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:

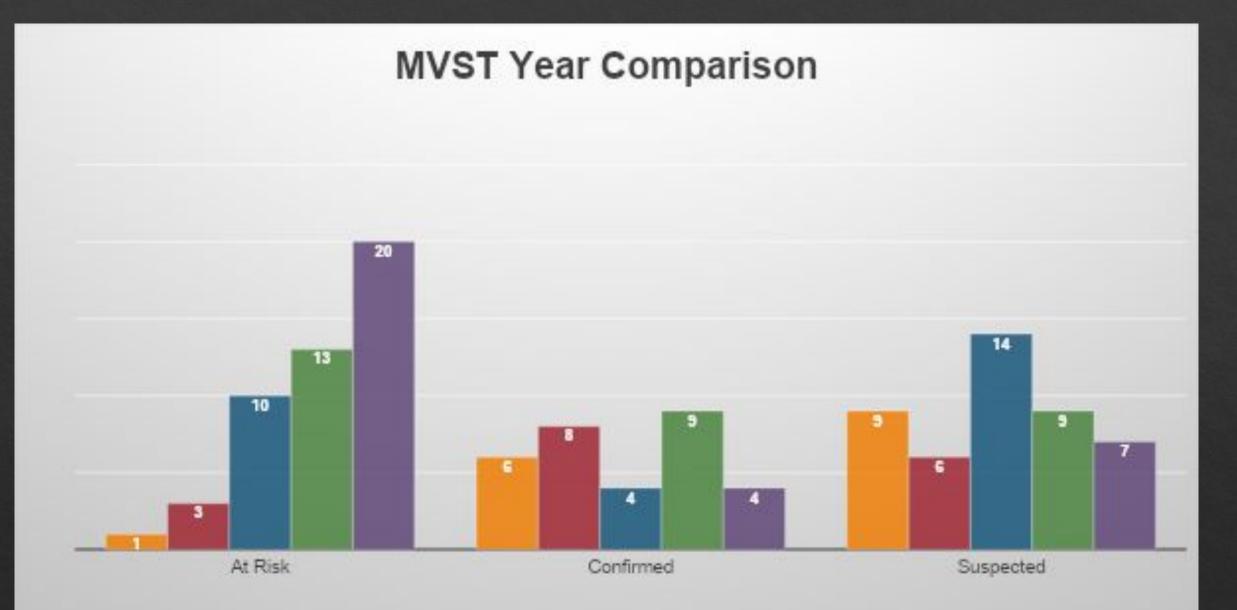
 A checklist comprised of national identifiers (Polaris), Arizona, Michigan and those we have seen predictive for Pinal County youth.

#### Who:

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

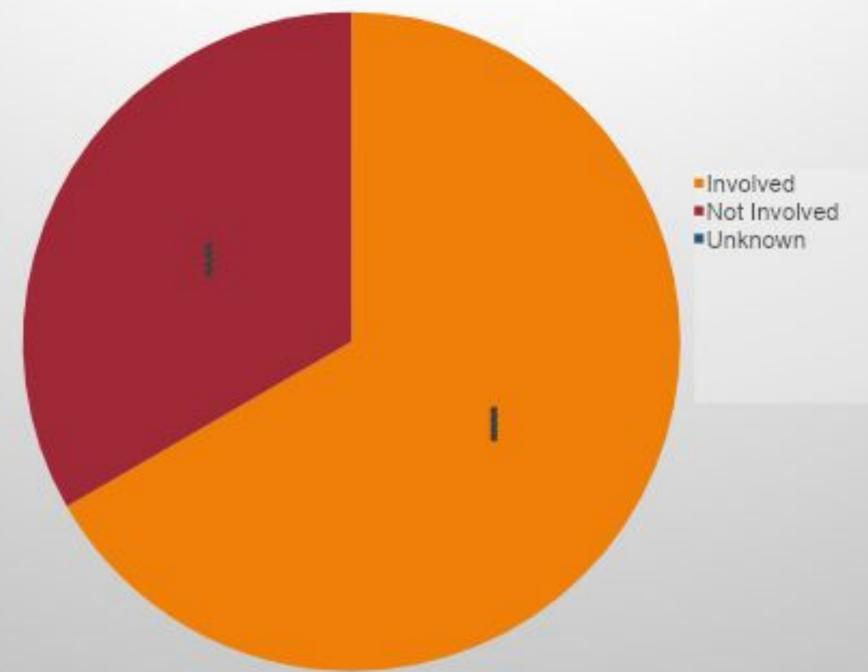
#### How:

