



A FUTURE. NOT A PAST.

Quantifying the Incidence of and Demand for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

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What You Will Learn

- How we are able to scientifically estimate and track CSEC activity in local communities
- How many adolescent females are victimized by CSEC each month in select U.S. States
- How many johns victimize adolescent females through CSEC each month
- How to use the research and what it has been able to accomplish to diminish CSEC

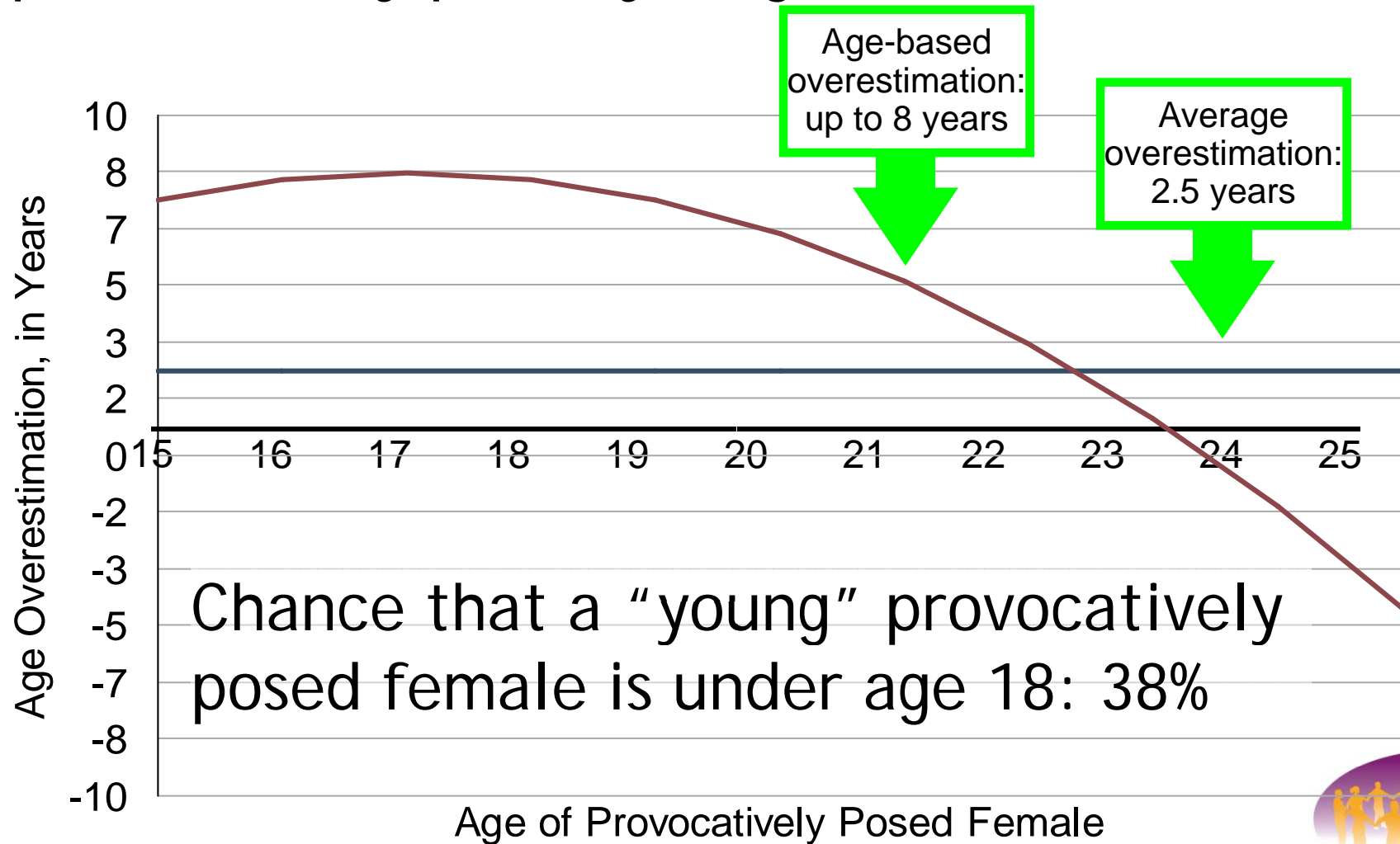
Scientifically Studying CSEC

Guiding Principles

- If CSEC is widespread rather than isolated criminal activity, we *have* to be able to find victims as johns do
- Studying CSEC is like studying an industry
 - “Supply” and “demand” forces
 - Local markets and inter-market relationships
- To avoid being handcuffed, we have to run age-based probabilities into certainties

