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# International nonprofit taking unique approach to fight human trafficking in Colorado

**FBI: 2,000 Colo. children sold for sex each year**

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DENVER - An international nonprofit is taking a unique approach to fight human trafficking here in Colorado -- they focus on educating the hospitality industry.

[Love 146](#), a U.S.-based international nonprofit organization that fights to end human trafficking and exploitation, has volunteers around the world. In Colorado, the task force is working hard to educate both motel and hotel owners about the signs of human trafficking.

"We would like to reach out to those businesses because its something that they may not think of," said Love 146 volunteer Kristen Polson.

The group hands out packets full of information, such as "what to look for" tips to help employees spot pimps and the children who might be victims of trafficking.

"Like if the person 'avoids contact,' or 'appears malnourished' or has 'few or personal possessions'," said Tia Anderson, another Love 146 volunteer.

A motel owner, who asked us not to identify her, was glad the volunteers stopped by. But not all owners are friendly.

"If one hotel out of hundreds that we go to happens to hold on to this and one life is changed, then it's completely worth it," said Anderson.

Denver has become a hub for child trafficking because of our highway systems: I-25 north to south, I-70 east to west, giving pimps direct access from the Midwest to Las Vegas.

The FBI states more than 2,000 kids are sold for sex each year in Colorado.

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