

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages 18 to 45. Just a few milligrams can cause sudden death, and it's so addictive that one use can lead to dependency. Illicit fentanyl is found in counterfeit pills, powders, and street drugs—disguised in nearly everything. Drug use can lead to homelessness, hunger, and desperation, pushing individuals into dangerous situations to survive or find their next dose. These vulnerabilities open the door to exploitation and human trafficking, where predators prey on those struggling with addiction. This hidden crisis is unfolding every day, in plain sight. To learn more about the dangers of fentanyl or to request an educational presentation, visit FacingFentanylNow.org.

THE REALITY

It's a hidden crisis unfolding in:

- Homes
- Schools
- Homes
- Foster care

and communities across America. Traffickers don't just target strangers, they prey on vulnerability.

THE ROLE OF DRUGS

Drugs are one of their most powerful weapons.

Traffickers use addiction to groom, control, and trap victims,

Especially youth seeking love, belonging, or escape.

THE CYCLE

What begins as “just trying it once” can become the chain that binds.

Addiction creates dependency, and dependency becomes control.

SYSTEMS UNDER STRAIN

Foster care, poverty, substance use, and broken systems leave children especially exposed.

This is not coincidence, it's a crisis built on vulnerability, fueled by addiction.

THE TRUTH

Human trafficking hides behind addiction, trauma, and silence. It's happening all around us. Those struggling with substance use are often targeted by traffickers who exploit their vulnerability, offering false promises of safety, shelter, or drugs.

CRISIS RESOURCES

If you or someone you know is in danger:

☎ National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

📱 Text “HELP” or “INFO” to 233733 (BEFREE)

💬 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline – call or text 988

💊 For addiction help: SAMHSA Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)



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