Human Trafficking is tied as the **SECOND LARGEST** and **FASTEST** growing criminal industry in the world, generating roughly $32 billion per year, and it's **HAPPENING IN INDIANA**.

Since the initiation of the Indianapolis Task Force and the Julian Center's Trafficked Persons Assistance Program in 2006, at least:
- 58 human trafficking cases were opened in Marion County by local law enforcement.
- 44 victims & their dependent family members participated in the victim assistance program. Numerous other individuals received consultations and referrals for services in their communities.

Human Trafficking occurs when people are recruited to work or provide services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. There are two types of human trafficking: 1) **Sex Trafficking** 2) **Labor Trafficking**

According to the U.S. Dept. of State:
- **27 million** men, women, and children are victims of human trafficking
- **800,000** people are trafficked across international borders every year

**100,000 to 300,000 U.S. children** are victims of commercial sexual trafficking each year.

**12-14 years old** is the average age of entry of U.S. children into commercial sex.

**Human Trafficking reaches every culture and demographics. Some risk factors include:**
- Youth
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Homelessness
- Desperation and/or a need to be loved
- Homes in countries torn by armed conflict, civil unrest, political upheaval, corruption, or natural disasters
- Family backgrounds strife with violence, abuse, conflict
- Immigration Status

**Human Trafficking is found in many industries including:**
- The sex industry
- Factories, restaurants, hotels
- Health and beauty industries
- Forced labor in agricultural or construction industries
- Domestic servitude as servant, housekeeper, or nanny

**Many victims don't self-identify with the term “human trafficking” or “victim.” Here are some key indicators of human trafficking:**
- The individual is not able to hold on to their own personal documents
- Behaviors and routines are controlled by another person
- Fearful of retribution or distrustful of others
- Extra security around home or place of business
- Living at place of business
- Physical, sexual, or psychological abuse

**Human trafficking situations are often very dangerous and unpredictable. If you suspect human trafficking in your community, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-3737-888, or call 911.**

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