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Human Trafficking Education and Awareness

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**WHAT IS
 HUMAN
 TRAFFICKING?**

Modern-day slavery that forces adults, teens and children into involuntary servitude for labor, drugs or sex through fraud or coercion.

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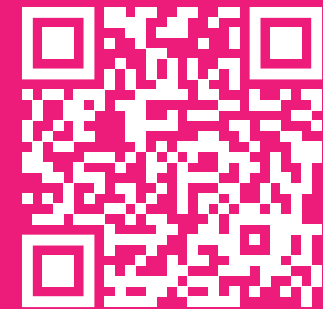


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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Thank you for attending today's Community Conversation on how to stop human trafficking. Please take a quick survey to help educate the public on human trafficking issues.

Scan QR code with your phone:



THANK YOU!

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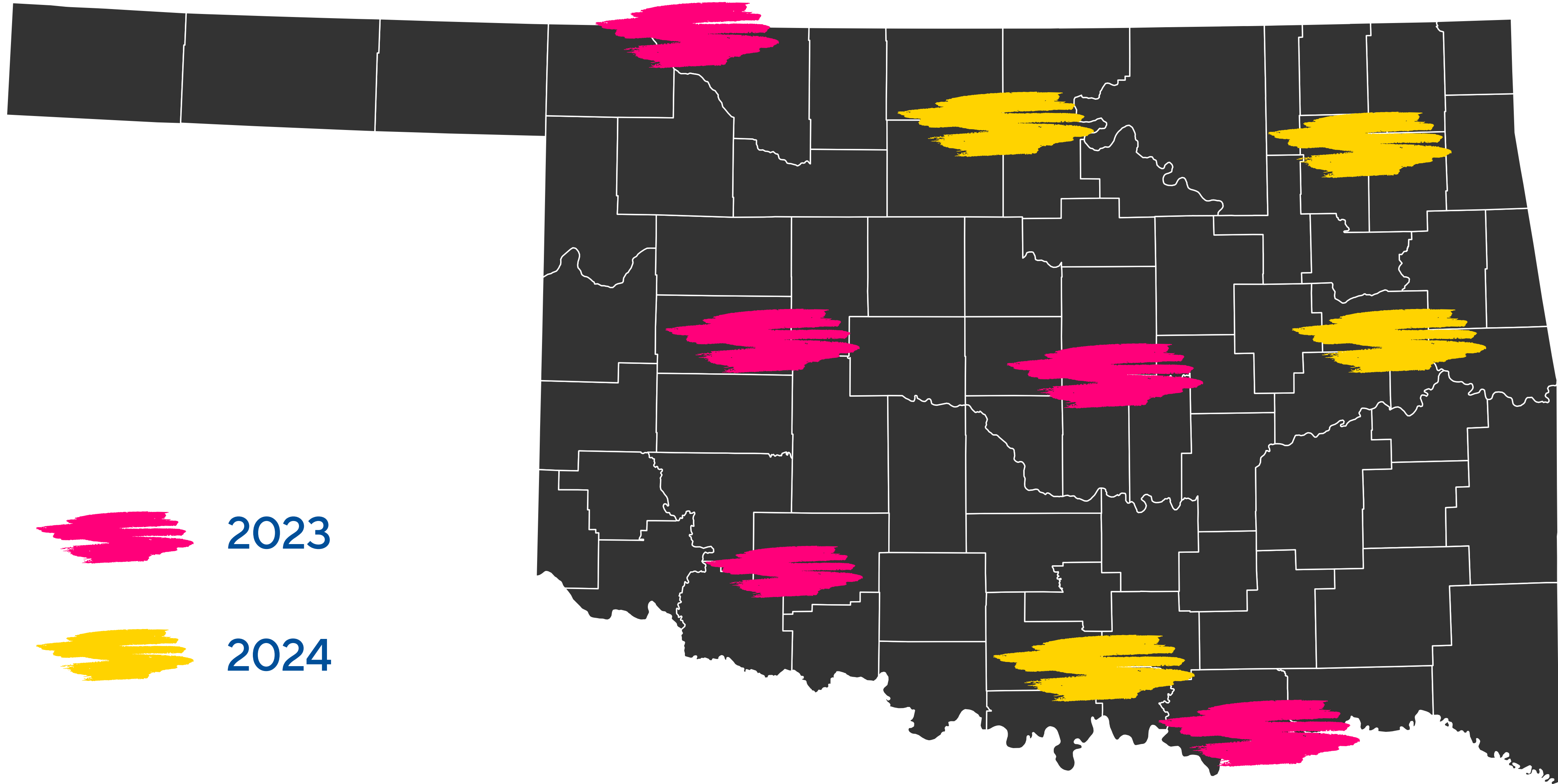
**KNOW THE
 SIGNS
 OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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Pre-survey

family members
 drugs threats
 can use you emotionally coercion fraud force
 low self esteem away from friends
 it can happen anywhere someone you know
 is more common false sense of trust being aware
 didn't know social media
 it's hard

Post-survey

I'm not sure
 dangerous it can happen be aware of traps
 tracker on your car idk it's dangerous
 drug use aware of your surroundings
 children are targeted I don't know
 get you it's bad it happens everywhere it's scary
 it can happen anywhere
 cut off communications
 low self esteem being alone all ages
 it's illegal social media manipulation
 isolation from friends



Vulnerable situations that traffickers tend to target

- People who have run away from home and are living on the street or in temporary shelter
- People struggling with their mental health, including self-esteem struggles, feeling isolated, feeling misunderstood
- High schoolers, middle schoolers, and young adults who use social media (TikTok, SnapChat, Be.Real, etc.) and/or dating apps (Bumble, Tinder, Plenty of Fish, etc.)



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Early Recognition/ Indicators of Vulnerability

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has juvenile stopped attending school?
- Has there been a sudden change in friends, behaviors, attitudes and groups?



Recommendations

- 1.** Expand the stop human trafficking educational initiative to high schools and middle schools
- 2.** Coordinate with the Oklahoma Department of Education to require a program or incorporate into curriculum that teaches students how to recognize early signs of human trafficking
- 3.** Conduct training at an annual educators event for administrative staff and teachers to recognize early signs.
- 4.** Provide every Oklahoma school with the free Human Trafficking Response Guide for School Resource Officers from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security National Blue Campaign to stop human trafficking



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESPONSE GUIDE

for School Resource Officers





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THANK YOU!

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