

# EXPLOITATION

Vulnerable youth and adults are specifically targeted for exploitation in a myriad of ways, and human trafficking is one of the worst forms. It is a multi-faceted issue that affects all aspects of society.

**There are three different responses to the exploitation and human trafficking of children. Empathy is our only solution to ending it.**

## APATHY

disregard for suffering

## SYMPATHY

passive about suffering

## EMPATHY

engages suffering

### PUSH FACTORS

These are factors that a person or people group has little to no control over that can push them into vulnerability.



Friends, family, neighborhoods, communities

Schools, industries, government, public safety, nonprofits

HOME SPACE

WORK SPACE

SOCIAL SPACE

RESPONSES

SOLUTIONS

PARTNERSHIPS

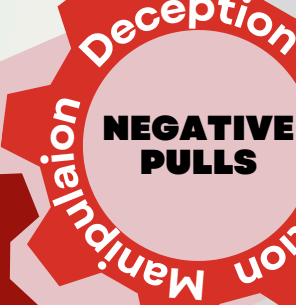
Exploitation ends when social pushes and positive pulls intersect  
**Empathy = Ending It**

Promises great things like love or money

Uses physical power or intimidation to protect

Pretends to be something they are not to gain trust

NEGATIVE PULLS



**PULL FACTORS**  
Society creates pulls that impact the path of a person or people group. Some are positive. Some are negative.

Offers to take care of an individual's needs like clothes or shelter

Exploitation occurs when social pushes and negative pulls intersect

DISGUISES

Uses violence and threats to maintain control



Faith communities, civic and service organizations, online networks

## VS. EMPATHY

Once you understand the issue, evaluate the resources, connections, talents, and platforms you already have in your life which may help you empathize and engage as a Positive Pull for a child. By identifying your intersection in this way, you may discover that you have a natural intersection because of your work space. Or perhaps you can choose to put yourself in an intersection by intentionally leveraging your social or home spaces.