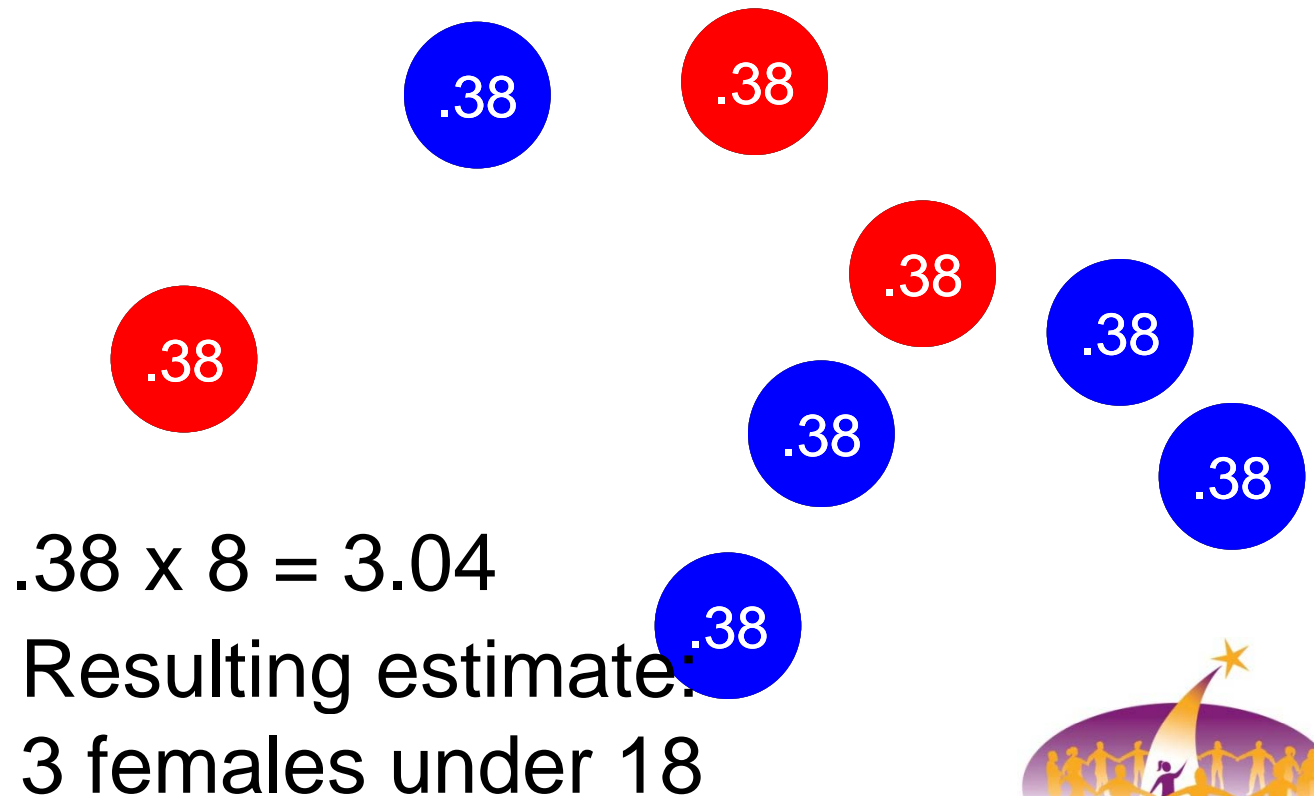
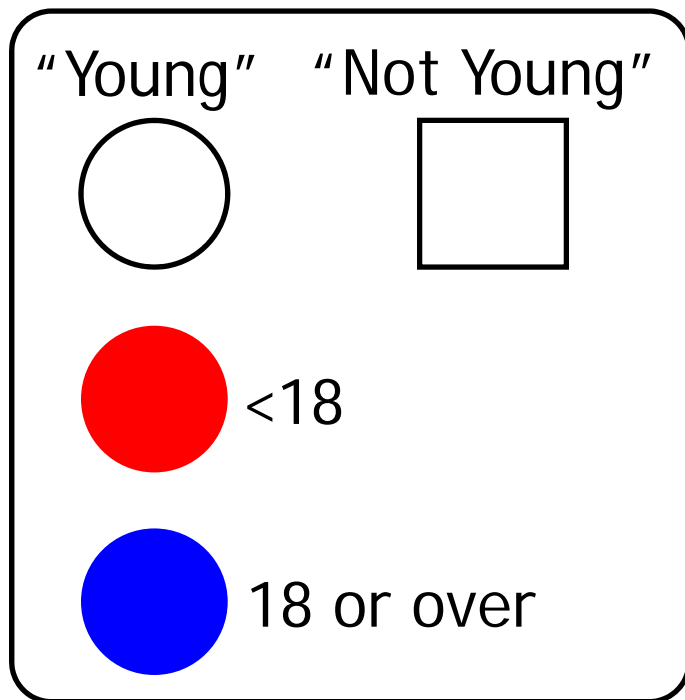
The Problem of Age Estimation

