

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 sub-committee 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:

50 Adults and **30** 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.*