth congregate, like schools and online platforms.[6]

By arming yourself with accurate, relevant information about human trafficking, you can quickly spot signs of human trafficking, mobilize a student's support network and empower them to keep themselves and their peers safe.

Greenlight Operation provides FREE age-appropriate training for middle school and high school students, caregivers, and school faculty and staff. **Our seminars are also eligible for Act 48 Credit.** To-date, we have hosted over 125 seminars!

Seminars cover topics surrounding human trafficking, with a focus on the following:

- Identifying signs of trafficking
- How to report suspected cases
- Recruitment tactics
- Safety planning
- Online safety tips
- Ways to get involved

Schedule a training today for your school and join us in equipping youth and their support networks with the knowledge needed to combat human trafficking and prevent future cases! If you are interested in hosting a training, learning more about our seminars, or want to see what past attendees have said, please visit our website at greenlightoperation.org/schedule-a-training/**.**

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