



Dallas Police Department

High Risk Victims and Trafficking Program



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Primary Program Targets

- Young girls in the city of Dallas currently involved in prostitution
- Those designated as “high risk” due to their history of frequently running away from home

Dallas HRVT Program Impetus

- NISMART II Study (2002)
(National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Thrownaway Children)

Scope of the Problem

- Hundreds of thousands of children are reported missing across the U. S. who are vulnerable to:
 - Sexual abuse and exploitation, notably prostitution
 - Other criminal victimization
 - Drug and alcohol use
 - Exposure to disease

Local Retrospective Review

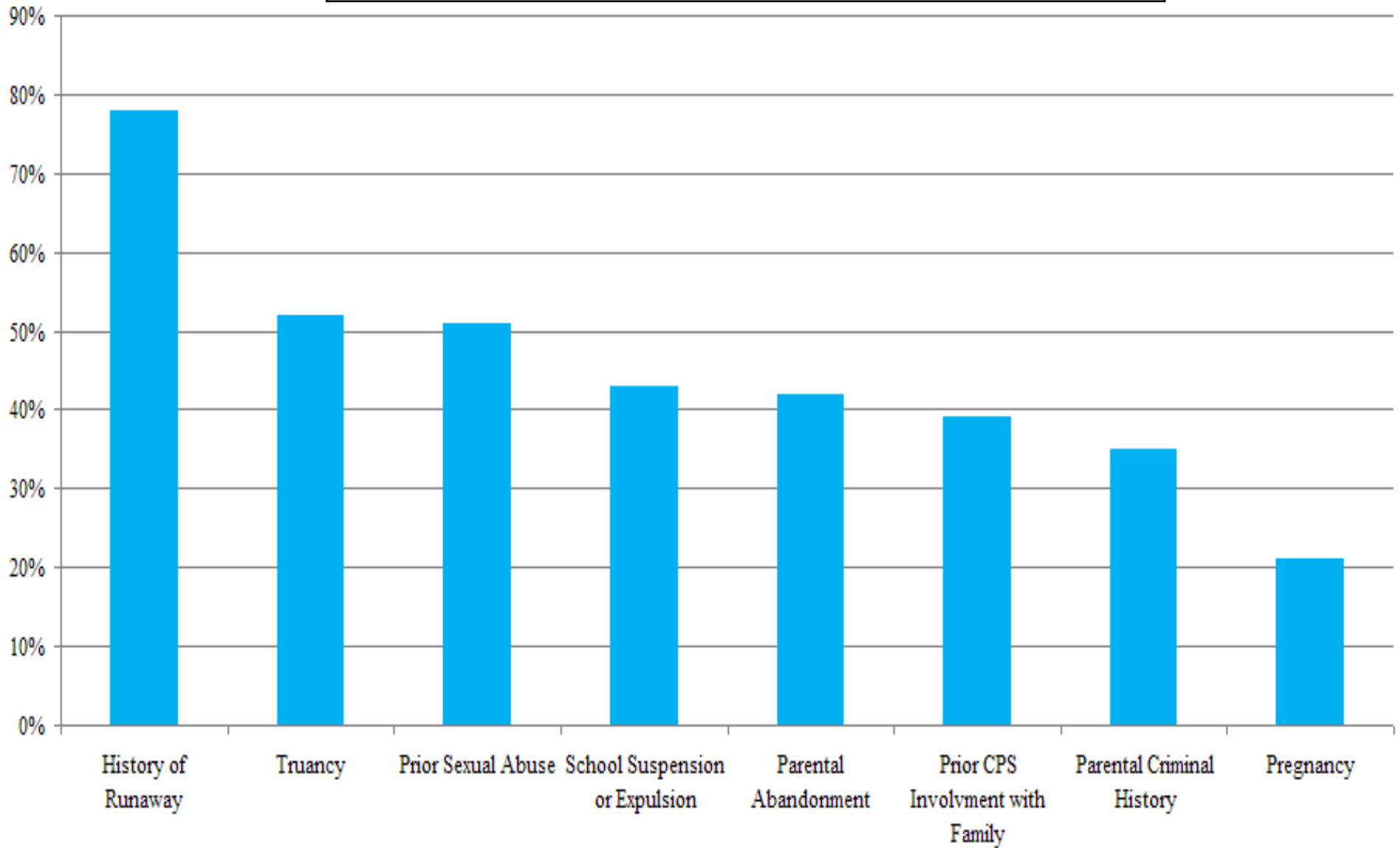
- Dallas PD conducted two six-month reviews of local prostitution arrests in 2004 and 2005 to:
 - Determine the extent of the juvenile prostitution problem here
 - Evaluate our response to the problem

Review Findings

- 120 juveniles had been arrested for prostitution during the two study periods
- Most of those arrested as juveniles faced criminal charges

Figure 1
Entry Into Prostitution Risk Factors

Dallas Police Dept. Victims of Prostitution Case Review/Comparison



Goals

- Reduce or prevent runaway incidents
- Prevent future sexual abuse/exploitation
- Redirect these children from future delinquent conduct
- Prosecute those who exploit young high risk victims

Intervention Strategies

- Development of the *High Risk Victim* Model
 - Defining High Risk Victims
 - Improving identification efforts
- Creation and implementation of an Investigative and Intervention Protocol

Intervention Strategies

- Target “At Risk” and “High Risk” children, i.e.,
 - Children with multiple runaways
 - Children who have been detained for engaging in prostitution or manifestation
 - Children who are in runaway status and information is developed that they may be involved in prostitution
 - Children with repeated reports of sexual abuse and exploitation

