### How You Can Help in the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Get involved by donating or volunteering your time in the fight against sexual exploitation and abuse.

Check out APECA's website at www.protectchild.org or contact the APECA office at 623-247-6026 for more information.



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Donations to APECA qualify for tax credits. See:

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APECA's QCO Code is: 20131.

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Valley of the Sun United Way. APECA's agency vendor number is 2289.

Thank you for helping protect children from the ravages of sexual exploitation and abuse.

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# NATALIE'S HOUSE



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APECA mobilizes people and resources in the fight against sexual exploitation and abuse.

## Introduction

APECA's safe haven for girls, Natalie's House, is licensed by DCS to provide group care to girls, ages 6-16.



Services are available for girls who are:

- Recovering from sexual exploitation and abuse;
- Runaways or "throwaways" believed to be victims of, or at risk for, abuse or exploitation, including survival sex;
- Crime victims in need of a safe haven; and/or
- At risk, when Natalie's House has been determined to be an appropriate setting.



### Natalie's House

Named in honor of singer Natalie Grant, APECA's home offers girls shelter, food and clothing.

In addition, they receive a recovery program including life skills, recreational outings, and other strategies to assist them in making the transition to a normal, healthy life.

# **Sexual Exploitation**

- As many as 50% of runaway and homeless youth engage in survival sex.
- Foster care runaways are at particular risk, as their experiences of physical and sexual abuse, neglect and abandonment make them easy targets for victimization in the form of violence, sexual exploitation and abuse by adults, and recruitment into the commercial sex industry.
- Over 100,000 cases of child sex abuse are reported in the United States each year. The number of unreported cases is believed to be far greater.
- More than 90% of juvenile sex abuse victims know their perpetrator.

