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WHEN SCHOOL GROUNDS BECOME SPIRITUAL BATTLEFIELDS

THIS IS HOW IT CAN HAPPEN:

A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN ARIZONA ATTENDED A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME, WHERE SHE MET A FRIENDLY 20-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO BEGAN CHATTING WITH HER. TO THE YOUNGER GIRL'S SURPRISE, THE 20-YEAR-OLD RAN ACROSS THE STREET TO BUY HER A PHONE SO THEY COULD KEEP IN TOUCH. THE CATCH? THE GIRL WOULD NEED TO REPAY THE NEWLY ACQUIRED DEBT BY GIVING MEN "MASSAGES" IN MOTEL ROOMS. –

TRAFFICKING RESEARCHER, HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN AMERICA'S SCHOOLS, P. 2,
[HTTPS://SAFESUPPORTIVELEARNING.ED.GOV/HUMAN-TRAFFICKING-AMERICAS-SCHOOLS](https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/human-trafficking-americas-schools)

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO LOOK LIKE. IT'S USUALLY NOT A
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(CONT.) kidnapping or a sudden disappearance of your child. It's more sinister than that. Just like in the example above, traffickers don't necessarily look evil. They smile and are friendly and know how to appeal to the needs of children and teenagers. Sometimes they are family members. If it does involve strangers, they are meeting them unsupervised online.

This information isn't to scare you. It is to empower you with truth and an action plan. Back-to-school nights start soon along with big yellow buses making their neighborhood routes again. More important than preparing your children with new school supplies, clothes and shoes, is to take time to stop and be aware of potential risks lurking in the hallways and classrooms of your local schools. Ahsha Morin, The Red Cord President warns, **"Kids are exposed today to dangers that many of us adults never had to navigate. From teachers being predators to the increase of child-on-child sex crimes, dating violence, drugs, etc. The battle must be recognized, and our kids need to understand what it takes to stay safe."** Please read the August blog for more insight from Ahsha.

Action Plan for Parents

What do you, as a parent, do now to prepare for the spiritual battle facing them during the coming school year? Here is a brief 7-point Action Plan to get you started:

__ 1. **Pray.** Take up a prayerful stance daily with your kids, over your kids, and over the school they attend is a great starting point. But I feel that you must know the evil you are fighting against to know how to pray and fight against it

__ 2. **Attend** a Red Cord community training. Click here for the next scheduled free training:

<https://theredcord.org/upcoming/> (CONT.)

"I HAD A FEELING THAT MY TEACHER KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG IN MY LIFE. I WOULD NOTICE HER LOOKING AT ME . . . ALMOST LIKE SHE WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING TO ME. I WANTED TO OPEN UP TO HER, BUT I WAS AFRAID SHE WOULD JUDGE ME. I WAS AFRAID THAT SHE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND."
SURVIVOR, 16 YEARS OLD
[HTTPS://SAFESUPPORTIVELEARNING.ED.GOV/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/HUMANTRAFFICKINGINAMERICASSCHOOLS.PDF](https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/sites/default/files/humantraffickinginamericaschools.pdf)



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-- 3. **Make sure** teachers and administrators in the school your child attends have received human trafficking awareness training.

-- 4. **Keep** a strong, ongoing relationship with teachers and administrators so they will know you are concerned about your child's safety.

-- 5. **Be familiar** with the signs of trafficking.


-- 6. **Keep** the Human Trafficking hotline number easily accessible on your phone: 1-888-373-7888

-- 7. **Access resources** including those on our website.

<https://theredcord.org/get-help-hotlines/>

Ready or not, the school semester is starting in a few days. Know that the school grounds can be a battleground. Be prepared for the battle.

Remember: *"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."* Ephesians 6:12
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August Blog: Facing the Battle Together



Ahsha Morin

We all agree that schools can and should be safe places for students. This is especially true for students whose lives are otherwise characterized by instability and lack of safety and security.

All children need someone they can trust to look out for them. Everyone who is part of the school community—administrators, school counselors, nurses, other mental health professionals, teachers, bus drivers, maintenance personnel, food service staff, resource officers, and other school community members—has the potential to be an advocate for children who have been exploited.

1. Advice to school community members:

- **Learn the factors** that make students vulnerable to trafficking and how to identify the warning signs. This is exactly why The Red Cord makes it a priority to educate teachers and staff about human trafficking.

2. Advice to parents:

- **Listen** and understand what your kids are going through and exposed to in school.

- **Get educated** about human trafficking, and then have an age-appropriate discussion with your kids about it. Do not be afraid to talk with your kids about this topic!

If you do not feel comfortable discussing the ins and outs with your kids, please contact us and we will gladly speak with your child.

- Take matters into your own hands and talk with your school principal. **Request** the administrators require training hosted by The Red Cord to educate the staff and the students. We happily come to your school free of charge. We also have a yearly parenting seminar that covers all the areas of human trafficking and how to prevent your child from falling into the hands of a predator or trafficker.

- **Inspect** your child's phone daily and only allow age-appropriate apps.

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- **Trust your child.....**don't trust the world that is coming through the phone or computer.
- **Believe** your child when they report issues to you.
- **Help** your child report to authorities when needed for a friend or suspicious activity in school.
- **Read reliable resources.** We provide many on our website. Here is another one especially to prepare for back-to-school:
<https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/human-trafficking-americas-schools>.



Biography

After his sister was sold into sex trafficking, Jaco Booyens committed his life and career to human trafficking awareness and education. Jaco is a speaker, author and nationally recognized abolitionist, as well as the director of "8 DAYS," a film inspired by sex trafficking events within the United States. Jaco began his career as a professional rugby player in South Africa before going into the medical field. Jaco is the founder of the non-profit SHAREtogether, creator of After Eden Pictures, and host of the podcast "The Jaco Booyens Show." He serves as a board member on multiple anti-trafficking organizations and was appointed to the US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking under the Trump administration. He continues to travel the globe, speaking for private audiences, public events, and political bodies, such as the U.N. and the U.S. Congress. He currently resides in Texas with his wife and three, small children.



Back by popular demand, The Red Cord is proud to announce our 2022 Freedom Gala guest speaker:

JACO BOOYENS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING SPECIALIST

Tickets on sale NOW!!

Coming in AUGUST

- CCHM Resident physician training, Friday, August 5, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
 - Monthly Community Training Thursday, August 18, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Fort Sill Federal Credit Union, 1614 NW 67th St, Lawton.
 - Great Plains Republican Women, Thursday, August 18, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.
 - Salt and Light GALA, Sept. 24, 6 p.m, Cameron University, Lawton, Featuring human trafficking specialist, Jaco Booyens
- Learn more here about how to light the world with hope and truth and purchase your ticket today!

<https://secure.processdonation.org/theredcord/events.aspx?eventRefID=7JF77JI5G52CCI9>