Pinal County
Juvenile
Probation
MVST Collaborative Team
Risk Factors

While any child can be targeted by a trafficker, research has shown that traffickers often target children with increased vulnerabilities, including:

- Children who are chronically missing or who frequently run away (especially 3+ missing incidents);
- Children who have experienced childhood sexual abuse, especially if the abuse was unreported or unaddressed, or resulted in the child being removed from the home;
- Children who have experienced prior sexual assault or rape;
- Children with significant substance abuse issues or who live with someone who has significant substance abuse issues; and
- Children who identify as LGBTQ and have been kicked out or who have been stigmatized by their family.

* National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
Development of a Minor Victim’s of Sex Trafficking Checklist/Assessment

Why:
- Standard form to ensure youth do not fall through the cracks.
- Maricopa Police Department has adopted forms for runaway youth.

What:
- A checklist comprised of national identifiers (Polaris), Arizona, Michigan and those we have seen predictive for Pinal County youth.

Who:
- Youth Justice Center Intake
- Youth Justice Center Detention Officers.
- Diversion, Court Unit and Field Probation.

How:
- Diversion Appointments
- Police Reports (red flags)
- Through self-reporting Field Probation
- Intake at the Youth Justice Center
- Department of Child Safety (DCS)
DCS Involvement

- Involved
- Not Involved
- Unknown
Coming together

DCS

Family Advocacy Center/County Attorney's Office

Juvenile Probation

Behavioral Health

Law Enforcement
Questions?

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Thank you.