- How accurately can we estimate the age of a provocatively posed young female?



Turning a Problem into a Solution

- If we are not able to correctly classify a young female as “under 18” or “18 or over,” then how do we count CSEC victims?
- An example:



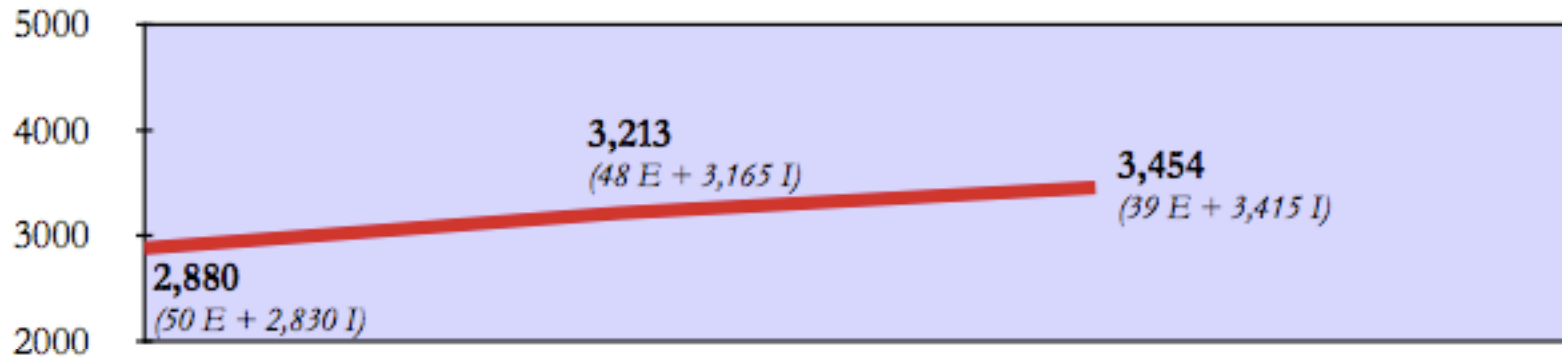
Adolescent Females Victimized by CSEC

Where We Look for CSEC Victims

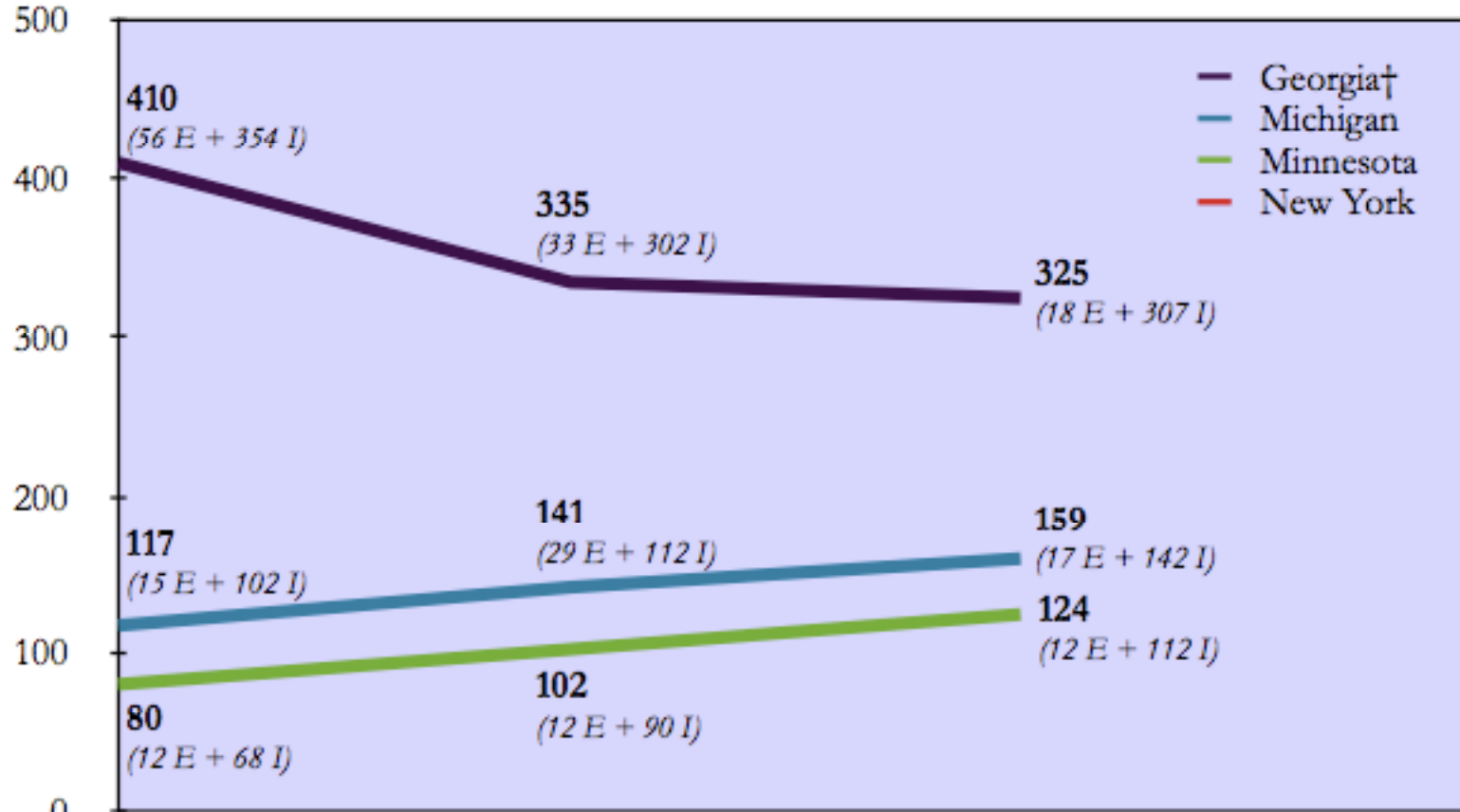
- Escort Services
 - Call thousands of escort service phone numbers each month
 - Factor in the effect of call centers
- ~~Craigslist.com~~, Backpage.com, and others
 - Count pictures of unique “young” females
 - Determine the average tenure of females online
- Street Activity
 - Drive designated routes along known corridors
- Major Hotels
 - Observe females traveling in and out of hotel lobbies
 - Count instances of overt, flagrant activity

