



## PROTECTING CHILDREN STARTS WITH US!

Every child deserves to feel safe, to be heard, and to grow up free from harm. Yet too many are silenced, dismissed, or betrayed by the very adults meant to protect them. This includes situations where children are abused, manipulated or forced into harmful circumstances, often resulting in trauma, mental health struggles, and even thoughts of self-harm.

These situations are happening everywhere. Often close to home. And silence allows it to continue.



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After 10 years of our global work based out of Switzerland ([CNN Feature on YU](#)), we are excited to launch Youth Underground in the U.S. Wherever they may be, youth are usually *talked about*, not *engaged* directly. That's why at Youth Underground, we act. We listen to children, we educate communities, and we empower the youth to recognize and prevent exploitation before it begins.

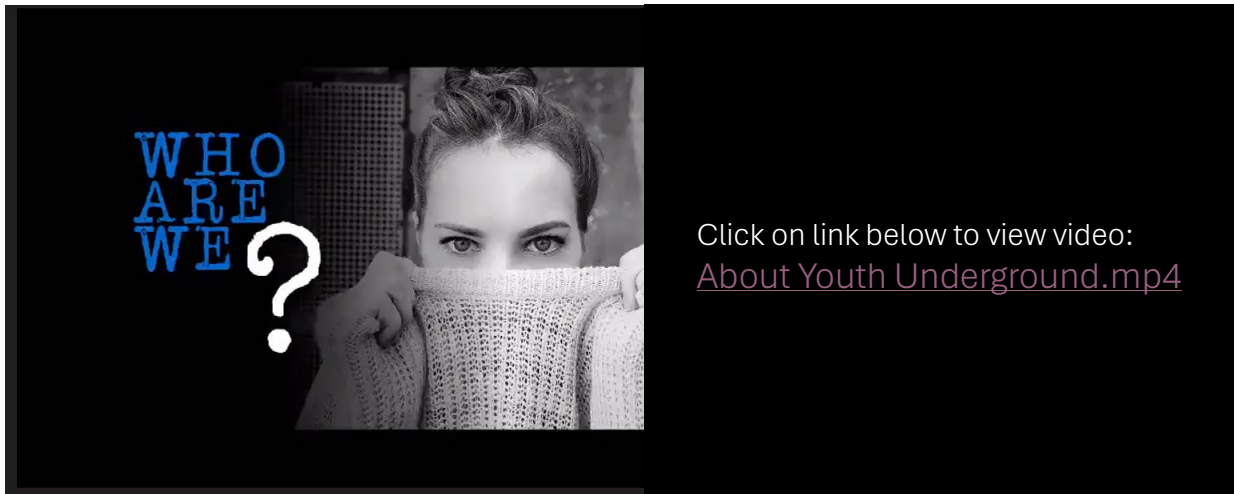
But we can't do it alone.

Did you know?

- Children from 9-12 are taking their lives by suicide as a result of abuse.
- 1 in 4 victims of human trafficking are children, less than 18 years old.
- Some children forced into human trafficking are as young as 4 years old. Some are toddlers.
- The younger the child is, the more profit a trafficker makes.
- Over one million children are trafficked for the sex trade every year.

Sources: United Nations; U.S. Department of State, Youth Underground testimonials.

## YOU CAN HELP WITH A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION: A WIN-WIN SITUATION!



Every donation helps us protect children and prevent their exploitation. Funds raised will be used immediately to:

- Train adults identify the red flags related to potential child abuse
- Create safe spaces where children can speak and be truly heard
- Work carefully with families, even when the home may not feel safe
- Intervene early before harm escalates into serious abuse

Feel free to contact us and have a conversation at [info@youthunderground.org](mailto:info@youthunderground.org)

Because protecting children isn't someone else's responsibility. It's ours.

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Thank you!

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