



**2022**

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

**Stolen Youth** 

prevent. connect. empower.

# THE ISSUE:

More than 600 youths are trafficked in Washington state yearly, and thousands more are at risk of exploitation online. Sexual exploitation of youth is at an all-time high in this post-pandemic, digital era, and the problem is only growing. That's why we harness the direct service work of our community partners to collaborate on efforts to prevent trafficking before it happens, connect vulnerable youth and victims to needed resources and services on the ground, and empower survivors to lead positive, productive lives.

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## MISSION

Our mission is to end child sex trafficking in Washington state.

## PILLARS & FOCUSED EFFORTS

*This year, the efforts and outcomes we supported aligned with our organizational pillars.*



**A just society in which all children are safe, secure, loved and educated and have the opportunity for a bright future.**

*We supported the provision of mental health support and enabled career and education advancement training for survivors.*



**A legal system that protects and cares for vulnerable children who cannot consent to their own sexual exploitation.**

*We supported survivor advocacy, policy efforts, and the convening of legislators to support justice for all who experience sexual exploitation in WA.*



**Compassionate, respectful, non-discriminatory and life-changing assistance for marginalized youth who are sex trafficked.**

*We supported direct care and support services for CSEC survivors and at-risk youth.*



**Policies, laws and organizations designed to protect youth vulnerable to sex trafficking due to homelessness, discrimination, fragile foster care systems, domestic violence, parental incarceration or drug abuse, and other forces beyond children's control.**

*We supported statewide employer, employee, and student training on CSEC prevention and intervention.*

## 183 AT-RISK YOUTH

or commercial sexual exploitation victims were provided direct support services including direct intervention, group therapy, wrap-around services and safety planning.

## 1,934 YOUTH

completed trafficking prevention and awareness training in public schools and Kitsap County Juvenile Detention center.

## 54 MEETINGS

convened legislators and key stakeholders to drive policy initiatives that support survivors and at-risk youth.

## 5 WA COUNTIES

were impacted by our anti-trafficking efforts - up from 4 last year, and counting!

TOGETHER,  
WE MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.



## 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

StolenYouth's coalition model brings together the most dedicated and action-oriented partners in our community to attack child sexual exploitation from all sides. Funds raised through community and corporate partnerships and individual support enable vital services for trafficked youth, as well as research and prevention efforts. We are proud to support a coalition of incredible organizations who are working tirelessly to end sex trafficking.

Highlights of impact from our grantees:

- Provided resources, advocacy, trainings, and technical assistance for 11 CSEC Task Forces that cover 80% of the state and provide advocacy for CSEC youth.
- Completed CSEC landscape survey and successfully partnered with local law enforcement and agencies to move forward with comprehensive plan to combat CSEC in Okanogan county.

## EMPOWERMENT FUND

Thanks to the generosity of the Robins Nest Family Foundation, the Empowerment Fund provides grants to survivors of sex trafficking & exploitation towards education and career advancement.

Created to empower survivors as they change the circumstances of their lives, we granted to **9** survivors **a total of \$38,890 in 2022.**

The Ginny Fund supports individual survivors of sex trafficking through small but impactful grants. Since its inception in 2017, more than \$190,000 has been granted, empowering survivors on their path toward a bright future.

In 2022, the Ginny Fund granted to **45** survivors to cover urgent needs, enabling them to move towards self-sufficiency and financial freedom.

## SURVIVOR SUPPORT

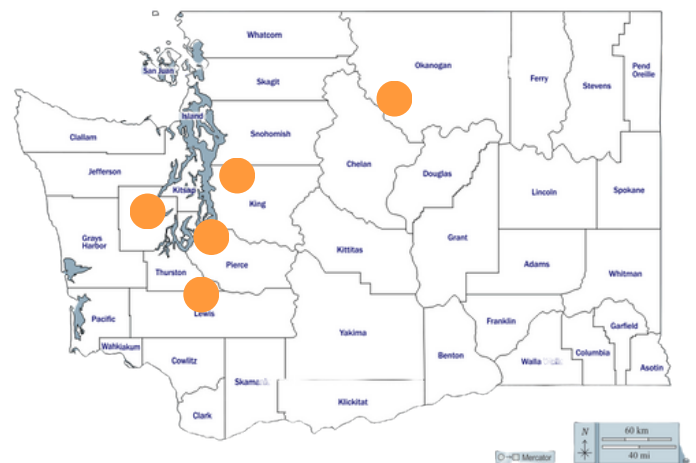
## THE IMPACT OF YOUR INVESTMENT

Dear Friends and Supporters of StolenYouth,

We are so honored to be able to serve, and to have our circle of support continue to grow and thrive. This report serves as a review of our past year – and, equally important – an invitation to join us in honoring twelve years of incredible work with new aspirations to do even more.

More than 600 children are trafficked for sex in our own backyard. This inconceivable crime is stealing life, hope and opportunity from our kids, but with your support and the hard work of our coalition partners, we are preventing child sex trafficking, recovering and connecting vulnerable youth to services, and restoring positive and productive lives.

Our annual StolenYouth luncheon has fast become one of Seattle’s most successful fundraisers, having raised \$575,000 in 2023 and generated over \$9 million to date in the fight against the trafficking and sexual exploitation of our children and youth. Thank you for helping to propel real and lasting change in Washington state and beyond and will make a life changing impact for children who need it most.



# PROJECT: SUGARFREE

## WHAT IS 'SUGARING'?

In this digital era, traffickers and those who exploit youth for sex are constantly adapting their approaches to attract victims. That's where 'sugaring' comes in: a dangerous, oftentimes glorified, form of prostitution in which youth go on dates with the implied or blatant expectation of sex in exchange for gifts or payment. Sugar dating targets young women and men who are vulnerable to these transactional arrangements that may even pose as onramps to trafficking.



**1,200 POSTS**

removed



**22 ACCOUNTS**

de-platformed



**6 AWARDS**

earned in 2022

### Fast Company's 2022 World Changing Ideas Awards

**FINALIST:** Small Company

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:**  
AI & Data & Social Responsibility

*EFFIE Awards USA*

**WINNER:** Social Good - Nonprofit

### Shorty Impact Awards

**WINNER:** Human Rights  
**GOLD DISTINCTION:** Social Responsibility

## ENTER PROJECT: SUGARFREE

After coming across tens of thousands of online solicitations for "sugar babies," becoming aware of the rapid growth of sugaring on college campuses, and seeing the mass normalization of sugaring language, StolenYouth partnered with creative agency DNA Seattle to use data analytics tools and AI technology to identify and intercept sugaring communications, educate and help dissuade potential victims, and suppress abusers.

## Hey, 'SugarDaddy.'

You may think what you are doing is harmless. But, in the state of WA, what you are doing is considered a crime. Paying a person for sexual acts in exchange for a fee is illegal.

Know what you are doing before you act—learn more at [stolenyouth.org/sugarfree](https://stolenyouth.org/sugarfree)

#sugarfree **Project: SugarFree**

Why it's not cool to use language like "sugardaddy" and "sugarbaby"

The word 'Sugaring' is just a candy-coated version of prostitution.

The exchange of sex for money is not explicitly stated but, the expectation is always clear. They will 'spoil you' in exchange for sexual conduct. Don't be fooled.

#sugarfree **Project: SugarFree**