Findings To-Date

NY



GA



MI

MN

Feb. '10

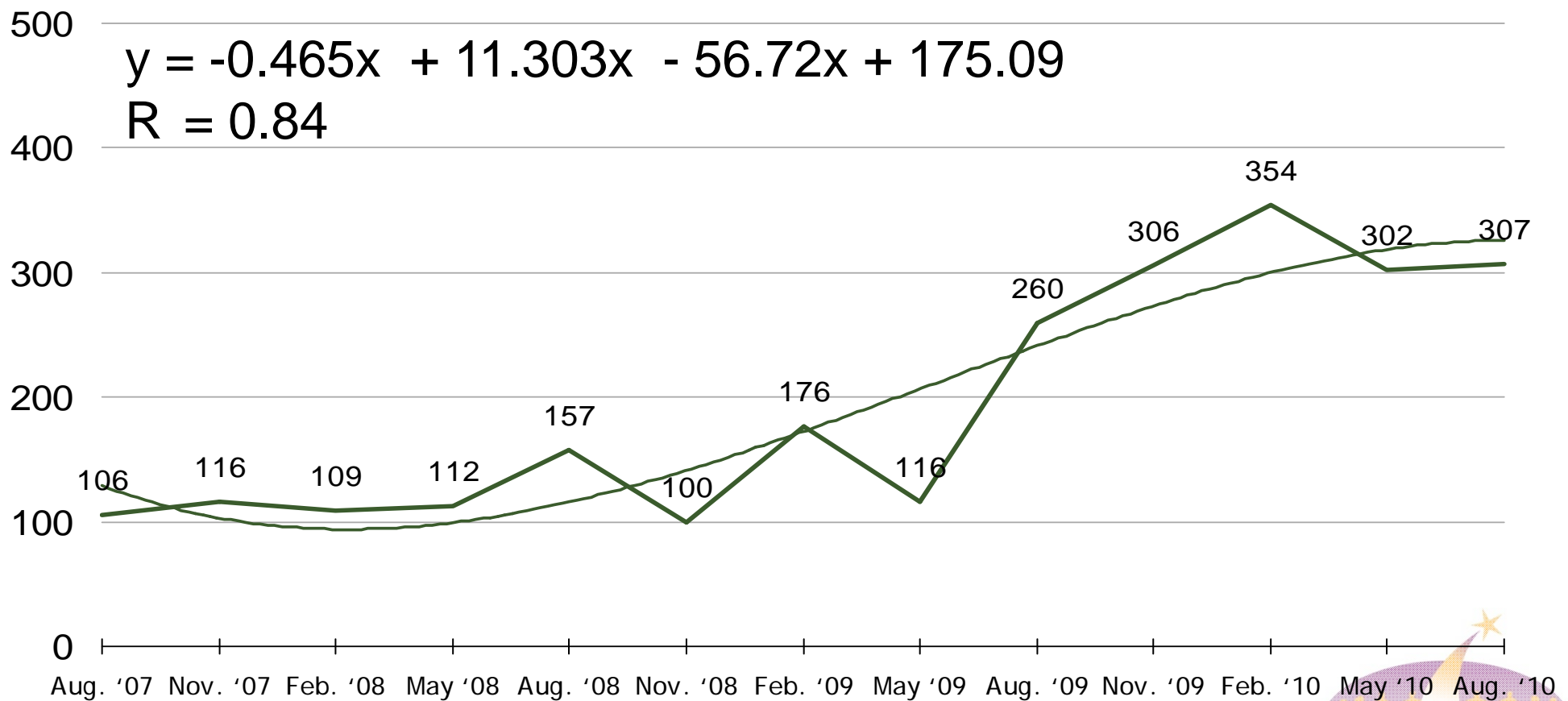
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