After nearly 10 years, where are we?

COVID-19 has made sex trafficking worse. Reports of trafficking have increased 40% since the pandemic began. Child abuse, neglect, evictions and homelessness are on the rise. Florida has some of the toughest trafficking laws in the nation, yet laws alone are not enough to break the cycle of trafficking. Child victims need the right help at the right time to activate the full force of Florida’s laws. The Voices for Florida Open Doors Outreach Network is a promising best practice solution that helps newly recovered children and young adults heal from the severe trauma they endured. It can also empower victims to help bring their traffickers to justice when needed. And realize a meaningful future beyond being exploited and controlled. Only then can these children truly be free.

Florida can’t provide strong relief for COVID-related inequities if it’s weak on supporting services for abused, neglected and trafficked children.

iamforkids.org/truthabouttrafficking
Here’s More Truth:
Florida is receiving $10-billion in COVID Relief. Urge our state to target help to child victims and meet COVID emergency needs for children’s health care, quality child care, hunger, eviction prevention and more. All of these unmet needs put children more at risk.

Open Doors Outreach Network:
Florida's Leading Network of 24/7/365 Care for Sex Trafficked Children

1,093 Success Stories… and Counting.

24/7/365
24/7/365 care for child and young adult victims of sex trafficking

1,093
1,093 victims served since July 2017

166,811
166,811 hours of care since July 2017

Gender
Female 87%
Male 6%
Other 7%

Age
0-12 5%
13-17 66%
18-24 20%
Not Reported 9%

Race
Black/ African American 28%
Hispanic or Latinx 11%
White Non-Latinx/ Caucasian 42%
Multiple Races 5%
Other 14%

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