**Human Trafficking Awareness**

**Directions:**

* Test your knowledge on human trafficking by stating whether you think each statement is “true” or “false”. (Fold the paper in half to hide the answers while you quiz yourself)
* Read through the answers
* Answer the reflective questions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Human trafficking only occurs in other countries
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When looking for people to traffic, children under the age of 10 are sought after the most because they tend to be more compliant.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When looking for people to traffic, individuals look at people’s social media pages.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Individuals who are trafficked are always abducted against their will.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The number of trafficked humans in the United States is low because there a low demand for exploitation.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Human trafficking generates over 30 billion dollars per year worldwide.
7. False: Human trafficking occurs in all countries, including the United States. Nearly 300,000 humans are trafficked for exploitation per year in the United States.
8. False: The average age of humans trafficked is between 13&14.
9. True. Predators search social media pages for signs of young people being unhappy. They use this as a window to lure them away from their homes with the false promise of a better life.
10. False. Some individuals initially go voluntarily because they feel it is a better life for them. By the time they realize it’s not a better life, they most often have already been brainwashed to think they are no longer wanted at home.
11. False: The countries where there is the highest demand for exploitation include: Italy, Germany, and the United States.
12. True: Nearly 10 million of that is within the United States. The individuals who are being used to make this money receive only a small percentage of this money (if they receive any)

**Reflection:**

1. Were you surprised with any of the information on human trafficking? If so, what information surprised you?
2. We all get down at times. Many of us post these feelings online. How, do you think, we can determine if a person is reaching out to us to support us (versus reaching out to us to lure us into a situation where we will be exploited)?
3. Many of us want to occasionally go out and meet new people. What do you think are some preventive measures to keep yourself low risk for being abducted?
4. Scenario: Your friend, Mary, is very uncomfortable at home. Her mother’s boyfriend just moved in. He keeps looking at her in a suggestive manner, and Mary’s mother doesn’t believe Mary because she (the mother) is rarely home. Mary tells you she knows a guy who can get her a job so she can make lots of money and leave home. What would you tell Mary to do?