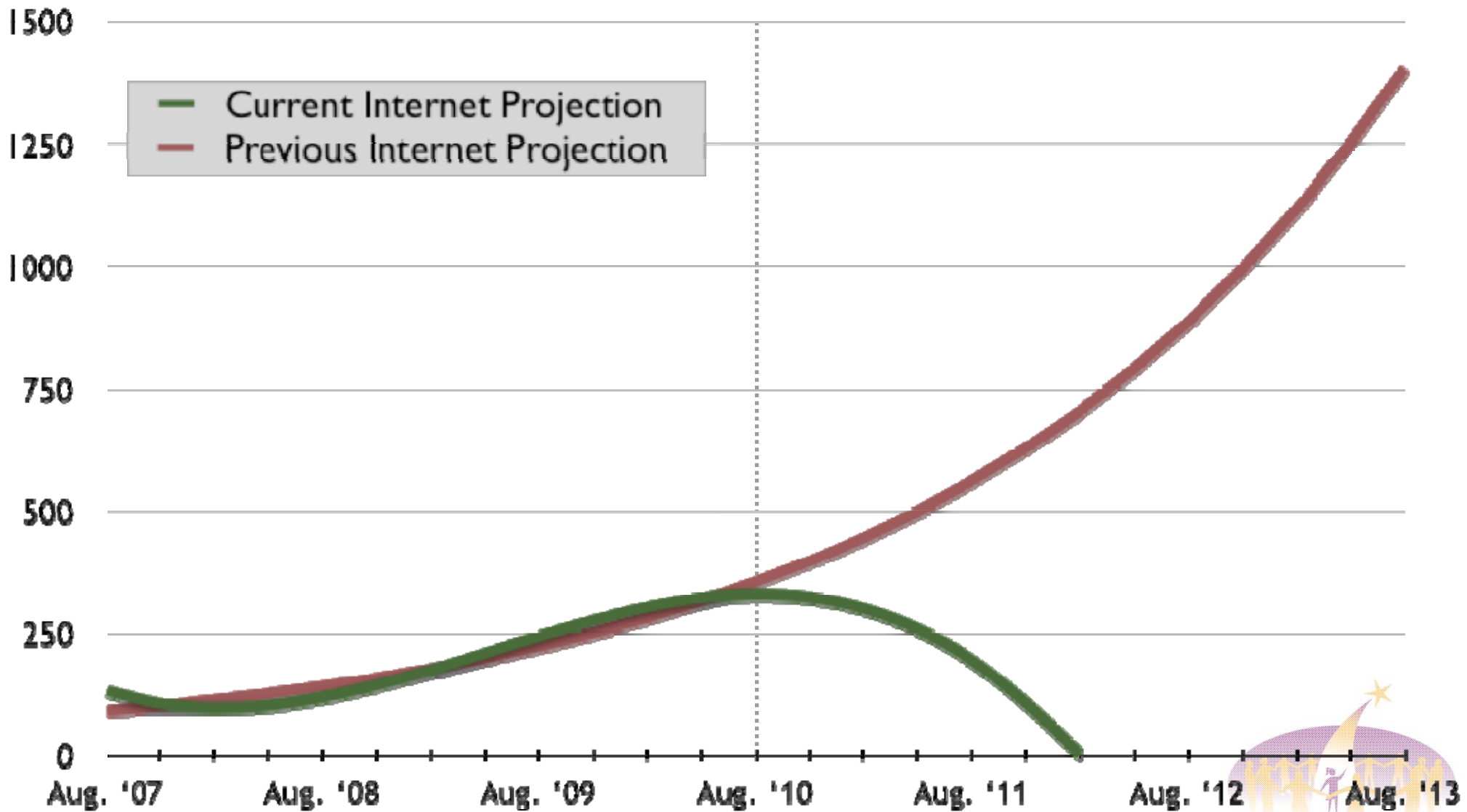
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Adolescent Girls in Georgia's Sex Trade, 2007-2010



