

For Parents, Educators, Mentors etc:

Vulnerable means “susceptible to being hurt or harmed physically or emotionally.”

Ask yourself:

“What are some possible vulnerabilities in my student or child’s life?”

The Grooming Process is “the process by which someone builds an emotional connection with a victim to gain their trust for the purposes of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or human trafficking.”

Ask yourself:

“How could her parents or the people in DJ’s life intervened?”

Exploitation means “taking advantage of someone’s vulnerability to achieve personal gain.”

Ask yourself:

“Does my student or child know who they can talk to if they are ever in this situation?”

Tips for tough conversations with kids & teens:

- Be proactive- talk with your child about the dangers of human trafficking and how to be safe online. Know who your child is interacting with, both in person and online. Set limits and monitor your child's online communication.
- Traffickers often use the argument that the victim is “damaged goods.” Be sure you let your kids know that they can always come to you, that the abuse was never their fault, and that you love them unconditionally.
- Help your kids identify positive people they can talk to if they ever find themselves in this kind of situation, i.e. doctors, counselors, teachers.
- Resource Fierce Freedom—If you would like to speak to a member of our staff, contact our offices at 715-514-2890.