Results

- Significant progress:
 - In November 2005, 64 HRV identified
 - Reduced to 34 by January 2006
 - Average of 12 new HRV per month now

Results

- In 2005 the HRV Team:
 - Identified/Located 136 child victims
 - Opened 83 investigations
 - Filed 63 Felony cases on 42 suspects:
 - Aggravated Sexual Assault
 - Compelling Prostitution
 - Trafficking in Persons
 - Engaging in Organized Crime

Results

- In 2006 the HRV Team:
 - Identified/Located 131 child victims
 - Opened 104 investigations
 - Filed 76 Felony cases on 37 suspects:
 - Aggravated Sexual Assault
 - Compelling Prostitution
 - Trafficking in Persons
 - Engaging in Organized Crime

Results

- In 2007 the HRV Team:
 - Identified 119 child victims
 - Opened 108 Investigations
 - Filed 67 Felony cases on 44 suspects:
 - Aggravated Sexual Assault
 - Compelling Prostitution
 - Trafficking in Persons
 - Engaging in Organized Crime

Child Exploitation Squad

Vice Section

Narcotics

Patrol

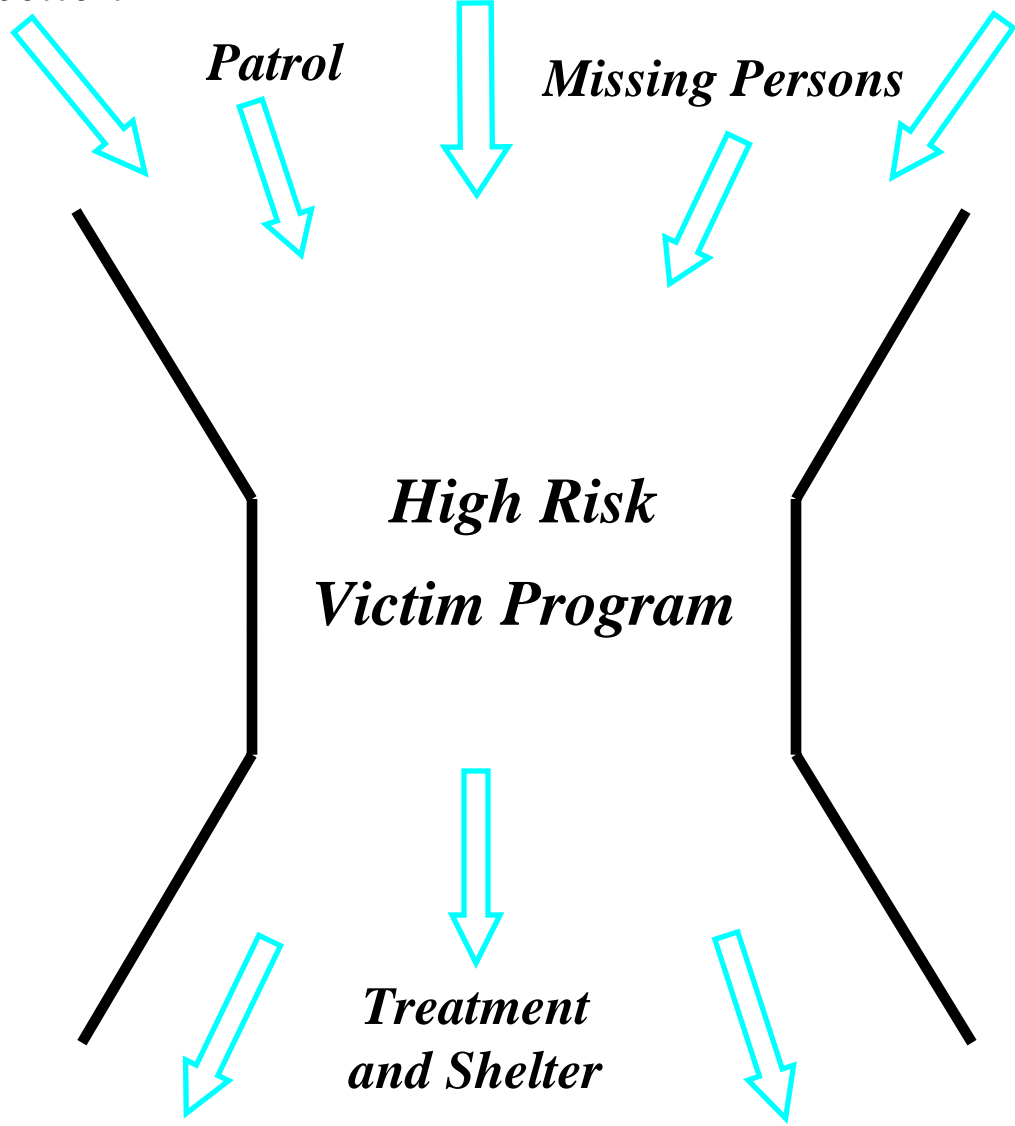
Missing Persons

***High Risk
Victim Program***

***Treatment
and Shelter***

Juvenile Dept.

Prosecution



Immediate Needs

- Personal
 - Food
 - Providing meals as needed
 - Clothes
 - Providing clothes as needed (donations from churches, sporting good companies)
 - Advocacy
 - Provided by the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center
 - Letot Center

Placement

- Child Protective Services
- Letot Center
- Return to Family
- Juvenile Detention

Questions?