Findings To-Date

Internet Projections, 2007 - 2013



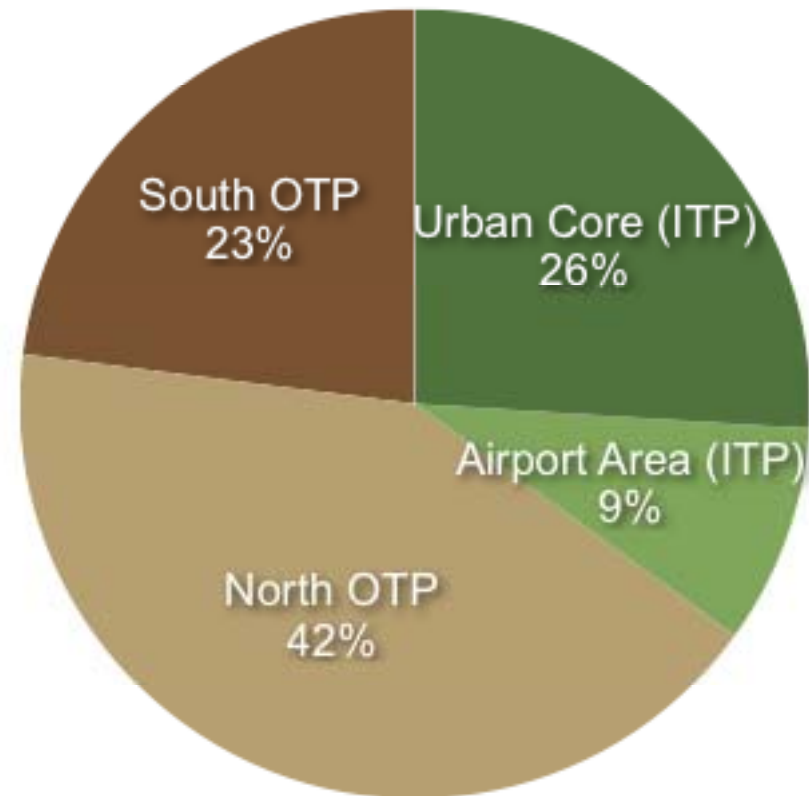
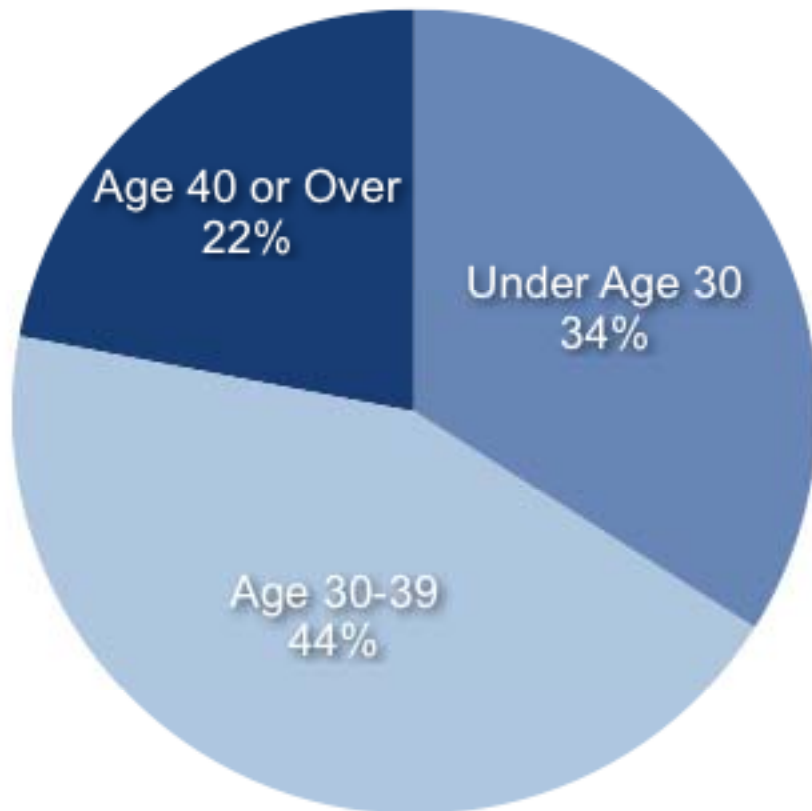
Johns Victimizing Adolescent Females Through CSEC

Johns Victimizing Adolescents

- An estimated 7,200 men pay for sex with adolescent females each month in Georgia
- These men account for 8,700 paid sex acts
 - Based on our tracking data: the typical female CSEC victim is bought an average of 3 times per night
- About 10% of these men are actively, openly, and directly seeking to pay for sex with an adolescent
 - Many others don't want to discuss age in numbers

Johns Victimizing Adolescents

- About the johns



Johns Victimizing Adolescents

- Are men seeking to buy sex from a young female simply ignorant that she might be an adolescent?