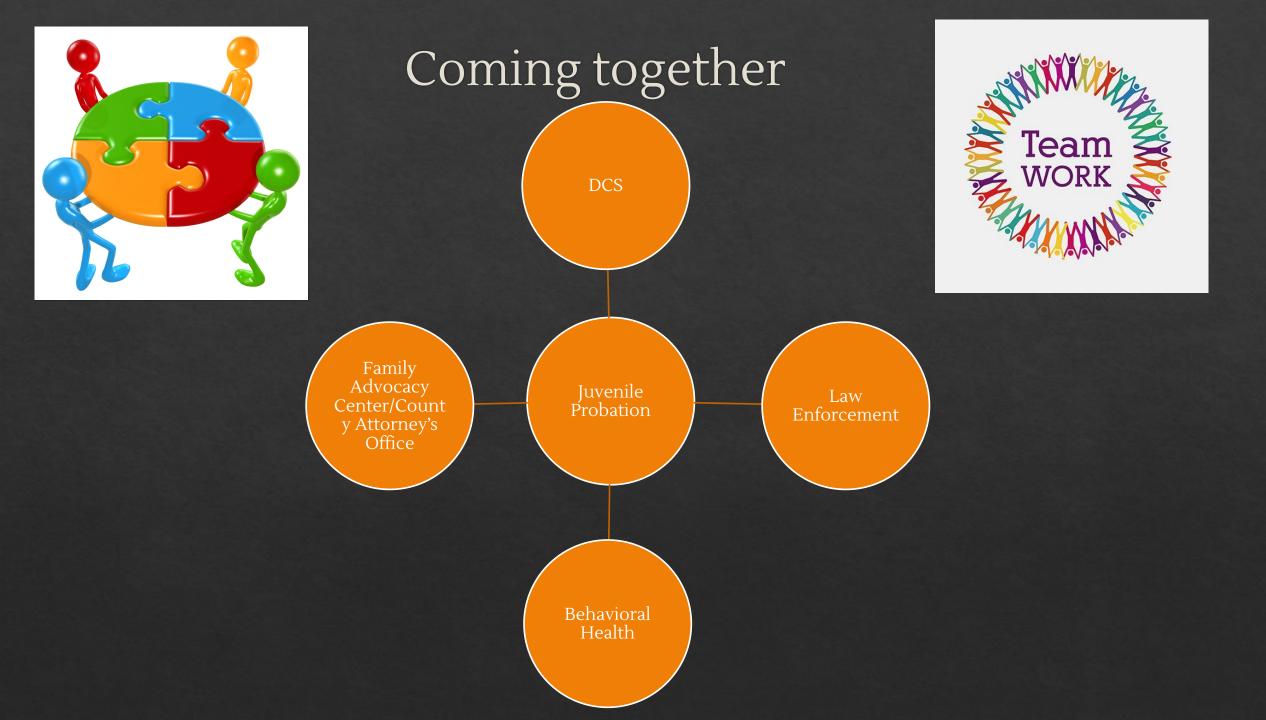
- Diversion Appointments
- Police Reports (red flags)
- Through self-reporting Field Probation
- Intake at the Youth Justice Center
- Department of Child Safety (DCS)



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### Questions?

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