How they were warned:

- 1st Warning

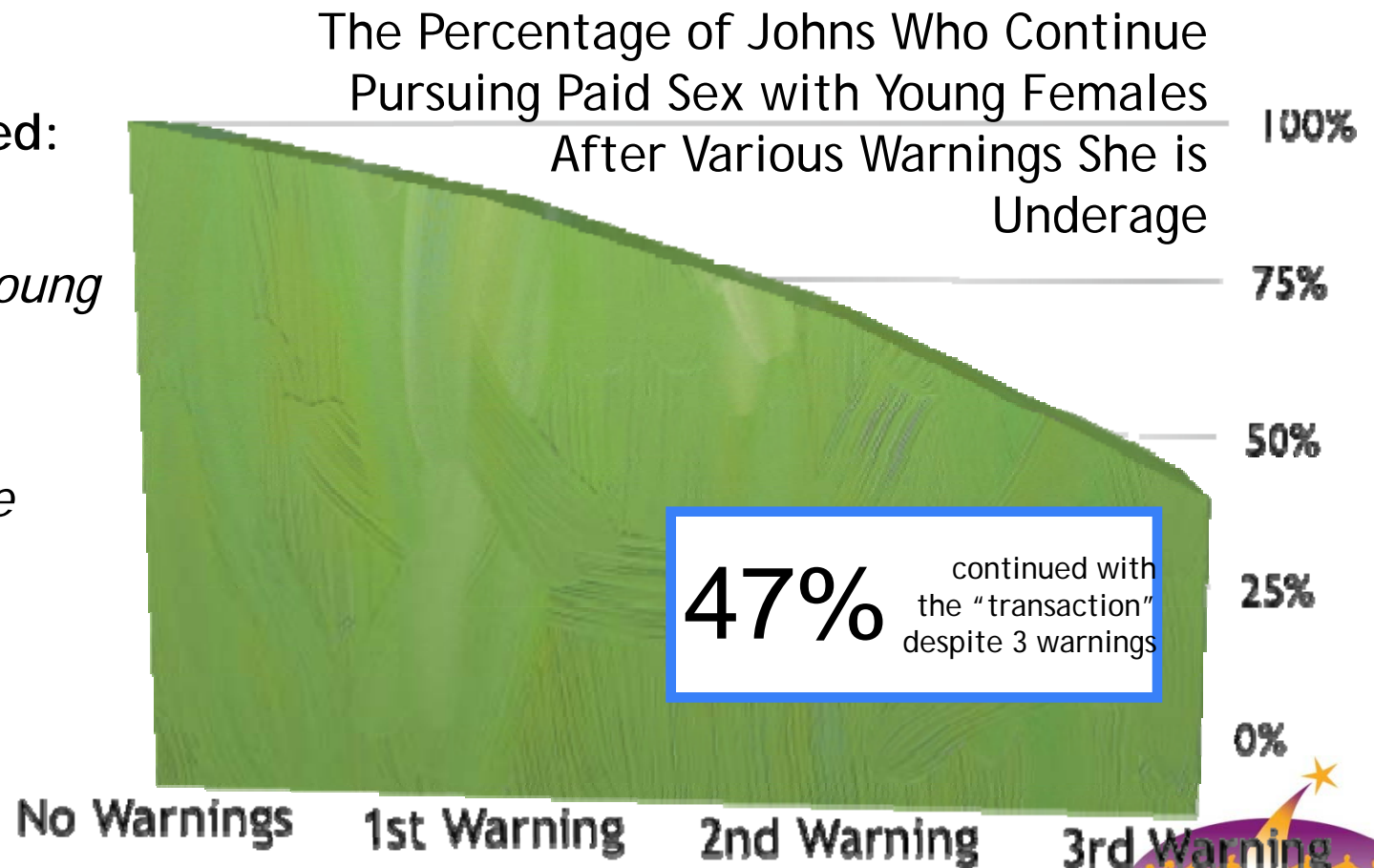
You mean the really young girl?

- 2nd Warning

She doesn't look to me like she's 18.

- 3rd Warning

This girl isn't 18.



Research Uses and Accomplishments



What the Research Has Done

- Becomes the Foundation of all campaign efforts
 - Advocacy
 - Incredible traction with legislators
 - More readily leverage public dollars
 - Public Awareness
 - Provided credibility in all sectors, including business
 - Sets AFNAP apart as a campaign
- Has resulted in a state-wide system of care being developed for CSEC victims in Georgia

Questions

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